MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE:	Thursday, February 13, 2025
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW42
MEMBERS:	Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Alfieri, Representatives Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
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 Skaug called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.
MOTION:	**Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the February 11, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote**.
S 1028:	**Rep. Alfieri** and **Jason Spillman**, Legal Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts, presented **S 1028** regarding adding an additional First Judicial District judge.
MOTION:	**Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1028** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
S 1029:	**Rep. Manwaring** and **Mr. Spillman**, Legal Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts, presented **S 1029** regarding adding an additional Seventh Judicial District judge.
MOTION:	**Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **S 1029** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded voting **NAY**. **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
H 47:	**Rep. Ehardt** and **Rep. Erickson** presented **H 47** regarding adoption records.
	Committee inquired regarding protection of birth-parent information, and application to adoptee medical health history.
	Terri Marcroft, Unplanned Good Inc., **Julianne Young**, and **John McCrostie,** testified **in support**.
MOTION:	**Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **H 47** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
SUBSTITUTE MOTION:	**Rep. Alfieri** made a substitute motion to send **H 47** to General Orders.
	Rep. Gannon made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion.
	Rep. Ehardt objected.
	Chairman Skaug put the committee at ease at 2:27pm.
	Chairman Skaug reconvened the meeting at 2:29pm.
ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:	**Chairman Skaug** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Alfieri, Scott, Garner, Hostetler, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Ehardt, Erickson, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Pohanka, Shirts.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Skaug** requested a roll call vote. **Original motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 3 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Rubel. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Alfieri, Garner, Mathias. Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 88: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 88** regarding commercial sexual activity and solicitation.

Committee inquired regarding Idaho statistics, repeat offenders, challenges to enforcement, and reason for neutral position of law enforcement.

Chris Goetz testified **in support**.

Mike French, Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, testified **in opposition**.

Committee inquired regarding extortion claims.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to **HOLD H 88** for time certain, February 21, 2025.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a substitute motion to send **H 88** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Skaug** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried with a vote of 8 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hill, Pohanka, Shirts, Mathias. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Alfieri, Scott, Hawkins, Hostetler, Gannon, Rubel. Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 185: **Rep. Pohanka** presented **H 185** regarding search and rescue funding.

Chris Goetz, Sheriff, Idaho Sheriffs Association, and **Daron Brown**, Lieutenant, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, testified **in support**.

Committee inquired regarding clarification of current funding and current need.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **H 185** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Pohanka** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Skaug put the committee at ease at 3:23pm.

Chairman Skaug reconvened the meeting at 3:34pm.

S 1001: **Rep. Scott** and **Sen. Lenney** presented **S 1001** regarding protection of public expression by creating a new process to expedite the prevention of frivolous lawsuits.

MOTION: **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to send **S 1001** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Kaitlin Wolff, Uniform Law Commission, **Jessica Anderson**, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, **Dirk Leasure**, and **David Jensen**, Idaho Commission on Uniform State Laws, testified **in support**.

Committee inquired regarding impact of similar legislation in other states.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:54pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary