

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	
RS 31879	Helmet, Exception, UTVs	Rep. Mitchell

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Clow
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Harris

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MINUTES
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MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Clow, Harris, Mickelsen (Hatch), Pohanka, Gannon, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Boyle
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
Chairman Palmer welcomed all the committee members, then had the Page, **Alexandra Zuloeta**, introduce herself. He assigned **Reps. Pohanka and Gannon** as the committee's proofreaders.
RS 31879: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this proposed legislation establishes an exemption for persons under eighteen years of age from the requirement to wear a helmet when riding in UTVs equipped with a roll cage and seat belts.
MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 31879. Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

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AGENDA
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Room EW40
Thursday, January 16, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31908	Rules of the Road, Covered Loads	Rep. Handy
RS 31813	Vehicles, Registration, Plates	Austen Gujo, DMV Policy Specialist, ITD
RS 31823	Vehicles, Licenses, Permits	Chrystal Allen, DMV Policy Specialist, ITD
RS 31819	Transportation, Data Security	Chrystal Allen

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

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

RS 31908: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 49-613**, by requiring complete tarping of loads of sand, gravel, and other commodities that can blow out of trucks and trailers. He indicated there are some exceptions such as canal companies, irrigation and drainage districts, and others. He also indicated there is a new fixed penalty of \$200.00.

Committee members raised several concerns such as costs to small companies to implement, the fixed penalty, and concern for impacts on counties without higher speed roadways. **Rep. Handy** stated these issues can be addressed in the full hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31908**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Chairman Palmer** was in doubt of the outcome of the voice vote and called for a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE and 3 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Palmer, Reps. Holtzclaw, Monks, Crane (12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Clow, Hatch, Pohanka, Gannon, and Morley. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Mitchell, Shepherd, and Harris.**

RS 31813: **Austen Gujo**, DMV Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), stated this proposed legislation will align existing concepts in statute currently. It will remove the requirement for exempt agency trailers and motorcycles to receive a small license plate, giving them the option for a small or large plate, and it clarifies temporary permits, known as trip permits, are required to be purchased before commercial vehicles enter the state in all situations.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 31813. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31823: **Chrystal Allen**, DMV Policy Specialist, ITD, stated this proposed legislation has two parts. The first will make motorcycle endorsement permits and class D instruction permits valid for one year to align with the one year commercial learner's permit. The second part removes the requirement for customers surrendering a current/valid out-of-state driver's license from taking the knowledge test if they have previously held an Idaho driver's license because they have already demonstrated they understand the rules of the road in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 31823. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31819: **Chrystal Allen**, DMV Policy Specialist, ITD, stated this proposed legislation will grant ITD authority to control access to source systems and to require fingerprint background checks in accordance with REAL ID certification standards. The goal is to safeguard the personal information of all Idaho citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 31819. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:49pm.

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Monday, January 20, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 13</u>	Helmet, Exception, UTVs	Rep. Palmer

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

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

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

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Mitchell**.

H 13: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation establishes an exemption in **Idaho Code, Section 49-666**, for persons under eighteen years of age from the requirement to wear a helmet when riding in UTVs equipped with a roll cage and seat belts.

In response to a committee question asking if there is a definition of UTV in statute to assist law enforcement, **Rep. Palmer** indicated there is a definition section that clearly defines UTVs, ATVs, motorcycles, cars, and other vehicle types.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 13** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chair Mitchell turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

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Chair

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Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	State of the Gunfighters	Col. Mike "Singe" Alfaro, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB
	EXECUTIVE SESSION Unclassified Intelligence Briefing 366th Fighter Wing	Maj. John Madsen, Wing Director of Intelligence Tech. Sgt. Hogg, Intelligence Superintendent Lt. Browne, Officer in Charge, CENTCOM Analysis Team

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

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

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

Colonel Mike Alfaro, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB), presented the State of the Gunfighters address to the committee. The mission statement for the 366th Fighter Wing is to "provide mission-ready Gunfighters to conduct operations anytime, anywhere." Their vision is to be America's most elite Fighter Wing. He stated their priorities are the three "P's." Invest in their people, be prepared through training and field exercises, and professionalism both inside and outside of work. He remarked, in 2024 they received the Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence award for innovation regarding the design of their portable solar power cells and for their dorm improvements. He stated this award and recognition is a very big accomplishment.

Col. Alfaro summarized several of the ongoing activities including the Deployable Combat Wing and Air Base Wing Validation Exercise, known as DAVE. He explained, DAVE prepares Airmen to ensure they are ready for a battlespace that is vastly different from the past 20 years of counterinsurgency operations. He explained MHAFB is one of six combat support training range sites across the Air Force and is prototyping new requirements to establish best practices for the other locations.

Col. Alfaro wrapped up his presentation with a summary of ongoing projects including the Snake River water pipeline and intake station, which will be a real property gift from the Idaho Department of Water Resources this year. He stated the Air Force will construct a water treatment plant, with completion scheduled for 2026. He highlighted investing in the quality of life for the families through the "Five and Thrive" initiative, which includes Education, Childcare, Spouse Employment, Housing, and Healthcare.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion for the committee to dissolve into an executive session for the purpose of hearing an unclassified briefing given by Intelligence Experts from MHAFB. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Major Madsen, Wing Director of Intelligence, **Technical Sergeant Hogg**, Intelligence Superintendent, and **Lieutenant Browne**, Officer in Charge, CENTCOM Analysis Team, 366th Fighter Wing, MHAFB, presented an unclassified intelligence briefing to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Mitchell made a motion to reconvene the public meeting. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary