

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, January 08, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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Chairman Ehardt

Vice Chairman Cornilles

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Rep Skaug

Rep Weber

Rep Alfieri

Rep Cheatum

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Rep Cayler

Rep Rasor

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Rep Church

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 08, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Skaug

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 Ehardt call the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Ehardt welcomed the committee, and assigned **Reps. Church** and **Rasor** as the proofreaders.

Chairman Ehardt introduced the Committee Page for the first half of the session, **Joshue Knopp**.

Chairman Ehardt discussed what committee members should expect in this committee. As an electronic committee, meeting documents will be digitally available on the committee share drive, and members can reach out to the committee secretary for physical copies.

Chairman Ehardt introduced the Committee Secretary, **Elijah Phipps**.

Committee members introduced themselves, and shared their backgrounds and experiences in local government.

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

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Thursday, January 30, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32028	Recreation District, Petition, Dissolution	Rep. Ehlers
RS 32077	Open Meetings, Agenda Items	Rep. Price
RS 32006	Agricultural Buildings	Rep. Shirts
RS 32108	City Property, Nonprofits	Rep. Fuhriman

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TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32028: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 32028**, which provides an additional option for dissolution of recreational districts. In order to make a taxable district, it requires a petition initiative with 20% of the signatures of qualified voters, followed by a ballot vote with the majority of voters in the district's boundaries to be in favor. The current dissolution process for recreational districts is the same procedure. This proposed legislation makes the dissolution process easier by allowing either the petition initiative or having a majority of the board of directors approve the dissolution. It will still require a ballot vote with the majority of voters to be in favor of dissolution.

MOTION: **Rep Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 32028**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32077: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 32077**, which clarifies actions taken on consent calendar and consent agenda by requiring, if there is more than one action item, unanimous consent to pass it. Consent calendars and consent agendas are non-confrontational and routine items which are listed as one lump item on the calendar or agenda. This makes it easier to pass the items without having to vote on each individually. Currently, if controversial items are added to consent calendars or consent agendas, there is no means to pull items from them in order to vote on separately.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32077**. He requested for more specific examples of items which would have been pulled out of a consent calendar or agenda if this legislation was in place.

When answering questions, **Rep. Price** clarified **RS 32077** does not address or change how a council member can remove an item from a consent calendar or agenda. This proposed legislation states the items originally in a lump item on a consent calendar or agenda would be voted on separately, which could allow for an item to be addressed for removal. **Rep. Church** requested for testimony from board and city council members when there is a bill hearing for **RS 32077** in order to better understand how this legislation could affect how they handle consent calendars and consent agendas when the vote is not unanimous.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Ehardt** called for the vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32077**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32006: **Rep. Shirts** presented **RS 32006**, which establishes a singular definition on agricultural building and structures across all local jurisdictions. This definition is based on the International Building Code, and would define agricultural buildings as those which house or store agricultural commodities or equipment used during agricultural production. These do not include processing, human habitation, or retail facilities or facilities open to the public.

When answering questions, **Rep. Shirts** clarified the intention of **RS 32006** is to provide consistency. In certain situations, there has been confusion on what constitutes an agricultural building, as well as instances where individuals try to make agricultural buildings into industrial or commercial buildings for permitting fees. The proposed legislation will also not require counties to issue permits for agricultural buildings, nor change their current authority to issues these permits.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 32006**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32108: **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **RS 32108**, which allows cities to transfer properties to a non-profit organizations. Currently, cities can transfer properties to taxing districts or agencies through negotiations. If it is to any other organization, cities are required to sell the property through an auction process. Throughout the state, cities have entered into lease agreements with non-profits, with the leases varying in length of time and are commonly low. With cities being responsible for the maintenance and liability of these properties, they can become financially burdensome. This will allow a city to transfer a property being leased to a non-profit without requiring to go through the auction process. This would avoid a non-profit from being unable to afford the property, as well as provide cities more flexibility.

When answering questions, **Rep. Fuhriman** stated he reached out to multiple cities on how **RS 32108** could affect them. Each was different, with some having leases with non-profits the proposed legislation would be highly beneficial. He clarified the process requires a public hearing, and transferring a property requires a majority of the city council and be deemed in the best interest of the city.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32108**.

Rep. Berch spoke **in support** of the motion. He wanted addressed at a full hearing whether cities could be sued for transferring property instead of making them available for purchase. In answering questions, **Rep. Fuhriman** clarified this proposed legislation does not restrict cities as to what non-profit organizations this would apply to, and there is no current restriction on cities as to what kinds of non-profits they can enter into a lease agreement with.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Price** made a substitute motion to return **RS 32108** to the sponsor.

Speaking to the motion, **Rep. Price** stated there should be guardrails in place regarding what types of non-profits this would apply to. She gave an example where in her community the city transferred a property without the support from the public. **Rep. Fuhriman** addressed her concerns, stating the cities he talked to did not have leases with political non-profits.

Rep. Berch spoke **in support** of the original motion, stating he wanted **Rep. Fuhriman** to speak more on the legislation and with more detail addressing the questions and concerns from the committee at a full hearing.

Rep. Alfieri spoke **in support** of the substitute motion, stating how there are non-profits which claim to be nonpartisan but act as political organizations, and wanted more guardrails and definitions in **RS 32108** to address these concerns.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Chairman Ehardt requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion to return **RS 32108** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 6 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Ehardt, Cornilles, Alfieri, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, and Rasor. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Reps. Erickson, Weber, Cheatum, Wheeler, Berch, and Church. Rep. Skaug was Absent/Excused.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, February 04, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32169	Local Government, Audits	Rep. Pickett
RS 32161	Solid Waste Disposal Sites	Rep. Pickett
H 102	Rec district, petition, dissolution	Rep. Ehlers

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 04, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Healey and Church

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Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

RS 32169: **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 32169**, which raises audit thresholds for local governments in order to reflect inflation. As budgets continue to rise due to inflation, local governments may be subject to audits they did not qualify for in the past, and which could cost several thousands of dollars. This proposed legislation would raise the audit threshold to \$350,000 for local government entities for expenditures from all sources. Entities with budgets between \$200,000 and \$300,000 can choose to do biannual audits, but will have to make a determination to do an audit if their budget reaches the \$350,000 threshold. The current procedures and processes will remain the same.

When answering questions, **Rep. Pickett** clarified, with inflation in recent years, it would not take a long period of time for the current audit threshold to have a real affect on local governments, but he did not know when these thresholds were last revisited. He stated, with the affects of inflation on local government budgets, these thresholds will need to be revisited in the future.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32169**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32161: **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 32161**, which establishes a framework for counties who have made long-term investments with taxpayer money can ensure they have the ability to recoup those investments in regards to solid waste disposal. This would provide the framework for local governments to maintain the system they've established, protect and preserve public investments in their infrastructure, and increases the transparency as to where the waste is going in order to ensure compliance.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32161**.

When answering questions, **Rep. Pickett** clarified **RS 32161** will reduce counties' potential liabilities for spillages and instances of such nature if they exercise their flow control.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32161**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 102: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 102**, which provides another option for the first step of dissolution of a recreational district. This will allow the board of directors of a recreational district to vote in favor of dissolution in order to have a ballot vote for voters within the district to vote on.

When answering questions, **Rep. Ehlers** clarified **H 102** does not apply to other taxing districts, but may be worth considering in the future. There are currently 32 recreational districts in Idaho, and he is not aware if there are others which have become obsolete since their founding. Despite not owning any assets, West Ada Recreational District is still collecting property taxes. This legislation will not change the dissolution process of a recreational district, with the funds and assets transferring to the county commissioners who will handle the disposal process.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Berch spoke **in support** of the motion, but stated his reservations towards it. He was concerned of the unintended consequences of **H 102**, with it requiring 20% of voters within a district to be in favor of creating a recreational district while having as few as 2 members of the board of directors to begin the process of dissolution. With all assets also transferring to the county commissioners to sell, he felt more guardrails should be in place as to the requirements for the board of directors to consider dissolution.

Rep. Price spoke **in support** of the motion. She stated **H 102** will still require for the majority of voters within the recreational district to be in favor of dissolution.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Thursday, February 06, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32202	Broadband Infrastructure	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 32274	Broadband Advisory Board	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 32223	Agenda Items, Consent Agenda	Rep. Price
RS 32261	Intermodel Commerce Bonds	Rep. Handy
H 104	Agricultural buildings	Rep. Shirts

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 06, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler (Goode), Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Skaug

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Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32202: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 32202**, which establishes time frames for when permits need to be approved for broadband and telecommunication projects. If a decision is not made within the established time frame, the permit will be automatically approved. This will help prevent confusion and slowing down the process of issuing grants.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32202** with the following changes: Page 1, Line 22, add "or cable service" between "telecommunications" and "facility," and Page 1, Line 23, add "or cable" between "munications" and "equipment." **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Ehardt turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Cornilles**.

RS 32274: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 32274**, which focuses on broadband advisory board. This will expand the board by allowing the Senate Pro Temp and House Speaker to each appoint one, at large, nonvoting member who is an expert in broadband. This proposed legislation also requires all grants awarded by the advisory board to be evaluated by an independent source. This will assist the advisory board in its decision making and improve the rating of grants.

When answering questions, **Rep. Vander Woude** clarified the independent source would be a private industry agency, which would go through the grant process and evaluate them independently of government agency influences.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32274**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32223: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 32223**, which establishes a means to remove an item from a consent calendar. This clarifies what a consent calendar consists of, and addresses how a member of a council or board may pull items from the consent calendar in order to be voted on separately.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to introduce **RS 32223** with the following changes: Page 2, Line 8, to read "and considered as a separate action for discussion and vote."

When answering questions, **Rep. Price** clarified consent calendars were best used to add items which should have been open to discussion, and there were no clear means to remove the items in order to vote on the items separately.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Vice Chairman Cornilles called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32223** with the following changes: Page 2, Line 8, to read "and considered as a separate action for discussion and vote." **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32261:

Rep. Handy presented **RS 32261**, which allows existing commerce authorities throughout the state to act as a conduit issuer of bonds for the purpose of financing municipal waste projects. Under current law, city councils cannot incur the following city council. As such, a conduit supplier is needed to sell, buy, and manage bonds for cities.

MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a motion to introduce **RS 32261**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Vice Chairman Cornilles turned the gavel over to **Chairman Ehardt**.

H 104:

Rep. Shirts presented **H 104**, which addresses the agriculture building exception by establishing a uniformed definition for agriculture building. The definition includes structures which are used exclusively for storing equipment for agriculture production, and excludes structures which are used for human habitation, a place where agriculture products are produced, and a place open to the public.

When answering questions, **Rep. Shirts** clarified buildings which serve a dual purpose or function outside of agriculture production are not included in the definition in **H 104**.

MOTION:

Rep. Cayler made a motion to send **H 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Braden Jensen, representing the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation; **Bob Naerebout**, representing the Idaho Dairymens Association; **Matt Dorsey**, representing self; and **Andrew Mickelsen**, representing Mickelsen Farms; testified **in support of H 104**. By establishing a consistent definition for agriculture buildings, this provides clarity and uniformity farmers need.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Ehardt called a vote on the motion to send **H 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shirts** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Monday, February 10, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 32217</u>	Fire Districts, Consolidation	Rep. Sauter
<u>RS 32275</u>	Library Director, Employment	Rep. Cornilles
<u>RS 32297</u>	County Boards, Publication	Rep. Cayler
<u>RS 32180C1</u>	Youth Entrepreneurship, Support	Rep. Wheeler
<u>RS 32322</u>	Emergency Communications, Fees	Rep. Wheeler
<u>RS 32188</u>	Public Libraries	Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Skaug and Weber

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 Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32217: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 32217**, which focuses on fire district consolidation. This can improve effectiveness and efficiency for fire district operations, and provides a transparent mechanism for fire districts to follow for consolidation efforts. Firefighters deliver most of the emergency services in fire districts, and the proposed legislation promotes getting more people who can deliver services without expanding government.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32217**.
When answering questions, **Rep. Sauter** clarified **RS 32217** will not allow one fire district to forcefully annex another, but will require the elected boards of the fire districts to make an agreement and have a posted public meeting on consolidation. There is also an appeal process to allow consolidation to be voted on by the public.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for the vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32217**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32275: **Rep. Cornilles** presented **RS 32275**. If a city has a public library, the proposed legislation allows the city council to decide whether it or the library board have the authority to hire or fire a library director.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to introduce **RS 32275**. Speaking to his motion, this makes library boards and directors directly responsible to elected officials.
Rep. Berch spoke in support of the motion, and stated he would like addressed at the hearing if there should be a distinction if the library board is elected or appointed.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32275**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32297: **Rep. Cayler** presented **RS 32297**, which allows county commissioner boards to cease publishing monthly notices about acts, proceedings, and financial summary of expenses if the county has and maintains a publicly accessible website where these documents are available. This could save counties several thousands of dollars a year by no longer requiring them to publish these notices in the local newspapers.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to introduce **RS 32297**.

When answering questions, **Rep. Cayler** clarified county commissioner boards are currently required to publish monthly notices through the newspapers. **RS 32297** will remove this requirement for counties which publish these notices on their websites.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a substitute motion to return **RS 32297** to the sponsor. Speaking to his substitute motion, not everyone has easy access to the internet, and newspapers are still the means for some people to find information.

Reps. Wheeler, Hawkins, Cornilles, and Chairman Ehardt spoke in support of the original motion. Internet access has greatly improved, while the public's use and reliance on local newspapers has declined over the years. Introducing **RS 32297** will allow more discussion on the points raised by the committee members.

Reps. Alfieri and Berch spoke in support of the substitute motion. Publishing the notices in local papers help maintain a historical record, while websites can be modified. This will negatively affect those who rely on newspapers for information.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman Ehardt called for a vote on the substitute motion to return **RS 32297** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Chairman Ehardt called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 32297**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32180C1:

Rep. Wheeler introduced **RS 32180C1**, which is a resolution to encourage municipalities to promote young entrepreneurship. The more youth engage in business, the better motivated and educated they will be.

MOTION:

Rep. Hawkins made a motion to introduce **RS 32180C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32322:

Rep. Wheeler presented **RS 32322**, which improves efficiency and clarity in payments for emergency communications systems. The 911 communication system is funded by a small fee paid by every phone user in the state, which is collected by phone carriers and remitted to the counties. The proposed legislation will instruct carriers to pay the fees within fifteen days of each quarter, which will provide consistency for counties when budgeting for emergency communication usage and equipment. This will also remove some regulation restricting how counties can use the fees for emergency communication.

When answering questions, **Rep. Wheeler** clarified **RS 32322** removes unnecessary language in statute regarding fee limits so as to set the fees at the current standard counties charge. For fee collection, they are based on the billing address of the phone line and not the area code.

MOTION:

Rep. Cheatum made a motion to introduce **RS 32322**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32188:

Rep. Pickett presented **RS 32188**, which increases the threshold for the amount of petitioners needed to create a library district from 50 petitioners to 20% of the qualified electors within the boundaries of the proposed districts.

When answering questions, **Rep. Pickett** clarified **RS 32188** makes the requirement to make a library district consistent with creating other taxing districts. This will also have the statute better reflect increase in counties' populations, and will help prevent unnecessary costs for county elections when the petition was supported by a small number of the population. He also addressed the need to change on Page 1, Line 17, requiring one qualified elector must know everyone who signs the petition.

MOTION: Rep. Wheeler made a motion to introduce **RS 32188**.
VOTE ON MOTION: Chairman Ehardt called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32188**. Motion carried by voice vote.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 142	Local government, audits	Rep. Pickett
H 171	Intermodal commerce, bonds	Rep. Handy

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DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Rasor

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Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Chairman Ehardt acknowledged the House page, **Josh Knopp**, and this being his last meeting with the Committee. He stated how he has enjoyed and learned about the legislative process. Chairman Ehardt thanked Mr. Knopp and presented him a gift from the Committee.

H 142: **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 142**, which increases the budget levels which would require an audit for local government entities. This addresses how the audit thresholds need to be increased to maintain their real dollar status in order to reflect how budgets have grown over the years. There are no changes to the process or structure of the statute besides the dollar amounts. Local government entities whose budgets are over \$150,000 but under \$200,000 can choose to do biannual audits. However, if the budget exceeds \$200,000 during the fiscal year, this legislation would require an audit to be administered.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to send **H 142** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Jonathan Wheatley, representing Association of Idaho Cities, testified in support of **H 142**. When answering questions, he explained how local government entities, with an increase in their budgets due to inflation and reaching the audit threshold, spent several thousands of dollars in conducting a singular audit.

Rep. Pickett clarified how **H 142** would help save money for local government entities whose budgets have only recently reached the current audit thresholds.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 142** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Church recognized three of her former students in the audience.

H 171: **Rep. Handy** presented **H 171**, which allows county-based and city-based intermodal commerce authorities to maintain and construct utility facilities. This legislation primarily focuses on facilities which provide water and sewer, and excludes electrical energy.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **H 171** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

When answering questions, **Rep. Handy** clarified, by adding "utility" on Page 1, Line 20, **H 171** should not narrow the types of services intermodal commerce authorities can provide.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Ehardt called for a vote on the motion to send **H 171** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Emergency Communication	Andy Creech, Payette County Sheriff Sam Hulse, Bonneville County Sheriff Kelli Brassfield, Policy Advisor, Idaho Association of Counties
H 180	Broadband infrastructure	Rep. Vander Woude
H 208	Fire districts, consolidation	Rep. Sauter
HCR 11	Youth entrepreneurship, support	Rep. Wheeler
H 212	Public libraries	Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Weber

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.

Vice Chair Cornilles called meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2025 meeting and February 10, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Kelli Brassfield, Policy Advisor for Idaho Association of Counties; **Sam Hulse**, Bonnerville County Sheriff; and **Andy Creech**, Payette County Sheriff gave a presentation on Emergency Communications. They discussed how the system receives funding, the challenges and limitations of the current system, and the need to improve the system.

Vice Chairman Cornilles turned the gavel over to **Chairman Ehardt**.

H 180: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 180**, which implements a time frame for broadband permit requests to be reviewed and approved by county governments. When a broadband provider submits a permit request application, the county will have ten business days to review and determine if the application is complete. If the application is incomplete, the provider will have five business days to complete the application. If its determined complete, the county will have to make a decision to approve or disapprove the application within the time frame prescribed based on the technology stated in the application. The time frame can be extended if both parties agree. If the county does not make a decision within the time frame, the application will be deemed approved if the provider gives notice to the county.

When answering questions, **Rep. Vander Woude** clarified, when the county hasn't made a decision within the time frame, the broadband provider can not begin the project until they have notified the county. Broadband permits will not be considered eligible for grants from the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board until the permit is considered approved, whether by the county within the allotted time frame or by default. He stated the time frame might affect local governments' ability to handle processing applications if they are short staffed. If the legislation passes, this will provide local governments time prior to the grant applications are due to prepare for the permit requests, as well as for smaller local governments to take advantage of grants for staffing.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **H 180** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Ron Williams, representing Idaho Cable Broadband Association; and **Danny Pate**, representing Fatbeam Fiber; testified **in support** of **H 180**. They stated how the legislation expands current legislation regarding pole attachments to include broadband providers, and the need for quicker approval times of broadband permit applications. The faster and consistent approval times would also allow broadband providers to better examine their own capitol.

Richard Beck representing Ada County Development Services testified **in opposition** to **H 180**. He requested greater flexibility in the initial time frame to review the completion of a permit application, as it can take ten or more business days to enter an application into their system depending on the volume of permit applications they receive. They also have agreements to provide thirty to forty-five days to Ada County cities to comment on the permit requests.

In closing, **Rep. Vander Woude** stated he appreciated the concerns presented on **H 180**. The purpose of the hearing is to push the information out into the public, and the timelines can be adjusted. By keeping it within a time frame, it will keep the costs down

Rep. Berch spoke **in opposition** to the motion due to concerns of potential consequences of **H 180**.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Ehardt called a vote on the motion to send **H 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded voting **NAY.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill to the floor.

H 208:

Rep. Sauter presented **H 208**, which provides a means for fire district consolidation with public transparency in order to provide improved effectiveness and efficiency. In order to consolidate, all parties must express interest, draft an agreement, hold a public hearing, and the boards of fire districts vote in favor of the agreement. **Rep. Sauter** yielded his time to **Greg Timinsky**, Middleton and Star Fire Districts Fire Chief. Mr. Timinsky discussed how this is an issue across Idaho, and will allow several fire districts to consolidate in order to better provide services and save funds for their districts.

When answering questions, **Rep. Sauter** and **Greg Timinsky** clarified, following consolidation, previous levies of the individual fire districts will be nullified and require a new levy to be made. Consolidation can be initiated if 10% or more of voters within the district sign a petition in favor of consolidation, followed by a vote of the qualified electors. If there is an appeal against the consolidation, it will also require a vote on consolidations by the qualified electors in the fire districts. This will not change the current process in Idaho statute for changing levies following consolidation. Consolidation may minimally increase or decrease the amount taxpayers in the new fire district may pay towards levies. The intent of the legislation is not to allow one fire district to take over another, but to provide better service through consolidation. Following consolidation, the new fire district will redistrict the fire district commissioners to ensure representation.

MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a motion to send **H 208** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Cayler and Rasor** requested to be recorded voting **NAY.** **Rep. Sauter** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 212:

Rep. Pickett presented **H 212**, which increases the number of petitioners to start the process to create a library district from 50 petitioners to 20% of the qualified electors in the borders of the proposed library district.

MOTION:

Rep. Hawkins made a motion to send **H 212** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. Speaking to the motion, he stated library district sizes varies across the state.

Reps. Berch and Healey spoke in opposition to the motion. They stated **H 212** creates a threshold which is too high for many communities, and, depending on the size of the proposed library district, the effort to collect the signatures for a petition may be too much given the required time frames.

Reps. Alfieri and Church spoke in favor of the motion, but agreed the 20% of signatures is too high for many communities interested in having a library district.

Reps. Wheeler and Rasor spoke in favor of the motion. **H 212** provides a better approach towards creating a library district. Idaho has a large number of library districts of varies sizes, with the smallest being under 100 and the largest being over 200,000.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to have **Rep. Pickett** answer questions on considering lowering the requirement in **H 212** for the number of signatures for a petition to be 20% of the qualified electors in the borders of the proposed library district. **Vote failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a roll call vote on the motion to send **H 212** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 2 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Ehardt, Cornilles, Erickson, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, and Church.** Voting in opposition of the motion: **Reps. Healey and Berch.** **Reps. Skaug and Weber were Absent/ Excused.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor

HCR 11: **Rep. Wheeler** presented **HCR 11**, which recognizes youth entrepreneurship in Idaho, and encourages local governments to promote youth entrepreneurship and to consider waving permitting and licensing fees for youth entrepreneurs.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **HCR 11** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Ehardt introduced the Committee Page for the second half of the session, **Ellery Chasen.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW05
Thursday, February 20, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
SCR 103	Housing, study committee	Sen. Rabe Rep. Redman

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025

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

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Skaug, Healey, Berch

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 Ehardt called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

SCR 103: **Rep. Redman** presented **SCR 103**, describing how the legislation would create an interim committee, composed of legislators and stakeholders, to research and discuss ways to eliminate housing issues in the state of Idaho. He explained how in the 2024 Interim, movement of people into the state caused the cost of housing to rise. In Montana, similar legislation allowed the Pacific Legal Foundation to provide insight and suggestions for lowering housing costs.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **SCR 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, Rep. Hawkins said he approved of this attempt to make housing more affordable and efficient, but cautioned against the ability of government bodies to provide those solutions.

When answering questions, **Rep. Redman** described how the proposed committee would be made up of Representatives, Senators, stakeholders, and expert testers. Nonlegislative members of the proposed committee will not be reimbursed from legislative funds.

Ken Burgess, representing the Idaho Home Builders Association, testified **in support of SCR 103**. He discussed how bringing down the cost of housing involves factors such as interest rates, inflation costs, and hookup fees. Nearly 25% of the costs associated with being a first time homeowner are attributed to meeting certain government regulations.

In answer to a committee question as to which form of housing this committee would aim to discuss, **Chairman Ehardt** responded the proposed committee would be looking to lower the costs of all forms of housing.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Sarah Hancock
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Thursday, March 06, 2025

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1121	Disposition of bodies, coroners	Sen. Harris
S 1101	Coroners	Sen. Wintrow Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 06, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church (Caldwell)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Healey

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 Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1121: **Sen. Harris** presented **S 1121**. This legislation allows employees of mortuary establishments to help with the final disposition of deceased human bodies for county coroners.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **S 1121** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1101: **Sen. Wintrow** presented **S1101**, which addresses the challenges in the coroner system, and provides more support for county coroners. **Sen. Wintrow** yielded her time to **Torey Danner**, Coroner for Bannock County and President of Idaho Association of County Coroners. He stated this legislation outlines the common duties of coroners, and provides consistency for definitions and standards. He clarified the requirements for a county coroner to investigate deaths.

Kelli Brassfield, Idaho Association of Counties, testified in support of **S 1101**, stating much work has gone into this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **S 1101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW05
Friday, March 14, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1073	Solid waste collection	Rep. Palmer Sen. Adams

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 14, 2025

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

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representative(s) Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Berch, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Erickson and Healey

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 Ehardt called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1073: **Sen. Adams** presented **S 1073**. In current statute, a city can franchise with a trash company to exclusively dispose all the solid waste in its limits. This legislation promotes free market and competition by clarifying individuals and businesses can hire a waste disposal company of their choice for temporary waste disposal projects. After meeting with different shareholders, he explained proposed amendments were made which upheld the intent of the legislation while also addressing possible concerns.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **S 1073** to General Orders.

When answering questions, **Sen. Adams** explained the proposed amendment reinstated on Line 10 "by exclusive or nonexclusive means," and clarifies cities' ability to define temporary and project-specific solid waste collection containers. When first removing "by exclusive or nonexclusive means" in **S 1073**, there were concerns cities would be required to contract with multiple solid waste collection companies for permanent waste collection.

Jonathan Wheatley, representing Association of Idaho Cities; **Chad Gordon**, representing JM Sanitation; **Joe Mikitish**, representing Blue Collar Connect; and **Dan Strunk**, representing DumpStar; testified in support of **S 1073** with the proposed amendments.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Ehardt** called a vote on the motion to send **S 1073** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary