

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Barbieri	Rep Raybould
Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Redman
Rep Vander Woude	Rep Bruce
Rep Horman	Rep Burgoyne
Rep Scott	Rep Fuhriman
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Tanner (13)

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PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**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 Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Barbieri welcomed the committee and introduced **Lincoln Hendricks**, committee page; **Wendy Carver-Herbert**, committee secretary; and **Dr. Cailin Casey**, Science Policy Fellow/LSO. Dr. Casey explained her role and availability to the entire committee to do non-partisan legislative and scientific research. Chairman Barbieri said he has asked Dr. Casey to research the distinction between contrails, chemtrails and cloud seeding. **Rep. Horman** suggested Dr. Casey contact **Janet Jessup**, Budget & Policy/LSO, who has been tasked with getting information on the same subject.

Chairman Barbieri thanked **Rep. Egbert** and **Rep. Fuhriman** for agreeing to serve as the committee's minutes proofreaders.

Chairman Barbieri reviewed committee guidelines and expectations as they relate to being an electronic committee, and confidentiality of RSs and materials placed in electronic committee folders. RSs and some materials are not public until after presented in committee.

Chairman Barbieri discussed the Administrative Rules and the Legislature's opportunity to have more control over how they are implemented and enforced. He asked committee members to analyze each docket and write a brief statement about what the proposed rules do, and separately, what the changes are. The goal of the exercise is to help the committee have a better understanding of whether the proposed rules meet original intent of statute and federal law. He assigned half the dockets to members on his right and the other half of the dockets to the members on his left, with the goal of reconvening at the next committee meeting to discuss.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, January 20, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Discussion on the Committee's Proposed Administrative Rules and Review Process	

This meeting is discussion only. No votes or public testimony will be taken. Administrative Rules hearings will be scheduled for later dates.

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DATE: Monday, January 20, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Barbieri lead the committee in a discussion about the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Administrative Rules dockets. Committee members observed many dockets were a culmination of consolidations, movement of sections to other more applicable sections of IDAPA, minor word edits, inclusion of definitions and removing redundancies.

The committee brought up questions for consideration when the dockets are heard. They included: when a section of rules is moved to another, is it the same, or was it substantially changed; what are the costs of maintaining the rule as it relates to the monitoring and enforcement of the rule; what are the substantive changes; how will the rules or changes to the rules impact constituents; are the fees being moved from other sections as a consolidation, or are any of them new; how does the agency determine which rules are up for review and is there some sort of a schedule to know what will be up for review; what is the status of primacy as it relates to the rules on drinking water quality; were there any public comments, what were they and how did they respond?

During discussion on fee rules it was suggested agencies should provide a time frame for responding to those filing and paying for permits. Committee members were encouraged to contact their local public works, sewer districts and public water operators to better understand the issues and impacts of the DEQ rules.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31864	Federal Permitting, Enviro, Energy	Rep. Horman

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DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Vander Woude

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

RS 31864: **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 31864**. This House Joint Memorial requests U.S. Congress reform the federal permitting process to accelerate the construction of energy infrastructure. She explained current policy discourages construction, causes waste of capitalization and also impacts important mining projects critical to the state and national security.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 31864**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
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AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	<u>Department of Environmental Quality</u>	
58-0123-2401	Contested Case Rules and Rules for the Protection and Disclosure of Records - Temporary and Pending Rule	Jess Byrne
58-0101-2401	Control of Air Pollution in Idaho - Pending Rule	Tiffany Floyd
58-0105-2401	Hazardous Waste - Pending Rule	Michael McCurdy
58-0110-2301	Disposal of Radioactive Materials Not Regulated Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Michael McCurdy
58-0124-2401	Application of Risk Based Corrective Action at Petroleum Release Sites (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Michael McCurdy
58-0102-2401	Water Quality Standards - Pending Rule	Mary Anne Nelson

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TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Galaviz

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0123-2401:** **Jess Byrne**, Director of Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) explained the docket provides procedural requirements related to contested cases, and includes procedures for managing records with trade secrets. It brings DEQ contested case rules into alignment with the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure. He also spoke to the need to approve the temporary rule.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Mr. Byrne** explained some rules are specific to DEQ and if the temporary and pending rules were not approved, cases would be deferred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) rules, without consideration of the DEQ procedures. As long as the DEQ rules are in accordance with OAH rules, the department has some flexibility in its processes, which are reflected in the docket. He described how the appeals process works for contested DEQ cases and explained there was a lag in bringing these rules forward after the enactment of the administrative procedures legislation in 2022. OAH needed time to form and establish agency-wide procedures DEQ could conform with. The 2024 legislative rules process changes also affected the rule making timeline.

**DOCKET NO.
58-0101-2401:** **Tiffany Floyd**, Air Quality Division Administrator for DEQ introduced the docket, which updates the rule to include the latest federal requirements for regulating air pollution.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Ms. Floyd** stated DEQ does not monitor the use of noted substances, as industry must provide the information when requesting permits. She explained the federal government does not provide pollutant data for wildfires or burning on federal lands, but DEQ monitors air quality. It also works with the appropriate state agencies when burning occurs on state lands and it monitors air quality. She stated people are exempt from the particulate standards if a wood stove is their only source for heat. She went on to describe primacy, which allows the state to implement and manage regulations from the Clean Air Act rather than the Environmental Protection Agency doing so. She explained DEQ does what it can when the federal government violates its own standards. Much of it comes to down to clearly communicating expectations and known violations. She deferred to **Director Byrne** who further explained the state has been close to filing a notice of violation with the Forest Service when a violation

was something within its control. However, there are limitations to the powers the state has to hold the federal government accountable.

DOCKET NO. 58-0105-2401: **Michael McCurdy**, Waste and Remediation Division Administrator for DEQ, provided a summary of the docket which includes the annual incorporation by reference of federal hazardous waste regulations and administrative deletions of unnecessary text.

In answer to a committee question, **Mr. McCurdy** explained this docket incorporates by reference federal regulations; however it mentions exceptions because some regulations are optional or covered in other rules.

DOCKET NO. 58-0110-2301: **Michael McCurdy**, Waste and Remediation Division Administrator for DEQ, provided a summary of the docket which relates to radioactive materials disposal and reflects a rewrite to comply with the state's Zero Based Regulation mandate. It also updates the list of federal regulations incorporated by reference.

DOCKET NO. 58-0124-2401: **Michael McCurdy**, Waste and Remediation Division Administrator for DEQ, provided a summary of the docket which relates to clean up of petroleum releases and reflects a rewrite to comply with the state's Zero Based Regulation mandate. Language was deleted, simplified or consolidated with other sections and chapters. It also replaced DEQ's outdated risk evaluation software with the United States Environmental Protection Agency calculators.

In answer to a question from the committee **Mr. McCurdy** explained guidance is not considered a rule and would not be enforceable like a rule. However, it is within DEQ rule to have a guidance manual in place and follow a public process to modify the manual. He stated, while it is required by rule, guidance manuals do not go before the legislature for review.

DOCKET NO. 58-0102-2401: **Mary Anne Nelson**, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator for DEQ, explained the docket transfers sections pertaining to petroleum release regulations to the above referenced docket with the goal of providing clarity and consistency for stakeholders and streamlining rule management and rule making.

Chairman Barbieri called on **Director Byrne** to answer a question regarding primacy. He explained the federal government provides plentiful guidance on some matters, but for other matters the guidance is lacking and is often decades old.

Chairman Barbieri opened the meeting to public testimony. No public testimony was given.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	<u>Department of Environmental Quality</u>	
58-0103-2301	Individual/Subsurface Sewage Disposal Rules and Rules for Cleaning of Septic Tanks (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Mary Anne Nelson
58-0114-2401	Environmental Operating Permits, Licenses, and Inspection Services (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Pending Rule	Mary Anne Nelson
58-0122-2401	Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Jerri Henry
	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)	Tyler Fortunati
58-0108-2401	Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems - Pending Rule	Jeri Henry Tyler Fortunati

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Vander Woude, Scott, Fuhriman, Rubel

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 58-0103-2301: **Mary Anne Nelson**, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) presented the docket, which reflects a rewrite to comply with the state's Zero Based Regulation mandate. More specifically, it updates wording for clarity; aligns rules with best practices; and introduces new standards for septic system permits, design and maintenance.

In answer to committee questions, **Dr. Nelson** explained the review process not only included input from health districts, cities and counties, feedback from users and installers was also incorporated. She clarified licensure is required for the servicing of complex systems, but servicers do need an installation license if they do not provide that service. Also, insight from surrounding states was taken into consideration when writing definitions.

DOCKET NO. 58-0114-2401: **Mary Anne Nelson**, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator for DEQ presented the docket, which streamlines environmental fees for easier access and application; adds a recycled water permit fee to ensure sustainable program funding; and adjusts subsurface sewage disposal permit fees to reflect service levels and cost recovery.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Dr. Nelson** explained there are several mandates in place to protect ground and surface water, as well as mandates to ensure water recycling facilities have engineering plans and specs in place. She also confirmed representatives from homeowner's associations participated in the rulemaking process. There are fees for smaller, private municipal entities and there is a fee waiver for entities with extenuating circumstances. While fees are usually passed on to end users, the impact is intended to be minimal. She also clarified the docket does not address penalties.

Jeri DeLange, Idaho Rural Water Association, and **Lance Sayers**, Idaho Association of Cities spoke **in support of Docket No. 58-0114-2401.**

DOCKET NO. 58-0122-2401: **Jerri Henry**, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Division Administrator for DEQ presented the docket, which reflects a rewrite to comply with the state's Zero Based Regulation mandate. It removes duplicative and unused language; reorders sections for ease of use; updates references; and standardizes criteria.

In answer to committee questions, **Ms. Henry** explained about \$350,000 comes from clean water fees to help pay for waste water planning grants, and another \$350,000 comes from a federal source. Also, 117 planning grants were supported with ARPA funds.

Tyler Fortunati, Drinking Water Bureau Chief for DEQ gave a presentation on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), also known as "forever chemicals" because they breakdown very slowly. He described a number of health effects. Cancer is at the core of new drinking water system regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a part of EPA regulations, Idaho is monitoring 61 surface and ground water sources of varying sizes, and to date, seven public waters systems have detections of PFAS with one system exceeding the finalized maximum contaminant level. DEQ is also doing voluntary PFAS sampling. There is DEQ funding available for state systems that need to do mitigation.

In answer to committee questions, **Mr. Fortunati** explained there are studies indicating PFAS are carcinogenic. There are many systems available to filter PFAS, and he explained industry has been moving to remove them from common products. He also described how monitoring takes place, and if above maximum levels are exceeded they must notify consumers and offer alternatives.

Chairman Barbieri acknowledged there was no longer a quorum present, but since no committee action would be taken, he asked the final presenter to proceed.

**DOCKET NO.
58-0108-2401:**

Jerri Henry, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Division Administrator for DEQ introduced the docket. She yielded to **Tyler Fortunati**, Drinking Water Bureau Chief for DEQ to outline specifics of the docket, which incorporates the latest federal requirements for regulating PFAS in drinking water. Adoption of the changes allow Idaho to maintain primacy.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 06, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32060	Lava Ridge, opposition, HCR	Rep. Clow
RS 32061	Lava Ridge, opposition, HJM	Rep. Clow
HJM 2	Federal permitting, environment, energy	Rep. Horman
	Idaho Mining Association Introduction	Ben Davenport, Idaho Mining Assoc.
	Environmental Innovation, Phosphate Mining/Processing	Alan Prouty, J.R. Simplot Company
	Idaho Gold Production, Rare Earth Elements, Other Critical Minerals	Travis Swallow, Idaho Strategic Resources, Inc.
	Thompson Creek Mine Update	Don Weeks, Thompson Creek Mining Company
	Hecla Lucky Friday Mine Update	Lance Boylan, Hecla
	Stibnite Gold Project	Marty Boughton, Perpetua Resources
	DeLamar Project	Emily Hendrickson, Integra Resources

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MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 06, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting. **Chairman Barbieri** called the motion out of order because the motion had already been made.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32060: **Rep. Clow** provided an overview of two RSs before the committee. They formally document opposition to the LS Energy application to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the lease of extensive acreage in the Magic Valley for the Lava Ridge wind project. **RS 32060** is a proposed House Concurrent Resolution requesting the Idaho Attorney General and Governor continue efforts to formally protest and appeal the BLM's approval.

MOTION: **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 32060**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32061: **Rep. Clow** explained **RS 32061** is a proposed House Joint Memorial directed to Congress and the President. It commends the President's and Governor's previous executive actions and requests continued legislative and executive action to block the project.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 32061**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJM 2: **Rep. Horman** presented **HJM 2**, which calls on Congress to reform the federal permitting processes to accelerate the construction of energy infrastructure. While the memorial focuses on the nuclear industry, there are benefits to other industries as well. She explained **John Wagner**, Director of the Idaho National Laboratory was unable to be present, but provided a letter **in support** of the memorial and need for permitting reforms (see attachment 1).

Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League of Boise, and **Ben Davenport**, Idaho Mining Association spoke **in support** of **HJM 2**.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **HJM 2** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Ben Davenport, Idaho Mining Association introduced the association by explaining the industry accounts for more than 11,000 jobs in Idaho with pay scales 72% higher than average pay in the state. He mentioned federal regulations, frequently changing federal political environment and federal lawsuits make it challenging to operate.

Alan Prouty, J.R. Simplot Company presented on his company's phosphate mining operations in Pocatello. He provided highlights of the operations, challenges and reclamation efforts.

In answer to a committee question, **Mr. Prouty** explained clean up of the heap leach stacks is part of an ongoing conversation with the Environmental Protection Agency because there is radio active material that needs to be processed. The new federal administration may help speed this process.

Travis Swallow, Idaho Strategic Resources, Inc. provided an update on his company's mining efforts for gold, rare earth elements and thorium. He explained the benefits of thorium over uranium in the production of nuclear fuel and Idaho is in a premier position due to its long history with the INL and nuclear industry.

Don Weeks, Thompson Creek Mining Company presented an overview of the company's planned expansion of molybdenum mining in the state. The new federal administration actions and China's threat of tariffs opens up opportunities for the company and state.

In answer to a committee question, **Mr. Weeks** said the company has a reclamation plan to address what will happen when mining operations eventually close.

Chairman Barbieri turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss** at 2:25 p.m.

Lance Boylan, Hecla provided an update on the Lucky Friday Mine operation with a particular focus on good paying employment opportunities and the need for more employees with varying skills.

In answer to a committee question, **Mr. Boylan** stated the growing mining operations provide an opportunity to bring home many of the workers who left Idaho to take jobs at other mining operations around the world.

Marty Boughton, Perpetua Resources presented an update on the Stibnite Gold Project. She stated the company received the final record of decision from the Forest Service and is within reach of final permits to restart mining of gold and antimony by 2028. Today, there are no other mined sources of antimony in the United States. China produces it, but has banned its export. She said the mine can be a tremendous resource and fill a critical need.

Emily Hendrickson, Integra Resources presented an update on the DeLamar Project, a gold and silver mining operation, in Owyhee Co. She explained the project will enter the National Environmental Protection Act process in 2025, but has already spent seven years advancing the project. The company intends to put most of the project on the existing mining footprint and disturb as little new area as possible. She emphasized the permitting process has been collaborative and designed with stakeholders in mind.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

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Secretary



January 27, 2025

Idaho State Representatives
Representative Wendy Horman
700 W Jefferson Street, P. O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Representative Horman:

Thank you for your interest and support in addressing permitting reform, particularly related to energy infrastructure projects. As the Director of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) – the nation’s center for nuclear energy research, development and demonstration – I fully agree that overly complex federal permitting and environmental review processes can unnecessarily slow or prevent the construction of new energy infrastructure. This directly impacts projects on the INL Site here in Idaho, including those essential for the full utilization of advanced nuclear reactors to support national security and energy independence in the United States.

The modifications to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) statutory requirements as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 have been a vital step forward. Changes such as page limits, deadlines, consolidation of duplicative environmental reviews, and reliance on NEPA reviews from other agencies have significantly reduced NEPA’s burdens on large infrastructure projects. However, more can and should be done. Since NEPA was first passed over 55 years ago, our understanding of environmental impacts has greatly improved, and numerous other environmental laws are now in place.

As the new administration looks for opportunities to solidify our energy dominance and accelerate American economic prosperity, Congress could exempt from NEPA activities essential to ensuring national security and energy independence, including the construction and operation of nuclear reactors. The United States has a legacy of leading the world in developing commercial nuclear power, and it is crucial to continue this leadership in the face of growing competition from Russia and China.

In April 2023, I co-authored a report sent to Congress recommending that small non-commercial reactors on DOE sites be excluded from NEPA. I continue to support this recommendation and believe it should be broadened to include all reactors located anywhere in the United States. Our extensive experience with NEPA reviews for reactors at INL and beyond consistently shows limited environmental impacts, with other requirements ensuring any impacts are appropriately addressed. The NEPA reviews add significant cost, time, and uncertainty to the reactor deployment process without materially changing the design or scope of reactor projects that already accounted for environmental stewardship in their initial planning.

We also appreciate the passage of the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act of 2024. This legislation, co-sponsored by Senator Crapo and Senator Risch, included significant improvements related to American nuclear leadership, the development and deployment of new nuclear technology, preserving existing nuclear energy generation, and the nuclear fuel cycle, supply chain, infrastructure, and workforce. While the ADVANCE Act was a great step forward, more must be done. Many provisions directed the Department of Energy or the Nuclear

Representative Horman
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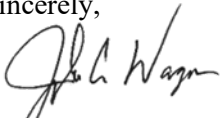
Regulatory Commission to study issues and prepare reports. Congress should evaluate this information and take direct legislative action to facilitate the rapid development and deployment of nuclear power in the United States.

Additionally, numerous organizations have evaluated changes at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expedite reactor licensing, construction, and operation. There are many actionable steps to improve this process and reduce unnecessary hurdles to reduce the uncertainty risk that discourages investment in reactor projects. While many of the recommendations from the April 2023 report have been implemented, other recommendations remain, including the removal of the mandatory hearing requirement for new reactor licensing actions, reduction of hearing burdens, streamlining advisory committee reviews, reducing public meeting burdens, reconsideration of DOE authority for reactor projects, and further financial support.

The Idaho National Laboratory stands ready to work with the State of Idaho and the federal government to identify and implement regulatory reforms to ensure U.S. energy security and independence.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues and for your continued efforts in supporting the advancement of energy infrastructure and nuclear technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Wagner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John C. Wagner, Ph.D.
Director, Idaho National Laboratory
and President, Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HJM 5	Lava Ridge, opposition	Rep. Clow
HCR 8	Lava Ridge, opposition	Rep. Clow

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MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Raybould, Rubel

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

HJM 5: **Rep. Clow** provided an overview of the memorial and resolution before committee. He explained they formally document opposition to the Lava Ridge wind turbine project in the Magic Valley. The project was approved by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and included some modifications, including lowering the height of the towers. However, there are many more concerning impacts. He explained **HJM 5** calls on Congress and the President to take continued legislative and executive action to block the project. **HCR 8** requests the Idaho Attorney General and Governor continue efforts to formally protest and appeal the BLM's approval.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **HJM 5** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Darren Tabor, self, testified **in support** of the legislation.

HCR 8: The bill was placed before committee for action.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **HCR 8** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Barbieri recognized and thanked the Page, **Lincoln Hendricks** for serving the committee so well.

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

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO.	Department of Environmental Quality No further testimony will be taken on the following dockets.	
58-0101-2401	Control of Air Pollution in Idaho - Pending Rule	
58-0102-2401	Water Quality Standards - Pending Rule	
58-0103-2301	Individual/Subsurface Sewage Disposal and Cleaning of Septic Tanks (ZBR) - Pending Rule	
58-0105-2401	Hazardous Waste - Pending Rule	
58-0108-2401	Public Drinking Water Systems - Pending Rule	
58-0110-2301	Disposal of Radioactive Materials Not Regulated Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended (ZBR) - Pending Rule	
58-0114-2401	Fees for Environmental Operating Permits, Licenses, and Inspection Services (ZBR, Fee Rule) - Pending Rule	
58-0122-2401	Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities (ZBR) - Pending Rule	
58-0123-2401	Contested Case Rules and Protection and Disclosure of Records - Temporary and Pending Rule	
58-0124-2401	Standards and Procedures for Application of Risk Based Corrective Action at Petroleum Release Sites (ZBR) - Pending Rule	

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Rep Horman	Rep Burgoyne
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MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Redman, Rubel

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 Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Barbieri welcomed the new committee page, **Teresa Wonacott** and invited her to introduce herself.

Chairman Barbieri stated the public hearings for the following dockets were held January 28, 2025 and January 30, 2025. Further testimony would not be taken and the dockets were properly before the committee to take action.

**DOCKET NO.
58-0101-2401:** Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0101-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0102-2401:** Rules for Water Quality Standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0102-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0103-2301:** Individual/Subsurface Sewage Disposal Rules and Rules for Cleaning of Septic Tanks.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0103-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0105-2401:** Rules and Standards for Hazardous Waste.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0105-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0108-2401:** Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0108-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0110-2301:** Rules Regulating the Disposal of Radioactive Materials Not Regulated Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0110-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

- DOCKET NO. 58-0114-2401:** Rules Governing Fees for Environmental Operating Permits, Licenses, and Inspection Services. Fee Rule.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0114-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 58-0122-2401:** Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burgoyne** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0122-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 58-0123-2401:** Contested Case Rules for Protection and Disclosure of Records. Temporary and Pending Rule. **Chairman Barbieri** clarified that by approving **Docket No. 58-0123-2401**, the committee would be approving both the temporary and pending rule.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wisniewski** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0123-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 58-0124-2401:** Standards and Procedures for Application of Risk Based Corrective Action at Petroleum Release Sites.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0124-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW41
Monday, February 24, 2025

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Electricity Supply in Idaho & the West Present Risks & Future Planning	Kyle Unruh, Renewable Northwest

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Vander Woude	Rep Bruce	Rep Egbert
Rep Horman	Rep Burgoyne	Rep Galaviz
Rep Scott	Rep Fuhriman	
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Tanner (13)	

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HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, and Thompson

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 Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Kyle Unruh, Renewable Northwest, gave a presentation on the electrical supply in Idaho and Western States. He explained future resources, geographic diversity, and transmission.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 299	Broadband advisory board	Rep. Vander Woude

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MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Raybould, Tanner (13)

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 Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2025 and February 18, 2025 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 299: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 299**, which expands the Broadband Advisory Board to include two new, nonvoting members who will be appointed by the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively. He explained the Board felt it important to have more broadband industry expertise. The bill also provides for an independent, third party to participate in the grant award process at the Board's discretion. He acknowledged the Governor has concerns there may be risks of undue industry influence, and it is counter to limiting government growth.

In answer to a committee question, **Rep. Vander Woude** stated a Senate minority party member sits on the Advisory Board.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 299** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW41
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 387	Windmill bonding	Rep. Andrus

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DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Vander Woude, Raybould, Tanner (13), Rubel

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2025, February 12, 2025, February 24, 2025 and February 26, 2025 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 387: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 387**, which adds a new section of code to address decommissioning of wind turbine sites, including requiring a cash deposit held by the treasurer to cover the reasonably anticipated costs of doing so. He requested the bill be sent to General Orders to address industry concerns.

MOTION: **Rep. Burgoyne** made a motion to send **H 387** to General Orders.

Lance Giles, on behalf of Renewable Northwest and **Ken McClure** on behalf of UAMPS testified **in opposition**, and requested the bill be sent to General Orders. Their concerns focused on: regulatory redundancies; government overreach with regard to private property rights; up-front costs leading to higher energy costs; up-front costs making it economically infeasible to build and operate at a time additional power is needed; and decommissioning deposits and interest earned should go into an account for the owner and not directed to a state fund, or allowing investment into renewable bonds.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Mr. McClure** explained many landowners find removing the concrete bases to four feet below the surface sufficient. Also, land use decisions are best made at the local level and are generally done with conditional use permits.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW41
Thursday, March 20, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 415	Public utility infrastructure	Rep. Barbieri Rep. Gannon

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HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Redman, Galaviz

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 Furniss called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 415: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **H 415**, and explained the issues the bill addresses are complex, but the intent is to protect and maintain local control over the state's energy infrastructure and prevent governance influence by other states through organizations such as the California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO). He described the organization structure of CAISO and investment by such entities could lead to a regulatory misalignment and lack of accountability to Idaho law.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Barbieri** yielded to **Eric Anderson**, former Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) President, representing himself, confirmed the IPUC has oversight, but he voiced concerns it doesn't prohibit ownership by organizations governed by another state's laws and regulations. He stated this would give another state power to dictate rules on how the entity operates. He also explained Bonneville power elected to not go with CAISO due to concerns about governance.

Rep. Gannon continued to present **H 415**, who explained CAISO is looking to put up wind farms in Idaho so it can transfer 1000 megawatts of power to California. They also would like to draw additional power from Wyoming, Idaho and or Montana. He stated he did not want Idaho citizens to be at a disadvantage by meeting the power demand of other states, nor risk impacting Idaho lands to meet that demand.

John Hughes, Idaho AFL-CIO, **Jason Hudson**, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and **Ryan McGoldrick**, Conservation Voters for Idaho spoke **in opposition** to **H 415**. Their concerns focused on undue regulation; isolationist approach to managing the power grid can hurt consumers; bill's late introduction gives no time for input into a complex issue; access to power markets lowers rates; and the bill does not include an exception for municipal owned utilities.

Diana Nielson, self, spoke **in support** of **H 415**. She provided an overview of power transmission lines in Idaho and indicated CIASO has overcharged their ratepayers.

MOTION: **Rep. Horman** made a motion to send **H 415** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to **HOLD H 415** in committee.

Speaking to the motion, **Rep. Raybould** stated energy markets are complex and the late introduction of the bill gives little time to evaluate the benefits and risks of the legislation, and there is no evidence of a problem to solve.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 8 NAY and 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Raybould, Fuhriman, Thompson, Egbert. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Furniss, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Bruce, Burgoyne, Tanner (13), Barbieri. Reps. Redman, Rubel, Galaviz were absent/excused.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 5 NAY and 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Furniss, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Bruce, Burgoyne, Tanner (13), Barbieri. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Raybould, Fuhriman, Thonpson, Egbert. Reps. Redman, Rubel, Galaviz were absent/excused. Reps. Barbieri, Gannon will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary

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1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW41
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Approval of Minutes

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DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Furniss, Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Fuhriman

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Barbieri recognized and thanked the Committee Page, **Teresa Wonacott.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary