

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Clow, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Gannon, Green (Schubin)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Pohanka

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

H 21: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this legislation has two parts. The first part removes the requirement for exempt agency trailers and motorcycles to only receive a small license plate with an "A" designator or an "M" designator, respectively. Exempt agencies would then have the option to receive a small or a regular sized license plate with the appropriate agency designator. The second part clarifies temporary permits, also known as trip permits, are required to be purchased before commercial vehicles enter the state in all situations. This will align Idaho with many other states and it will also align commercial vehicle and passenger vehicle requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 21** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 22: **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this legislation gives the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) the authority to control access to source systems and authorizes a background check requirement to gain that access. This process will bring ITD into alignment with the REAL ID issuance requirements and will better safeguard the personal information of all Idaho citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 22** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 23: **Rep. Shepherd**, District 7, stated this legislation has two parts. The first part will increase motorcycle endorsement permits and Class D instruction permits from six months to one year to align with the one year commercial learner's permit. The second part removes the requirement for customers surrendering a current out-of-state driver's license from having to re-take the written driver's test if they previously held an Idaho driver's license because they already demonstrated they understand the rules of the road in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 23** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary