

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Dixon	Rep DeMordaunt
Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Clow
Rep Crane	Rep Andrus
Rep Palmer	Rep Nichols
Rep Barbieri	Rep Adams
Rep Armstrong	Rep Bundy

Rep Ferch
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Rep Green

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: None

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

Chairman Dixon welcomed members of the Committee and stated there were six new members of the committee. **Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Shepherd,** and **Rep. Bundy** introduced themselves.

Chairman Dixon introduced Committee Secretary, **Mackenzie Gibbs.**

Chairman Dixon introduced Committee Page, **Kaity Reineke.**

The remaining Freshmen Representatives, **Rep. Adams** and **Rep. Ferch,** introduced themselves to the Committee. **Chairman Dixon** then introduced the new Committee Vice Chairman, **Rep. Furniss.**

Chairman Dixon stated the expectations for how the Committee would operate and to plan to go over Administrative Rules on a meeting planned for Thursday, January 21st, 2021.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, January 21, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO. 48-0101-2000F	Rules of the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission	Brenna Smith, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission
DOCKET NO. 12-0000-2000F	Rules Pursuant to the Uniform Securities Act (2004)	Anthony Polidori, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Finance
DOCKET NO. 18-0000-2000F	Schedule of Fees, Licenses, Misc. Charges; Fire Protection Sprinkler Contractors	Dean Cameron, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance
DOCKET NO. 18-0801-2001	Adoption of International Fire Code	Dean Cameron

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Barbieri

GUESTS: Brenna Smith, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, Anthony Polidori, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Finance, Dean Cameron, Director Idaho Department of Insurance, Knute Sandahl, State Fire Marshal

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

DOCKET NO. 48-0101-2000F: **Brenna Smith**, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission (IGGWPC), presented **Docket No. 48-0101-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the re-authorization of fee rules for IGGWPC. She stated the rules which were existing rules previously reviewed by the Legislature and no changes had been made in the last year.

In response to Committee questions, Ms. Smith addressed Committee concerns regarding unmarked changes within **Docket No. 48-0101-2000F**, referencing changes to the rules were done in 2019 and were made only for purposes to clean-up language to make it easier for the public to understand.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 48-0101-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 12-0000-2000F: **Anthony Polidori**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Finance (IDF), presented **Docket No. 12-0000-2000F**, a pending rule in reference to the Rules Pursuant to the Uniform Securities Act (2004). Mr. Polidori stated that the proposed rule only related to one existing rule chapter and was previously reviewed by the Legislature. He stated that the only changes to the rule were done in line of the Red Tape Reduction Act.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Polidori** clarified the reasoning for the absence of indications signifying changes, an explanation of a specific \$50 fee, and that the requirements or actions of individuals was not stricken from the language.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 12-0000-2000F**. **Rep. Crane** declared Rule 80, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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DOCKET NO. 18-0000-2000F: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance (IDI), presented **Docket No. 18-0000-2000F**, a pending rule regarding fees associated with the licensing of insurance companies and agents, as well as fees regarding fitters and inspectors of sprinkler systems in buildings. Director Cameron stated the presented rules have been previously adopted and approved. He also stated the only changes made were in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act in 2020.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0000-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0801-2001: **Dean Cameron**, IDI, presented **Docket No. 18-0801-2001**, a pending rule that would create an amendment to the current International Fire Code. Director Cameron provided backstory about IDI's position on certain aspects of International Fire Code that didn't seem applicable to Idaho and as a result, exemptions were requested through the rules process in previous Legislative sessions. Director Cameron stated that **Docket No. 18-0801-2001** is a specific amendment to the International Fire Code that would remove the requirement of the State to regulate food trucks throughout Idaho. He continued, saying that if the rule was approved, inspections could be done at the local level instead of at the State level.

Rep. Clow referred to an incident in Twin Falls in November 2020, where damage was done to a building due to a food truck fire. He asked if even in November 2020 the damage would have been covered under the current International Fire Code. He also asked for clarification as to whether or not local government has the authority to require inspections in regards to current rules.

In response, **Director Cameron** stated that he was not familiar with the conditions of the specific incident and he wasn't sure if an inspection would have prevented the incident from happening. He further stated that the requirement currently in place was an onerous task to the State and should be handled on a local level.

In response to Committee questions, **Director Cameron** and **Knute Sandahl**, State Fire Marshal, stated that the State is not required to inspect stationary kitchens and only performs inspections if it is requested. They also stated approving the rule wouldn't create an uneven playing field for mobile and stationary kitchens, would remove the requirement of the permit process and third party gas inspection from the State, and that in more rural areas there would be more of a safety concern. They also stated that resources necessary to fulfill current legislation would be overwhelming and not cost effective.

In response to additional Committee questions, **Director Cameron** and **Knute Sandahl** clarified the reasoning for why the International Fire Code is included in the Department of Insurance and explained Fire Departments across the State are working together on creating a permitting process applicable throughout the State as well as consistent training.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0801-2001. Rep. Crane** declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Berch** stated that while he had concerns about food trucks becoming a growing business, he concurred with **Director Cameron** on the basis that this specific issue should be handled by local authorities.

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

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19th, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, January 25, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28311	Idaho Patient Act - Extension	Rep. Monks
DOCKET	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
24-0101-2000F	Architectural Examiners	Dawn Hall, Div. Occupational Licenses
24-0401-2000F	Professional Geologists	Dawn Hall
24-0701-2000F	Landscape Architects	Dawn Hall
24-0801-2000F	Morticians	Dawn Hall
24-1801-2000F	Real Estate Appraiser Board	Dawn Hall
24-2101-2000F	State Contractors Board	Dawn Hall
24-2201-2000F	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Board	Dawn Hall
24-2501-2000F	Driving Businesses Licensure Board	Dawn Hall
24-2801-2000F	Barber and Cosmetology Services Licensing Board	Dawn Hall
24-2901-2000F	Certified Shorthand Reporters Board	Dawn Hall
24-3001-2000F	Idaho Accountancy Rules	Dawn Hall

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

GUESTS: None

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

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

RS 28311: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 28311**, proposed legislation regarding the Idaho Patient Act, to provide a time extension for collection actions and services provided to patients prior to July 1st. Rep. Monks stated that after the Idaho Patient Act went into effect on January 1st, 2021, it was requested to have the required time frame extended for billing systems and patient data to be as up to date as possible. He also stated the purpose of this legislation was to provide relief to health care services and clarify any questions or conflicts with the Idaho Patient Act.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28311**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0101-2000F: **Dawn Hall**, Section Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), presented **Docket No. 24-0101-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Board of Architectural Examiners. Miss Hall stated that the purpose of this rule was to remove unnecessary language in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act and the rule only needed to be re-authorized.

MOTION: **Chairman Dixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0101-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0401-2000F: **Dawn Hall**, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0401-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0401-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0701-2000F: **Dawn Hall**, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0701-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Idaho State Board of Landscape Architects. In response to a Committee question, Miss Hall stated the changes within the rule were not indicated due to it being a pending rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0701-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0801-2000F: **Dawn Hall**, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0801-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the State Board of Morticians. Miss Hall stated that the changes in the rule were done to remove duplications written in the rule and in law.

In response to a Committee question, **Miss Hall** stated the changes were not marked within the rule and she was under the impression she only needed to present documents indicating substantial changes. **Rep. Crane** expressed concern and apprehension to approve the rules, given that the changes were not marked within the dockets. **Chairman Dixon** requested to have **Miss Hall** return the following week to present the remaining dockets listed on the agenda.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to adjourn.

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 042	Idaho Patient Act - Medical Debt Collection Extension	Representative Monks
	Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) Presentation	Russ Barron, DOPL, Division Administrator

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PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Brian Whitlock, Idaho Hospital Association, Susie Keller, ID Medical Association, Tim Frost, Division of Occupational Licenses (DOPL), Russ Barron, DOPL, MiChell Bird, DOPL, Misty Lawrence, Division of Financial Management (DFM), Katie Thibadeau, Westerberg Associates

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 42: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 42**, legislation relating to the Idaho Patient Act, to create an extension for collection actions and services provided to patients prior to July 1, 2021. He stated the benefits to approving this legislation would provide relief to the medical community, give additional time for all systems to be up to date, and also solve concerns and problems with the Idaho Patient Act. Additionally, he stressed the importance of the combined efforts of the agencies involved.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Monks** stated that collections can still continue and consolidation services will still be provided.

Those speaking **in support** were **Brian Whitlock**, Idaho Hospital Association; and **Susie Keller**, ID Medical Association.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 42** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Whitlock** stated that costs for software modifications would vary and the potential to track those costs in the future.. He also stated that transparency is still in reference to the Idaho Patient Act and that there weren't provisions in place in case the medical community is unable to meet the July 1, 2021 deadline. All efforts were being made to meet the additional extension deadline despite the disadvantages COVID-19 presented.

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

Russ Barron, Division Administrator, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL), presented and explained the reorganization of IDOPL, as listed in Executive Order 2020 - 10. Mr. Barron stated 11 new agencies were under IDOPL and explained the beneficial results of the reorganization. He continued, explaining where the agency was currently in the reorganization process and listed the main objectives for the agency to achieve a successful transition: determining the best organizational structure, moving all staff located in the Treasure Valley to the Chinden Campus, and to make necessary legislative changes that would update responsibilities and structure for the success of the new Division. He also provided the fiscal impact estimated for the reorganization project.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Barron** stated the possibility of tracking other cost reductions, that he was not included in the decision in the new configuration for the agencies listed under IDOPL, clarified how choosing a new building software was still being determined, provided the figures previously given for the project, and the reasoning behind why the support of boards management was organized as it is.

Rep. DeMordaunt expressed gratitude and acknowledged the work that was done during the Interim to accomplish the transition.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #3
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 01, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28088	Insurance, Obsolete Language	Rep. Furniss
RS28155	Annuity Consumer Protections Act	Rep. Furniss
RS28158	Insurance, Reinsurance	Rep. Furniss
RS28231	Insurance, Board Size	Rep. Bundy
	Budget Overview	Christine Otto, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

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PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green (Morales)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Palmer

GUESTS: None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28088: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 28088**, legislation repealing certain unused or conflicting sections of Title 41 insurance codes. He stated that the legislation is backed by the NAIC, repeal certain tax interest penalties and workers compensation requirements for businesses. It would also repeal Chapter 35's risk management for public works projects. He said the benefits would go toward business owners.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Furniss** said he was unaware of consequences for employees and hadn't heard of any other concerns for the repeals.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 28088**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28155: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 28155**, legislation also backed by NAIC, which aims to preempt federal regulations on accreditation requirements for re-insurance.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Furniss**, stated that 16 other states have enacted this legislation and is confident that state law will trump any potential federal regulation.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 28155**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28231: **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 28231**, legislation which expands the allowance of some insurance board member maximums from 15 to 25 members.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Bundy** stated the reason for the 15 member maximum was an older standard and that he was not aware of any additional expense to the state or policy holders, but would bring that information to the bill hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Adams** made a motion to introduce **RS 28231**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Christine Otto, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO presented the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL) budget. She reviewed the organizational restructuring and centralization as well as their move of physical location to the Chinden Campus. Ms. Otto explained that she was giving a broad picture of the budget at \$31 million with 271 full time employees, (FTEs).

In response to Committee questioning **Ms. Otto** confirmed that board members from each association were paid a \$100 per diem rate on days they attended meetings. Ms. Otto clarified that DOPL was using dedicated funds to help move because dedicated funds are allowed to be used as administrative funds and that each board has its own balance. Ms. Otto clarified the 256% increase to the budget projected in 2022 was a result of the consolidation of individual board projections while some divisions brought in a net-zero line item. Regarding questions around the savings associated with the consolidation, Ms. Otto said they have not requested saving projections from agencies for 2022 and that she would not speak for them. Concern was expressed for the lack of evaluation and reflection on immediate savings of the consolidation, including the opportunity to cut employees. Concern was also expressed at the cash budget amounts of each division which Ms. Otto read, totalling \$38 million, as it was stated cash is expensive to hold and insure.

Administrator, **Russ Baron** responded to questioning that most divisions are instructed to have one to one and a half years expenses in budget but that the boards do have audits and their budgets can be deemed too high. Policies on this vary and typically address lower limits. Mr. Baron stated that there would be cost savings of \$600,000 immediately in building lease and additional subsequent office costs due to the consolidation. In response to committee questioning Mr. Baron stated that there are no planned cuts to FTEs. The committee requested a bigger picture of cost savings and efficiencies and noted that fee reductions had been seen in the past. Mr. Baron described that their budgeting process included forecasting for stability and standardizing fees but that opportunities to reduce or eliminate fees would be taken into consideration. Mr. Baron confirmed that no reduction in FTEs had taken place yet.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Beth Norton
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
12:00 P.M.
Room EW41
Friday, February 05, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28070	Real Estate Licensure	Rep. Armstrong
RS28327	Non-Profit Meeting Requirements	Rep. Shepherd
H 78	Insurance, Obsolete Language	Rep. Furniss

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TIME: 12:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane, Barbieri, DeMordaunt, Clow, Nichols, Adams

GUESTS: None

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28070: **Rep. Armstrong** presented **RS 28070**, proposed legislation in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. He stated the legislation would eliminate unnecessary language requiring the Department of Real Estate to monitor leasing and to carry broker books.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 28070**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28327: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 28327**, proposed legislation that would allow members of non-profits to participate in meetings remotely. He added the Board of Directors would make the final decision on remote communication.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to introduce **RS 28327**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 78: **Rep. Furniss** presented **H 78**, legislation intended to remove unnecessary provisions of Title 41, including the elimination of a tax penalty for insurance carriers, the removal of specific fiscal figures for workman's compensation and salary, and the transfer of handling surety bonds from the Department of Insurance to the Department of Administration. He also stated cleaning up the language in the legislation would benefit small business owners, as well as make it easier for carriers to comply.

Rep. Mitchell declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 78** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #2
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DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
24-0801-2000F	Morticians Board	Dawn Hall, Section Chief, Div. of Occupational and Professional Licenses
24-1801-2000F	Real Estate Appraisers Board	Dawn Hall
24-2101-2000F	Contractors Board	Dawn Hall
24-2201-2000F	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Board	Dawn Hall
24-2501-2000F	Driving Business Licensure Board	Dawn Hall
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24-3001-2000F	Board of Accountancy	Dawn Hall

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, DeMordaunt, Adams, Ferch,

GUESTS: None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Dixon passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

MOTION: **Chairman Dixon** made a motion to review previously approved **Docket No. 24-0401-2000F** and **Docket No. 24-0701-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0401-2000F: **Dawn Hall**, Section Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), presented **Docket No. 24-0401-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. Miss Hall stated the intent of the changes in the rule was to be in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act.

MOTION: **Chairman Dixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0401-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0701-2000F: **Dawn Hall**, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0701-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Idaho State Board of Landscape Architects. Miss Hall stated the purpose of this rule was to remove redundant language already listed in current law.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Hall** stated she wasn't aware as to why a reference requirement was put in statute originally and the Board of Landscape Architects relies more on experience when hiring rather than references.

Rep. Berch expressed concern in the removal of references in statute, stating that it could lead to individuals using falsified information during the application process.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0701-2000F**, with the exception of **Section 201, Subsection 01**.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Clow** stated that adding the requirement for references in the statute was unnecessary.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0701-2000F**.

In support of the substitute motion, **Rep. Crane** provided clarification on the educational and practical experience requirement for applicants, as listed in another section of the rule.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Berch** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw the original motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

**DOCKET NO.
24-0801-2000F:**

Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0801-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules for the Board of Morticians. Miss Hall provided the location of the changes within the rule and stated the purpose of the changes was to remove redundant and unnecessary language.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Hall** stated residents of Idaho would need to receive training in Idaho and reiterated the reasoning for the removal and relocation of language in the rule.

MOTION:

Rep. Shepherd made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0801-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-1801-2000F:**

Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-1801-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Real Estate Appraiser Board. Miss Hall stated removed language was done to remove duplications for listed fees, as they are already listed in statute.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Hall** clarified the reason for text removal in the rule is for costs and fees.

MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1801-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-2101-2000F:**

Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2101-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Idaho State Contractors Board. Ms. Hall stated the only change to the rule was the addition of a fee for an inactive license.

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the Administrative Rule.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Hall** addressed questions and concerns regarding the issuance of an inactive license and the benefit of issuing licenses electronically.

Rep. Galloway declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2101-2000F**, with the exception of **Section 175**.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Clow** and **Rep. Green** expressed the benefit of rejecting the inactive license fees to help those facing difficult times and to reduce costs by issuing licenses electronically.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

**DOCKET NO.
24-2201-2000F:**

Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2201-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Idaho State Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Board. Miss Hall stated there were no changes and the rule only needed to be reauthorized as it was presented.

MOTION:

Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2201-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-2501-2000F:**

Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2501-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Idaho Driving Businesses Licensure Board. Ms. Hall stated changes to the rule related to the amount of training hour requirements and clean-up language.

MOTION: Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2501-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2801-2000F: Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2801-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Barber and Cosmetology Services Licensing Board. Ms. Hall stated that in addition to consolidating requirements and cleaning up language through the rule, the board added an application fee that was previously missed when combining the Barber and Cosmetology Boards.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Hall** addressed concerns regarding statutes that are no longer existing. She also addressed the reasoning for the removal of an age requirement and the possibility of more open communication from the board.

Rep. Crane wanted to clarify for the record that the State of Idaho was not threatening to remove licenses and put barbers and cosmetologists out of business during the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Rep. Nichols spoke to **Rep. Crane's** statement, sharing a personal experience of dealing with several cosmetologists and beauticians during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She expressed a desire to have better communication from the Board for clearer instructions in the future on what may or may not happen.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2801-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2901-2000F: Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2901-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of Procedure of the Idaho Certified Shorthand Reporters Board. Miss Hall stated there were no changes and the rule only needed to be reauthorized as it was presented.

MOTION: **Rep. Armstrong** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2901-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3001-2000F: Dawn Hall, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3001-2000F**, a pending rule regarding Idaho Accountancy Rules. Ms. Hall stated there were no changes and the rule only needed to be reauthorized as it was presented.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3001-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Furniss
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 11, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28482	Building Code, Mass Timber	Rep. Troy
RS28438	Insurance, Employee Confidentiality	Rep. Ferch
RS28414	Electrical Apprentices	Rep. Dixon
H 81	Insurance, Board Size	Rep. Bundy
RS28142	Health Care, Sharing Ministries	Rep. Furniss
RS28458	Insurance, Data Security Act	Rep. Furniss
H 79	Annuity, Consumer Protections Act	Rep. Furniss
H 80	Insurance, Reinsurance	Rep. Furniss

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Rep Palmer

Rep Barbieri

Rep Armstrong

Rep DeMordaunt

Rep Clow

Rep Andrus

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Carson Tester, Westerberg & Associates, Sarah Bettwieser, Cygnet, State Farm, Select Health, Jeremy Chou, Givens Pursley, Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage, Jake Cluff, Ben Brocksome & Associates, Mike Reynoldson, Blue Cross of Idaho, Guy Stubbs, Hall & Associates, Trent Yost, Red Cedar Wealth Advisory, Dean Cameron, Director, Department of Insurance

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

RS 28482: **Rep. Troy** presented **RS 28482**, proposed legislation regarding the adoption of a specific section of International Building Code that would allow the mass use of timber for commercial and residential construction in the State of Idaho. Rep. Troy stated an emergency clause was added to prompt a quick review by the Idaho Building Code Board.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 28482**.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Troy** stated while International Building Code is automatically adopted, Idaho is several code iterations behind and that the proposed legislation would allow for the most current code to be implemented.

Rep. Barbieri and **Rep. Armstrong**, voiced concerns about the necessity of the proposed legislation and would like more information on how it would interact with International Building Code.

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

RS 28438: **Rep. Ferch** presented **RS 28438**, proposed legislation regarding the compensation of officers, directors, and employees of insurance companies. Rep. Ferch stated the legislation would allow for public disclosure of salary.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Ferch** stated the necessity of transparency, but not to broaden beyond the original intent of the proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 28438**.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Berch** and **Rep. Barbieri** spoke to the benefit of the proposed legislation, but would like further clarification on the reasoning behind focusing on insurance employees, directors, and officers, as well as to what the ramifications would be if the proposed legislation was introduced.

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

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

RS 28414: **Chairman Dixon** presented **RS 28414**, proposed legislation regarding the removal of on-the-job electrical journeyman to apprentice ratio and requiring constant on-the-job supervision of electrical apprentices be provided. **Chairman Dixon** stated the proposed legislation would also require additional hours and measures for safety training.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 28414**.

In response to a Committee question, Chairman Dixon stated the frame in working on the proposed legislation was done in consideration of the rejection of a statute for the Department of Building Safety and in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act.

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

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

H 81: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 81**, legislation regarding the change of number of members allowed to sit on Board of Directors for specific insurance companies. **Rep. Bundy** stated the legislation would be consistent with other board sizes allowed in existing law as well as allow for better representation for Idahoans.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Ferch** and **Dean Cameron**, Director, Department of Insurance, offered additional explanation for the increase in board member size. Director Cameron answered additional questions in relation to the current authority of the Board of Directors and how the increase of members would be beneficial.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 81** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 28142: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 28142**, proposed legislation regarding the clarification on the difference between health insurance and health sharing ministries. **Rep. Furniss** stated the proposed legislation would benefit Idahoans by drawing a clear line for what service may best benefit them.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Furniss** stated that most health sharing ministries are charitable or religious organizations and provided examples and the definition of bad actors in regards to insurance.

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 28142.** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 28458: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 28458**, proposed legislation regarding the establishment of exclusive standards for data security and addresses privacy concerns associated with cyber-security. **Rep. Furniss** stated the proposed legislation addresses concerns for insurance companies and that he worked with the Department of Insurance and other insurance companies in gathering information.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28458.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 79: **Rep. Furniss** presented **H 79**, legislation that would require insurance producers and insurers to act in the best interest of a consumer when making a recommendation of annuity products. He stated it would also establish producer training expectations and allow the objectives of consumers and the needs of insurers to be met.

Rep. Furniss declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Furniss** stated the legislation was addressing annuities at an agent level as well as relating to suitability requirements. **Rep. Furniss** deferred to **Director Cameron**, who addressed additional concerns about **H 79**, including how the legislation would define the term 'best interest' in relation to consumers.

Those speaking **in support** were **Jeff Neumeyer**, United Heritage, **Guy Stubbs**, NAIFA, **Trent Yost**, Red Cedar Wealth Advisors, and **Emmalee Robinson**, NAIFA. Each shared experiences regarding difficulty with providing quality customer service to their customers and how **H 79** would help them provide the best customer service to their clients.

Rep. Clow expressed support for the legislation.

MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a motion to send **H 79** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 80:

Rep. Furniss presented **H 80**, legislation regarding Reinsurance Model Law. **Rep. Furniss** stated the purpose of the legislation was to give insurance companies more flexibility and options when purchasing policies of reinsurance, commonly available for purchase on the international market.

Director Cameron also spoke to **H 80**, stating a majority of the language was already existing in law and the consumer would be more protected by the approval of the legislation. He added failure to pass **H 80** could lead to Idaho companies relocating their businesses, Federal interference, the loss of an accreditation standard, and reinsurers could potentially less companies to work with.

Speaking **in support** was **Jeff Neuyemer**, United Heritage, stating the legislation would streamline reinsurance, lead to better reinsurance costs, and a larger availability of reinsurance companies for consumers. He spoke to **Director Cameron's** comments, stating if the legislation didn't pass, the Federal Government would become involved, resulting in difficulties for domesticated Idaho companies.

Rep. Armstrong expressed concerns about the number of pages in the bill, stating the legislation was large and would be a step backwards from the efforts of the Red Tape Reduction Act.

In response, **Rep. Furniss** reiterated how most of the language in **H 80** was already in law, and offered to go through the legislation with **Rep. Armstrong**.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to send **H 80** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #3
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 15, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS28540</u>	Employment, Sick Leave	Rep. Green
<u>RS28263</u>	Apprenticeships, Licensing	Rep. DeMordaunt
<u>RS28264</u>	Interstate Telehealth	Rep. DeMordaunt
<u>RS28486</u>	Retirement Program	Rep. Furniss
<u>RS28495</u>	Digital Assets	Rep. Manwaring

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Rep Crane

Rep Palmer

Rep Barbieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 15, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Adams
GUESTS: Francoise Cleveland, AARP Idaho, Brody Aston, Westerberg & Associates
Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 28540, RS 28263, RS 28264, RS 28486, and RS 28495. Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
24-3201-2000F	<i>24.32.01 - Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors</i>	Michelle Bird, Executive Director, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL)
24-3701-2000F	<i>24.37.01 - Idaho Real Estate Commission</i>	Michelle Bird, IDOPL
24-3900-2000F	IDOPL, Omnibus Pending Fee Rules <i>24.39.10 - Idaho Electrical Board</i> <i>24.39.20 - Plumbing</i> <i>24.39.30 - Building Safety Code (Building Code Rules)</i> <i>24.39.31 - Modular Buildings</i> <i>24.39.33 - Manufactured/Mobile Home Industry Licensing</i> <i>24.39.34 - Manufactured or Mobile Home Installations</i> <i>24.39.40 - Safety... Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks</i> <i>24.39.50 - Public Works Contractors</i> <i>24.39.70 - Installation of Heating Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems</i> <i>24.39.90 - Damage Prevention Board</i>	Michelle Bird, IDOPL

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Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Clow
Rep Crane	Rep Andrus
Rep Palmer	Rep Nichols
Rep Barbieri	Rep Adams
Rep Armstrong	Rep Bundy

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Rep Ferch
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Rep Green

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

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

GUESTS: MiChell Bird, Section Chief, Idaho Division of Occupational Licenses (IDOPL), Patrick Grace, Deputy Administrator, IDOPL, Jason Hudson, AFL-CIO, Marty Durand, Piotrowski Durand LLC

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

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3201-2000F: **MiChell Bird**, Section Chief, IDOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3201-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the rules of the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. Ms. Bird stated the rules were previously approved and the approach to the changes was in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. She added that the only changes made were modifications for the definition of misconduct to be compliant with statute, amending the Continuing Professional Development rule, and an addition of a provision in relation to the Continuing Professional Development Rule during an emergency.

MOTION: **Chairman Dixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3201-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3701-2000F: **MiChell Bird**, IDOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3701-2000F**, a pending rule regarding the rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission. Ms. Bird stated the rules were previously approved in its entirety and changes were in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. She added that there were no additional changes from last year.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3701-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3900-2000F: **MiChell Bird**, IDOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3900-2000F, Subsection 24.39.10**, a pending rule regarding rules of the Idaho Electrical Board. Ms. Bird said the rules needed to be re-authorized and changes were done in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. She said that there were three main changes to the rules: the ratio of 2 to 1 to 4 to 1 in relation to journeymen and electrical apprentices, the elimination of language in rules that were previously overlooked, and an update of the term 'bureau' to 'division.'

In response to a Committee question, **MiChell Bird** deferred to **Patrick Grace**, Deputy Administrator, IDOPL. Mr. Grace stated the 2017 National Electrical Code is the most recent code adopted.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Crane** provided background regarding the discussions of journeymen to apprentice ratios in previous years by the legislature. He expressed frustration with the ratio change, stating the director was aware of the Committees wishes and disregarded them.

Committee members expressed confusion about the document being referenced in relation to the materials provided.

Vice Chairman Furniss put the committee at ease.

Vice Chairman Furniss resumed the meeting.

In response to Committee questions, **Patrick Grace** stated the debate of journeymen to apprentice ratios has been discussed for many years, the main concerns regarding the ratio was safety and training for apprentices, and inspectors aren't able to catch every single mistake.

Those speaking **in support** were **Jason Hudson**, AFL-CIO, and **Marty Durand**, Idaho Building Trade. Mr. Hudson expressed concern, stating that the removal of a journeyman to apprentices ratio would make it more difficult to follow safety guidelines and for individuals wanting to participate in the trade. Ms. Durand stated she opposed any rejections to the Idaho Electric Board rules and changes should be done through legislation.

In response to Committee questions, **Jason Hudson** provided information about the current availability of journeymen in Idaho and due to the booming construction industry throughout the State, training and safety measures are more important to electrical apprenticeships.

Rep. Crane, Shepherd, and Chairman Dixon declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that they would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3900-2000F, Section 105**, with the exception of **Subsection 09.a. and 09.b.**

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Berch** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY.**

MiChell Bird, IDOPL, expressed appreciation for the discussion and consideration the Committee shared and hopes that with the reorganization of IDOPL would help with addressing the Committee's concerns.

DOCKET NO. 24-3900-2000F: **MiChell Bird**, IDOPL, presented the remaining subsections of **Docket No. 24-3900-2000F.**

MOTION: **Rep. Ferch** made a motion to approve the remaining **Subsections of Docket No. 24-3900-2000F.**

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

Kaitly Reineke, House Page, was recognized for her service. Ms. Reineke expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a page.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 102	Real Estate Licensure	Rep. Armstrong
H 103	Non-Profit Meeting Requirements	Rep. Shepherd
H 143	Building Code, Mass Timber	Rep. Troy
H 201	Electrical Work. Alarms, Exemptions	Rep. Crane

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Rep Crane	Rep Andrus
Rep Palmer	Rep Nichols
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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Adams

GUESTS: MiChell Bird, Director, Real Estate Commission, Will Hart, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association, Douglas Jones, Citizen, Heather Stegner, American Wood Council, Ron Johnson, Nampa Fire Department, Steven Thomas, Hawley Troxell for Idaho Forest Group

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

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 102: **Rep. Armstrong** presented **H 102**, legislation in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. Rep. Armstrong stated the legislation would eliminate unnecessary language requiring the Department of Real Estate to monitor leasing and to carry broker books.

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Armstrong** deferred to **MiChell Bird**, Director, Real Estate Commission. MiChell Bird provided clarification on the use of quotations around the word customer within the legislation and explained the agreement presented by the agent to the individual regarding their position as a customer or a client at the first substantial business contact. She also stated she was not aware as to why certain sections of the legislation were written in all capitalization, but that the specific sections had been formatted that way since working with the Real Estate Commission.

In response to a Committee request, **Rep. Armstrong** revisited the purpose of the legislation.

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

In support of the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** said he agreed with the legislation, but was surprised the definition of a customer wasn't outlined in relation to disclosures.

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

H 103: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **H 103**, legislation that would allow members of non-profits to participate in meetings remotely. He added the Board of Directors would make the final decision on remote communication.

Those speaking **in support** were **Will Hart**, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association, and **Douglas Jones**, Citizen. Both spoke to the challenges faced over the past year due to COVID-19 and how the legislation would have been helpful in facilitating meetings.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **H 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 143: **Rep. Troy** presented **H 143**, legislation regarding the adoption of a specific section of International Building Code that would allow the mass use of timber for commercial and residential construction in the State of Idaho. **Rep. Troy** addressed a question previously posed in Committee, stating bypassing the current rate of International Building Code adoption in relation to this legislation was necessary, and if the legislation were adopted at the current rate, it wouldn't be enacted until the year 2024.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to sent **H 143** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Those speaking **in support** were **Steven Thomas**, Hawley Troxell for Idaho Forest Group, and **Heather Stegner**, American Wood Council. Both spoke in favor of the legislation and how it would benefit the state given the booming construction industry statewide.

In response to a Committee question, **Heather Stegner** stated she wasn't sure of the percentages in regards to timber use, but would follow-up with the Representative. She addressed another Committee question, stating the technology that would allow the mass use of timber has been used on the national level for four to five years.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to **HOLD H 201** until the following week. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

Chairman Dixon introduced the Committee Page, **Mayerli Molina**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 25, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1049	Idaho Bank Act	Rep. Furniss
H 178	Apprenticeships, Licensing	Rep. DeMordaunt

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Chairman Dixon Rep DeMordaunt
Vice Chairman Furniss Rep Clow
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Rep Palmer Rep Nichols(Brooks)
Rep Barbieri Rep Adams
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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols (Brooks), Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Bundy, Adams

GUESTS: Kate Haas, Opportunity Solutions Project, Anthony Polidori, Department of Finance, Trent Wright, Bankers Association,

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

S 1049: **Rep. Furniss** presented **S 1049**, legislation regarding the Idaho Bank Act. Rep. Furniss stated the legislation would update the requirements for board members to participate in meetings remotely and remove the number of required board meetings per year. He said the legislation would also eliminate the requirement for the majority of directors on the board to reside in Idaho, update bank fees for excessive total assets, and remove a twenty percent write-down for bank-owned properties after a five year property ownership extension expires. He added the legislation related to associated rule making, only applies to State chartered banks, and that there was no opposition to the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1049** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Furniss** clarified the twenty percent property value removal only applied to repossessed properties and that theoretically, none of the board members would have to be residents of Idaho.

Those speaking **in support** were **Anthony Polidori**, Department of Finance, and **Trent Wright**, Idaho Bankers Association. Both spoke in favor of the legislation for banks across the State and addressed questions of Committee members.

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

H 178: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **H 178**, legislation regarding apprenticeships. Rep. DeMordaunt stated the legislation would require State licensing authorities to issue licenses to apprenticeships. She stated the legislation would apply to all agencies that currently offer apprenticeships, as well as allow an opportunity to agencies for future apprenticeship programs to provide licenses.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** stated that all agencies categorized under professional licensing would be included in the legislation and the requirements for apprentices would still apply.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 178** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Shepherd declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

Speaking **in support** was **Kate Haas**, Opportunity Solutions Project. Mrs. Haas stated the legislation would help remove barriers and addressed previous Committee questions in relation to how many apprenticeship programs the legislation would apply to as well as details on how agencies and boards would handle the licensing process.

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Berch** expressed concern of allowing all occupational and professional agencies to provide licenses to apprentices and felt apprehensive about supporting the legislation until he had a better understanding of what the ramifications may be.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. DeMordaunt will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

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

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #3
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, March 01, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28716	Lien Proof and Fees	Rep. Troy
RS28640	Occupational Licensing, Repeal	Rep. DeMordaunt
RS28705	Idaho Energy Conservation Code	Rep. Dixon
H 147	Insurance Data Security Act	Rep. Furniss

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 01, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage, Steve Thomas, Sarah Bettwiser, State Farm/Select Health, Tim Olson, AHIP, Jeremy Chou, Progressive, Ken Burgess, ID Building Contractor, Dean Cameron, Department of Insurance, Mike Kane,

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

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28716: **Rep. Troy** presented **RS 28716**, proposed legislation regarding material liens. Rep. Troy stated certain documentation and notification of applying for a material lien would be required. She added that there is already a liens process in code and the prevailing party would have the right to an attorney.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Troy** provided clarification on how the proposed legislation would interact with current Idaho code.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to introduce **RS 28716**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28640: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **RS 28640**, proposed legislation regarding a sunset date for the legislative review of certain occupational license chapters in Idaho code. Rep. DeMordaunt stated the proposed legislation would create a sunset review date of July 1, 2022. She added she hoped the proposed legislation would lead to continual review processes in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** explained the definition of repealing in the language and that the specific chapters were chosen because she believed it was a good place to start the sunset review process.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to introduce **RS 28640**.

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. DeMordaunt** stated the review process was not set and hoped approval of the proposed legislation would bring about additional review processes of other chapters and boards.

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

RS 28705: **Rep. Crane** presented **RS 28705**, proposed legislation regarding the creation of the Idaho Energy Conservation Code. Rep. Crane stated the purpose of the legislation is to remove energy codes from the Idaho Building Codes and create a separate energy code.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 28705**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Rep. DeMordaunt**.

H 147:

Rep. Furniss presented **H 147**, legislation regarding the creation of the Insurance Data Security Act. Rep. Furniss stated the purpose of the legislation is to create a security plan in case there is a system security breach. He added that he felt the development of a security plan at the state level was crucial.

Speaking **in support** was **Jeff Neumeyer**, United Heritage. Mr. Neumeyer gave additional information on the process and coordination involved to create the legislation. He also provided points made in opposition to the legislation.

Rep. DeMordaunt turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Neumeyer** provided clarification on the purpose of exempting small insurance companies and why creating a security act at state level was necessary. He also responded to other Committee questions, stating benefits of the legislation passing would be assistance and regulation from the Director of the Department of Insurance and the importance of a given plan to follow in case an insurance company's data is compromised.

Those also speaking **in support** were **Steve Thomas**, Hawley Troxell, **Tim Olsen**, AHIP, **Mike Kane**, APCIA, **Ron Williams**, Delta Dental, and **Director Cameron**. They were of the opinion the legislation was necessary to protect insurers and consumers.

In response to Committee questions, **Director Cameron** stated visibility in regards to the NAIC was not typical or the intention of the legislation, but to have reasonable standards for all participants involved. He also stated that passing this legislation would create uniformity and allow insurers to be in contact with other states who have dealt with a data breach.

Rep. Crane expressed apprehension to Director's ability to withhold information if there were a cybersecurity event and that without that provision, insurers would be held accountable in court. He also expressed concern that if the information were withheld, the press wouldn't have access to the information and shareholders wouldn't be notified.

In response, **Rep. Furniss** deferred to **Mr. Neumeyer**. Mr. Neumeyer stated the law suit and public record wouldn't be done through the Director and that they wrote this portion of the legislation to create balance. He stated he disagreed with **Rep. Crane's** comment about confidentiality, stating confidential documents and cybersecurity events shouldn't be broadly shared beyond the Director.

Rep. Clow spoke **in support** of the confidentiality authority of the Director and that the insurance company should have the ability to analyze risks of releasing the information to the public.

In response to Committee questions, **Director Cameron** stated they don't intend on sharing individual data of policyholders and would only release general information on the manner of the data breach to consumers.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane made a motion to **HOLD H 147** in Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, March 03, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 147	Insurance Data Security Act	Rep. Furniss
H 144	Insurance, Employee Confidentiality	Rep. Ferch
H 254	Building Code, Uniform	Rep. Adams

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Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Clow
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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 03, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage, Sarah Bettwieser, State Farm/SelectHealth, Clint Pasketwitz, Big I, Dean Cameron, Director, Department of Insurance (DOI), Randy Pedal, DOI, Mike Reynoldson, Blue Cross of Idaho, Brody Aston, Idaho Association of Building Officials, Darcy Neidigh, DeBest Plumbing, Jason Blais, City of Boise, Stephen Thomas, Farm Bureau and IAHP

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

H 147: **Rep. Furniss** continued the presentation of **H 147**, legislation regarding the creation of an Insurance Data Security Act, which was previously heard in Committee on March 1, 2021. Rep. Furniss stated the purpose of the legislation wasn't only about cybersecurity, but about upholding the Constitution and the concept of Federalism. He added that it was a miracle that all parties involved supported the legislation.

Speaking **in support** was **Jeff Neumeyer**, United Heritage. Mr. Neumeyer said that after many drafts and despite the legislation being imperfect, the model in the legislation was far better than the NAIC model and believed it was better for Idaho.

Rep. Galloway spoke **in support** of the legislation, stating at first she had great concerns with the legislation from the perspective of a small business, but now felt comfortable supporting it.

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to send **H 147** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Those speaking **in support** of the motion were **Rep. Clow** and **Rep. Berch**. Rep. Clow said the legislation would allow for state sovereignty practice and the use of NAIC language was necessary for uniformity in line with other state cybersecurity legislation. Rep. Berch said that while the legislation wasn't perfect, it is better than the status quo and those who worked on the legislation deserved to have it pass.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Crane** stated there were too many corrections that needed to be made in portions of the legislation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a substitute motion to send **H 147** to General Orders.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Crane** stated he didn't like the use of a personal mark, but after speaking with **Mr. Neumeyer**, there was room to negotiate his concerns within the legislation and have them corrected. He also addressed concerns about working as quickly as possible to make any changes before the transmittal end date.

Those speaking **in support** of the substitute motion were **Rep. Ferch**, **Rep. Nichols**, and **Rep. Armstrong**. They all spoke to the good nature of the legislation, but expressed concerns of personal marks and also said they would like to take advantage of fixing minor changes to the legislation instead of having an entirely new bill redrafted.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 144:

Rep. Ferch presented **H 144**, legislation regarding compensation of officers, directors, trustees, and employees of any health insurance carriers. **Rep. Ferch** stated he considered this a transparency bill and felt it would benefit taxpayers to know where their tax money is going. He added that other entities and other states have this information public and that it should be the same in Idaho.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Ferch** stated that not all compensation data is disclosed on the annual report, that he wanted insurance companies to follow similar compensation policies of tax-exempt agencies, and that the intent of the legislation was not to drive down policy costs.

Those speaking **in opposition** were **Jeff Neumeyer**, United Heritage and **Stephen Thomas**, Farm Bureau and IAHP. **Mr. Neumeyer** said that he was uncomfortable with this legislation because employees paid less than top executives, would have their salary information available to the public and compensation of executives is already available in a compensation exhibit form. **Mr. Thomas** stated the legislation lacked validity, is a solution in search of a problem, and would result in unintended consequences.

In response to testimony, **Rep. Ferch** stated the legislation was not unique in comparison to what other states are doing and that an unintended consequence of passing the legislation would be the possibility of future discussions leading to the lowering of policy costs.

Chairman Dixon called for a motion on **H 144**. Due to lack of a motion, **H 144** will be held in Committee.

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

H 254:

Rep. Dixon presented **H 254**, legislation regarding the removal of certain electrical, mechanical, and plumbing codes and amend existing code for localities. **Rep. Dixon** stated the legislation was to prevent localities from having a workaround the current codes.

Those speaking **in opposition** were **Darcy Neidigh**, DeBest Plumbing, **Jason Blais**, City of Boise, and **Brody Aston**, ID Associates of Building Officials. **Ms. Neidigh** stated she didn't fully understand the legislation and was under the impression the legislation would remove the requirement of having inspections in more rural areas. **Mr. Blais** and **Mr. Aston** stated the legislation, if enacted, wouldn't be in the correct section of code.

In response to separate Committee questions, both **Ms. Niedigh** and **Mr. Aston** stated they would be more comfortable with the legislation if certain changes were made.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane made a motion to send **H 254** to **General Orders**.

Those speaking **in opposition** to the motion were **Rep. Berch** and **Rep. Barbieri**. **Rep. Berch** said sending it to General Orders wouldn't fix the issues, leading to unintended consequences, and felt more information was needed. **Rep. Barbieri** stated since there was discussion of getting the changes implemented to the correct section of code, he felt new legislation would need to be drafted instead.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 254** in Committee.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Dixon** stated he would prefer to have **H 254** sent to **General Orders**.

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that he would be voting on the legislation.

Speaking **in support** of the substitute motion, **Rep. Clow** said that due to too many complicated changes, he would rather the legislation be redone.

Speaking **in opposition** of the substitute motion, **Rep. Galloway** said she would prefer to have changes done through General Orders if they could be done before the transmittal deadline.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Vice Chairman Furniss called for a vote on the substitute motion to **HOLD H 254** in Committee. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Vice Chairman Furniss called for a vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Friday, March 05, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 275	Lien Proofs and Fees	Rep. Troy

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 05, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams (LaNier), Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, Ferch, Green

GUESTS: Zach Forster, IBA, Pam Secord, citizen

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Chairman Dixon put the meeting at ease.

Chairman Dixon resumed the meeting.

H 275: **Rep. Troy** presented **H 275**, legislation regarding proof of material liens. Rep. Troy said the legislation would require documentation for consideration of the lien to the consumer as well as a notice if a lien has been put on your home. She added that there were changes made in code relating to attorney fees.

Speaking **in support** was **Pam Secord**, citizen, and **Zach Forster**, IBA. Ms. Secord provided an account of her personal experience with building a new home and stated that other citizens building homes may not save documentation and could easily be taken advantage of. She stated the legislation would provide consumer protection. Mr. Forster stated the legislation provided clarity through the lien process, as well as comfort for consumers and assurity for banks around Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **H 275** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, March 09, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1024	Occupational Licensing, Hiring	Rep. DeMordaunt
S 1026	Occupational, Professional Licensing	Rep. DeMordaunt
S 1056	Licensing Boards, Occupational, Professional	Rep. DeMordaunt

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Adams, Bundy

GUESTS: Tim Frost, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Darcy Neidigh, DeBest Plumbing

MOTION: **Chairman Dixon** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Rep. Berch made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, March 1, and March 3, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke to **S 1024**, legislation regarding the hiring authority within DOPL. Rep. DeMordaunt provided background on the changes made last year to allow for the reorganization of DOPL and that the legislation would transfer hiring authority to the Division Administrator.

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke to **S 1026**, legislation that would update organizational statute for several licensing boards to the new agency name of Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL).

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke to **S 1056**, legislation regarding a universal fund for the eleven new boards under DOPL. Rep. DeMordaunt stated the legislation would rename the fund for each board.

Rep. DeMordaunt deferred to **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager, DOPL for the remainder of the presentation.

S 1024: **Mr. Frost** presented **S 1024**, legislation regarding the hiring authority within DOPL. Mr. Frost stated with the passage of this legislation, it would give hiring authority to DOPL's Division Administrator. He added the purpose of this legislation would allow for quality work, to be more in line with other agencies, and support staff with unique matters while still providing proper communication.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Frost** stated the legislation wouldn't change the classification of the boards, rule making process, or the statutory scheme. Mr. Frost said the leadership of the board would still be vested in the board members, and by giving authority for the Division Administrator to hire, it would allow for the needs of the boards to be met while also being fiscally responsible in the decision making process. He added that at this time, there wasn't anything specifically lined up for this process to be done through Administrative Rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1024** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Crane and **Dixon** declared Rule 80 on all pieces of legislation, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that they would be voting on the legislation.

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

S 1026: **Mr. Frost**, DOPL, presented **S 1026**, legislation that would update organizational statute for eleven licensing boards under the new agency name of Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL). Mr. Frost stated that all licensing boards previously under the Department of Self-governing Agencies, entities previously assigned to the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, and all boards under the previous Division of Building Safety would be referenced in statute under DOPL.

MOTION: **Rep. Ferch** made a motion to send **S 1026** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1056: **Mr. Frost**, DOPL, presented **S 1056**, legislation that would create a single occupational licenses fund for all eleven agencies now under DOPL. Mr. Frost stated the fund would be called the Occupational Licenses Fund, allow the new LUMA cost account structure to track fund details, and transition the current administrator duties of the previous Division of Building Safety to the DOPL Division Administrator.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1056** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, March 11, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1042aa	Public Contracts, Professional Service	Rep. Young
H 291	Business Bill of Rights	Rep. Crane
H 292	Electrical Contractors, Fire Alarms	Rep. Crane

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jeremy Chou, ACEC, Brian Stutzman, citizen, James Mullen, Keller Associates Inc & ACEC, Nicholas Contos, citizen, taxpayer, Benn Brocksome, BB&A/AIA, Jake Cluff, BB&A/AIA, Sean Schupack, AGC, John Sanders III, CORE Construction, Keith Watts, IPPA, Lorna Mitson, citizen, Steven Keyser, citizen

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

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5 and March 9, 2021.
Motion carried by voice vote.

S 1042: **Rep. Young** presented **S 1042**, legislation which would clarify Idaho's Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process for political subdivisions. **Rep. Young** stated the legislation would define professional services for projects, create a function for a request for qualifications of projects, and require that the ranking and scoring system used to determine the winning contractor be available to the public. She added that political subdivisions could retain a list of applicants for up to five years.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Young** explained the use of a scoring system when choosing an applicant for the professional service.

Rep. Green declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the legislation.

In response to additional Committee questions, **Rep. Young** deferred to **Jeremy Chou**, ACEC. **Mr. Chou** stated the qualification process is done to protect political subdivisions, that the applicant list can be redone before the five year period, and that the qualification categories varied.

Rep. Green spoke in favor of the legislation, stating it would be a great addition to the industry.

Those speaking **in support** were **Nicholas Contos**, citizen, **Benn Brocksome**, BB&A/AIA, **Brian Stutzman**, citizen, **James Mullan**, Keller Associates Inc. & ACEC, **Sean Shupack**, AGC, **John Sanders III**, and CORE Construction. **Mr. Contos** stated he was a veteran of the construction industry and that a scoring system being transparent to the public was necessary, but didn't believe the legislation went far enough. **Mr. Brocksome**, **Mr. Stutzman**, and **Mr. Mullan** stated the legislation would create a better selection process and beneficial to political subdivisions. **Mr. Shupack** stated the legislation would continue the history and success of QBS; he added that prices can be negotiated and the legislation would create a uniformed process.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Contos** stated he didn't think there needs to be a standardized scoring system, clarified that bids on projects were public, and believes that nepotism and trust shouldn't be the only reasons why a contractor is selected for a project.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Shupack** stated there are different scoring system deliveries based on the quantity of the project, and that the legislation would help with pricing negotiation and educate local governments on fee guidelines and the services they may need.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Sanders** stated the legislation wouldn't inhibit the success of smaller contractor companies and provided his own experience of applying for projects with his company.

In response to a Committee question, **Mr. Contos** stated the legislation would make it difficult for smaller businesses to get a head start.

Also speaking **in support** was **Mr. Chou**, stating while some who testified before him may have concerns, none opposed the legislation, and it provided clarity and if a political subdivision wanted to conduct a project, he hoped they would do their diligence in hiring the correct contractor.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1042** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Crane and **Dixon** declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that they would be voting on the legislation.

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

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

H 291: **Rep. Crane** declared **Rule 80** stating a possible conflict of interest, but that he would be presenting the legislation. **Rep. Crane** presented **H 291**, legislation that would create a Business Bill of Rights. **Rep. Crane** stated the purpose of the legislation is to provide clarity and certainty for business owners during emergency declarations. He added the business owners would have the right to determine to keep their business open and checks government overreach.

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Crane** stated there would still be instances where the government/health district could close down a business if there was a violation, the intent of the legislation wasn't to allow health districts to close down businesses outside of an emergency declaration, and that he believed the founding fathers didn't fight for the right of an individual to conduct business only for the government to determine what is essential. He added that if the legislation was not enforced, it would void the entire emergency declaration.

Rep. Nichols declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that she would still be voting on the legislation. **Rep. Nichols** spoke in favor of the legislation, stating that given her personal interactions with business owners during COVID-19, this legislation would ensure business owners could keep their doors open so they could continue to provide for themselves and their families.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to send **H 291** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Green declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that she would be voting on the legislation.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Crane** stated the legislation wouldn't restrict road access and that even though the legislation could result in unintended consequences, he was willing to take the risk given what happened during COVID-19 and that his intent in creating the legislation was in relation to emergency declarations due to a public health order.

Rep. Mitchell declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that he would be voting on the legislation. **Rep. Mitchell** spoke **in support** of the legislation, stating that most business owners would take precaution in situations of emergency declarations.

Speaking **in support** was **Steven Keiser**, citizen. Mr. Keiser said that while what happened during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic was a lot better in Boise than where he fled from, there were still instances of disrespect and disregard of people's rights with closing down businesses. He stated he appreciated the legislation and wants power taken back by the Legislature.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Berch** stated that while he appreciated the sincerity and principle of the legislation, he believed the legislation was only being done as a reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Rep. Berch** said that Committee members should look at the legislation through eyes of the future instead of voting based on experiences from the last year. He added that in the future, there could be circumstances where the government may need to intervene to strike balance between the rights of an individual and society.

In support of the motion, **Rep. DeMordaunt** stated that she felt a Business Bill of Rights was necessary, could eventually be added to, and that Idahoans have the right to earn a living and take care of their families.

Due to the absence of the motion-maker, the motion was tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION:

MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a motion to send **H 291** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Ferch declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Berch** spoke about a personal experience with what business were considered essential and those that were not. **Rep. Berch** stated he was unhappy with the arbitrary way businesses were handled during the pandemic.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Andrus** stated that even though the language wasn't perfect, it was the proper way for freedom for businesses in the future and to ensure all businesses are considered essential.

VOTE ON MOTION:

H 292:

Motion carried by voice vote. **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Crane presented **H 292**, legislation which would allow firefighters to change out smoke or carbon monoxide detectors without having an electrician license in one and two family dwellings and create an exemption for firefighters to install or replace fire alarm panels in communication devices. **Rep. Crane** stated the legislation wouldn't allow local jurisdictions to make their own changes and explained the reasoning for the use of an emergency clause in the legislation. He added that local Fire Marshals met with him and supported the legislation.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Crane** explained the use of certain language in the legislation and that he didn't have written support from local Fire Marshals.

MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a motion to send **H 292** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Berch** stated he agreed with the intent of the legislation, but would like a follow-up from **Rep. Crane** about the verbal agreement made.

Speaking **in support** was **Ron Johnson**, Fire Marshal, Nampa Fire Department. Marshal Johnson stated that with current law, he and other firefighters could only replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; he felt the legislation would serve the community well. Marshal Johnson also stated that in regards to the communication devices update, most issues are found during an inspection, but the legislation would allow for firefighters to assist their communities further.

In response to a Committee questions, **Marshal Johnson** stated a firefighter is not allowed to accept money for a service from citizens, and should recommend making a donation to their charity committee instead.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, March 15, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 328	Digital Asset Transactions	Rep. Manwaring
H 327	Financial Technology	Rep. Manwaring
S 1013	Commercial Transactions	Rep. Furniss
S 1014aa	Collection Agencies	Rep. Furniss

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Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Clow
Rep Crane	Rep Andrus
Rep Palmer	Rep Nichols
Rep Barbieri	Rep Adams
Rep Armstrong	Rep Bundy

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Rep Berch
Rep Green

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 15, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow (McClusky), Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Dixon, Representative(s) Adrus, Adams, Galloway

GUESTS: Anthony Polidori, Administration Deputy Director, Department of Finance (DOF), Del Chapel, citizen, Eva Selleck, citizen, Ryan Fitzgerald, Northwest Credit Union Association (NCUA),

Vice Chairman Furniss called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

H 328: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **H 328**, legislation regarding digital assets. Rep. Manwaring stated the purpose of the legislation is to create a legal status for digital assets under commercial law, classify digital assets as personal property under code, specify a method to perfect any digital asset in relation to security interests, and authorize voluntary custodial services of digital assets for financial institutions. He added that this legislation is the foundational work for digital assets in Idaho.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Manwaring** provided clarification on copy rights relating to business rights, provided clarity on legal ownership of digital assets, and that there were no changes to intellectual property rights. He added the intent of the legislation is to make it easier to track ownership of property.

Those speaking **in opposition** were **Del Chapel**, citizen, and **Eva Selleck**, citizen. Mr. Chapel stated digital assets and the legislation were new concepts and urged the Committee members to carefully consider the legislation. Ms. Selleck stated she was concerned with how the legislation would affect tax codes and about how revenue would be monitored.

Speaking **in support** was **Anthony Polidori**, Administration Deputy Director, Department of Finance. Mr. Polidori stated that financial institutions are in favor of the legislation in regards to the authority given for financial institutions to hold and maintain digital assets for their clients.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Polidori** explained that holding digital assets for clients would essentially be done through a digital ledger.

In closing, **Rep. Manwaring** stated there was no global currency agenda, the legislation was modeled after another state's legislation, and expressed urgency in passing this legislation, as he felt it was important to at least have the topic presented to the public, which result in more education on the topic.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Manwaring** stated it was his intent to have the legislation sent to the floor for discussion to bring attention to the topic and that he personally carried the legislation, not on the behalf of an agency.

Vice Chairman Furniss put the Committee at ease at 1:57 p.m.

Vice Chairman Furniss resumed the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **H 328** to the floor without recommendation.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** stated the legislation was complex and more education was necessary.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a motion to **HOLD H 328** in Committee.

In opposition to the substitute motion, **Rep. Crane** stated the legislation would go to the third reading calendar and would stay there. He added that the only purpose of sending it to the floor was to create public awareness.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Vice Chairman Furniss called for a vote on the substitute motion to **HOLD H 328** in Committee. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Vice Chairman Furniss called for a vote on the original motion to send **H 328** to the floor without recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** and **Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 327:

Rep. Manwaring presented **H 327**, legislation that would establish the Idaho Utility Act. **Rep. Manwaring** stated the legislation would create open blockchain utility tokens through an application process, creating a certificate of authenticity as well as financial technology sandboxes, which would allow an individual to make innovative financial products or services available to consumers for a period of time. He added the statutory and rule requirements for financial sandboxes would be determined by the director of the Department of Finance.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Manwaring** stated the legislation wouldn't change current tax law, that the IRS is currently working on regulating sandboxes, and similar legislation in other states had been passed recently.

Speaking **in support** was **Anthony Polidori**, DOF, stating that states who have passed similar legislation have benefitted and discussions and instances of blockchain utility tokens and financial sandboxes are already happening in Idaho.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Manwaring** expressed appreciation for the passage of **H 328** in moving dialogue forward, but felt it would be better to **HOLD H 327** in Committee.

MOTION:

Rep. Nichols made a motion to **HOLD H 327** in Committee.

Those **in support** of the motion were **Rep. Nichols** and **Green**. Both stated they appreciated the sponsor for getting the conversation started, but felt more education was necessary to continue.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Vice Chairman Furniss called for a vote on the motion to **HOLD H 327** in Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Rep. DeMordaunt**.

S 1013:

Anthony Polidori, DOF, presented **S 1013**, legislation that would allow for the use of an electronic systems for licensing for regulated lenders and payday lenders. **Mr. Polidori** stated the purpose of the legislation is to create efficient licensing processes for new businesses, to modify administrative and civil remedies for consumer credits provisions, and reduce applicable licensing requirements for regulated and payday lenders.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Polidori** stated the liquidity requirement applications were unnecessary for payday lenders and current credit code demonstrates requirements.

MOTION:

Rep. Armstrong made a motion to send **S 1013** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Those **in support** of the motion were **Rep. Shepherd** and **Green**; however, both stated they would like more information about the legislation and explained a possibility of changing their votes on the floor if more information was introduced.

In opposition of the motion was **Rep. Berch**, stating that since there was a possibility of new information being presented, he didn't want to send the legislation to the floor.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Rep. DeMordaunt called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1013** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1014aa:

Anthony Polidori, DOF, presented **S 1014aa**, legislation regarding collection agency provisions. Mr. Polidori stated the purpose of the legislation is to allow agencies to collect incidental charges included in a contract between a creditor and a debtor, create licensing efficiencies by using an electronic systems for licensing and reinstatement of an expired license, revise license, registration, and renewal application fees while also removing the licensing requirement of an individual in the position of handling licensee charges, and change agent reporting requirements from quarterly to annual.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Polidori** stated the legislation removed significant burdens of the licensee, there currently is an allowance in law regarding the sunset date, and the reasoning for a fee increase is to offset the changes in the reporting requirements.

MOTION:

Rep. Palmer made a motion to send **S 1014aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

A roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE, 8 NAY, 6 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Palmer, and Armstrong.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Barbieri, Bundy, Ferch, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green, and DeMorduant.** **Reps. Dixon, Crane, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, and Galloway were absent/excused.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Vice Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1011	Land Surveying Systems	Rep. Green
S 1083	Licensure by Endorsement, Military	Rep. DeMordaunt
S 1084	Occupational Licensing, Committee	Rep. DeMordaunt

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow (McClusky), Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Clow (McClusky), Andrus, Nichols

GUESTS: MiChell Bird, Division of Professional and Occupational Licenses (DOPL), Thomas Judge, Deputy Director, Idaho Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors (IPELS)

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

Chairman Dixon stated **S 1011** would be moved to the bottom of the agenda.

S 1083: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **S 1083**, legislation regarding occupational licensing reform for military members, veterans, and spouses. **Rep. DeMordaunt** stated the purpose of the legislation is to create a maximum application deadline of fifteen business days and to provide verification that a license was issued in another jurisdiction. She added that this legislation would make Idaho more friendly and inviting to military members, veterans, and spouses, as well as to provide clarity for easier navigation of the application process.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** clarified the process of future disciplinary action in situations of investigations.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1083** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1084: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **S 1084**, legislation to create a sunset process for the Sunrise Review Committee. She said starting in 2022, there would be an annual rotation to review six groups of boards and would determine which boards needed to be evaluated. She stated if the Legislature or Governor would like a specific board reviewed, the Sunrise Review Committee would evaluate it, but make the final decision. She added the hope for the Sunrise Review Committee is to remove unnecessary regulation and clarified all provision or changes would be sent to the germane committee for review.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** explained the sunrise and sunset process, how long the committee had been in place, and the board would be able to go back and review the change(s). She also ensured this legislation would cancel out previous legislation which caused licensing concerns and license review processes would be handled in this manner moving forward.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1084** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1011: **Rep. Green** presented **S 1011**, legislation regarding the evaluation of mapping standards and methods. **Rep. Green** stated the legislation would allow for local level rulemaking to be aligned at the national level in the future. She added the legislation also clarifies the reporting process to the Governor.

Rep. Green turned the remainder of her presentation over to **Thomas Judge**, Deputy Director, IPELS. He stated the legislation would repeal reporting requirements to the Governor for redundancy purposes, remove mapping standards, change definitions for mapping large areas, remove zone names, add standards for new coordinates, modernize the definition of coordinates, and change the use of the definition of a U.S. Survey Foot unit of measurement. He said that the legislation would also create nine new mapping zones, add an accuracy statement of coordinates, allow for the use of a new mathematical model of the earth, allow and recognize use of different systems of measurement in the private sector, keep coordinates supplemental when closing a home, and require that any coordinate modifications be reported and explained.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1011** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, April 07, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 102aaS	Real Estate, Licenses - Concurrence with Senate Amendments	Rep. Armstrong

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Furniss Rep Clow
Rep Crane Rep Andrus
Rep Palmer Rep Nichols
Rep Barbieri Rep Adams
Rep Armstrong Rep Bundy

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 07, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Mitchell
GUESTS: None
Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.
H 102aaS: **Rep. Armstrong** presented **H 102aaS**, legislation in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. Rep. Armstrong stated the legislation's original intent was to eliminate unnecessary language requiring the Department of Real Estate to monitor leasing and to carry broker books, but that the Senate wanted to amend it by removing the use of additional language regarding leasing.
In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Armstrong** stated the purpose of the amendment is to reiterate the state isn't involved with leases.
In response to additional Committee questions, **Rep. Armstrong** deferred to **Michelle Bird**, Director, Real Estate Commission. Director Bird stated the purpose of the amendment is to make it more comprehensible by removing language regarding State involvement of leases. Director Bird provided clarification on the transfer of property regarding leases, stating the transfer or sale requires a real estate license, and the leasing of land does not.
MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to concur with Senate amendments on **H 102aaS**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Armstrong** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
MOTION: **Rep. Adams** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, March 15, and March 17, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Friday, April 09, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1143aa	Medicare Policies, Standards	Rep. Galloway

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, April 09, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, DeMordaunt

GUESTS: None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Adams** made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1143aa: **Rep. Galloway** presented **S 1143aa**, legislation regarding Medicare Supplement standards. Rep. Galloway stated the legislation would allow individual healthcare policy holders to change their plan annually without going through an underwriting process.

Rep. Galloway turned the remainder of her presentation over to **Peter Sorensen**, Blue Cross of Idaho. Mr. Sorensen stated the legislation would remove the insurance practice of dead pooling, allow individual policy holders to switch carriers without underwriting on an annual basis, and create a community rate for policy holders.

Rep. Furniss declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Sorensen** stated the legislation would drive better customer service from insurance carriers, as well as encourage more ethical practices. He also explained the current process of dead pooling and that insurers offer different premiums and deductible to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Rep. Ferch expressed concern about creating a community rate for policy holders, stating that it would remove a reward system for individuals who have maintained a healthy lifestyle.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **S 1143aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Clow** shared a personal story about how dead pooling affected a previous client of his and stated the passage of the legislation would benefit Medicare policyholders in Idaho.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
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AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	State Facilitated Retirement Policy - Presentation	
	- <i>OPE Retirement Study Report</i>	Rakesh Mohan/Ryan Langrill, OPE Study
	- <i>AARP Retirement Issues & Models</i>	Lupe Wissel, State Director, AARP
	- <i>H 180 & Virginia's Model</i>	John Watts, Veritas Advisors

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss (Blanchard), Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Armstrong, Clow, Nichols, Adams, Green

GUESTS: Lupe Wissel, State Director, AARP

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

Rakesh Mohan, Director, OPE, spoke briefly on the OPE's report of the 'Preparedness of Idahoans to Retire: Deciding the State's Role.' Director Mohan stated upon the request of several Committee members, a study was conducted to see the feasibility of State involvement to create retirement plans for smaller businesses and the private sector. He said the next steps would be to decide what models would work and the State would need to determine their role in the retirement sector.

Director Mohan turned the remainder of his time over to **Ryan Langrill**, Principal Operator, OPE. Mr. Langrill went into greater detail about the results of the study and stated there were two program options for retirement plans: mandatory or voluntary. He also said based on this information, the Legislature may wish to assign a formal group of stakeholders to discuss options and then build upon those efforts.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Langrill** stated that small employers with separate owners cannot share a 401K plan, requiring a common fiduciary, and the federal regulatory framework has created barriers which states are now trying to work around.

Lupe Wissel, State Director, AARP, presented information about current retirement issues, statistics in Idaho, and models that would possibly resolve them. She said Idaho should get involved with creating a retirement for smaller businesses because the status quo has not worked, it would strengthen Idaho's small businesses, and would help companies stay competitive.

In response to a Committee question, **Director Wissel** stated there are several options for retirement plans, including a tax credit incentive, being considered.

John Watts, Veritas Advisors, presented information about what legislation may look like to create a retirement program for small businesses, as well as potential models being considered. Mr. Watts stated the tenets for future legislation while referring to **H 180**. He said they would like to frame Idaho legislation based on legislation in other states and legislation currently being considered in Virginia relating to college savings. He also said this type of work would need to be done eventually and the Legislature was necessary to successfully carry it out.

In response to a Committee question, **Mr. Watts** stated there was a possibility of providing a tax credit incentive, but in Utah where it was offered, it was not successful.

Julie Ellsworth, State Treasurer, talked about how retirement issues are evolving and did not want to participate in any big government programs, but said by making national systems, a portal could be created for financial fiduciary to manage them and take the burden off of employers.

In response to Committee questions, **State Treasurer Ellsworth** spoke to aspects of Virginia's retirement model and how an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) would apply. She also stated there was no way to see the costs and benefits of models at this time from other states.

Rep. Berch commented on potential concerns with accessibility for individuals with less capabilities as well as younger employees who are not thinking about retirement. He stated he liked the voluntary option and, if legislation is brought back, he wanted to have more information about cost savings.

In response to a Committee questions, **Mr. Langrill** stated their focus for the study was to look at the options, not necessarily apply other state statistics to Idaho, and leave the Legislature to pursue it.

In closing, **Mr. Watts** provided information about another type of retirement model and spoke about the potential to create hybrid models.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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Vice Chairman Furniss	Rep Clow
Rep Crane	Rep Andrus
Rep Palmer	Rep Nichols
Rep Barbieri	Rep Adams
Rep Armstrong	Rep Bundy

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 21, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane, Barbieri, DeMordaunt, Clow, Nichols, Galloway, Berch, Green
GUESTS: None
Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Adams** made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
MOTION: **Rep. Ferch** made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Mayerli Molina-Hernandez, House Page, was recognized for her service. Ms. Molina-Hernandez expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a page.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Monday, November 15, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 410	Employee Medical Information Act - Prohibit Vaccination Requirements	Rep. Shepherd
H 413	Employment Contracts - No Required Vaccinations - Continued Employment	Rep. Okuniewicz
H 415	Employment Contracts - Prohibits Immunization Requirement Exemptions	Rep. DeMordant
H 416	Occupational Licensing - No Vaccination Records Use	Rep. DeMordant
H 419	Labor Contracts - Prohibit Requiring COVID-19 Vaccine Proof	Rep. Mendive
H 421	Immunizations - Prohibit Vaccination Proof - Penalties & Exemptions	Rep. Monks
H 422	Immunizations - Restricts Employer Requiring Certain Vaccinations	Rep. Monks
H 427	Employee Medical Information - Privacy	Rep. Monks

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MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, November 15, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

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

H 410: **Rep. Charlie Shepherd**, District 7, presented **H 410** to provide employment protection without punishment due to vaccination status. It also strengthens the existing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act laws.

Responding to committee questions, **Rep. Shepherd** explained personal liberty and rights are the best route to keep our freedoms in check. This legislation covers all vaccinations. Any violations already exist as part of I.C. Title 44.

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to send **H 410** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Testifying in **opposition** to **H 410** were Kelly Williamson, Darnell Shipp, Maggie Goff, Claudia Frent, Ruth Baker, Sarah Clendenan, Health Freedom Idaho, Leah Henry, Nina Beesley, Matthew Jensen, Rosa Martinez, John Jauvegui, Tanya Boyd, Monica McKinly, Miste Karlfeldt, Health Freedom Idaho, Doug Gross, Chandler Handraba, Courtney Bucklund, Mira Rodriguez, Ryan Spoon.

They shared frustration regarding religious exemptions being denied and jobs being lost. The wording needs to be stronger and include both Medicare and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations. Enforcement needs to impact large businesses. Employers cannot violate the constitutional right of individuals. This legislation does not address employer liability. Private information must remain private and conform to natural law. Inclusion of federal contractors is needed. An example was shared of an employer requiring check marks on the badges of vaccinated employees. It was suggest that some business fines equal the amount of federal monies they receive for COVID-19 treatment.

Testifying **in support** of **H 410** were Eric Bagnard and Dr. Phil Volkman. This legislation provides checks and balances to keep companies in balance. The legislation needs to include a stipulation regarding the inclusion of the COVID-19 vaccination, although it does not meet the vaccination criteria.

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

In closing remarks, **Rep. Shepherd** stated individuals should never be forced to have any vaccination. He was open to any amendments to improve this legislation.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Nichols** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw her motion to send **H 410** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to send **H 410** to General Orders.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 410** in committee at the call of the Chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 413: **Rep. Doug Okuniewicz**, District 2, presented **H 413**. This legislation prohibits an employer from requiring an existing employee to receive a vaccination that was not previously agreed upon by both parties via an employment contract. This is an extension of the Tenth Amendment States Rights. There is a non-discrimination clause and a stipulation regarding the use of a waiver. This legislation does not interfere with existing contracts. A legally protected class of employees is created.

Answering questions, **Rep. Okuniewicz** said violating employers would face a misdemeanor charge. Approximately 60% of the population would be immediately protected.

Rep. Okuniewicz requested **H 413** be held in committee.

Testifying **in opposition** to **H 413** were Dr. Lynn Laird, Jen Graves, Kelly Williamson, Claudia Frent, Miste Karlfeldt, Health Freedom Idaho, Steve Allmer, Ruth Baker, Sarah Clendenon, Health Freedom Idaho, Monica McKinly, Rosa Martinez, Health Freedom Foundation.

They commented on the importance of bodily autonomy. Personal medical information is private. It does not address their concern regarding employers requiring any vaccination. An employer may look for other reasons to fire the employee as a form of retaliation. A business cannot receive a misdemeanor. This is already covered within the Idaho Health Freedom Act (IHFA).

Testifying **in support** of **H 413** were Courtney Bucklund and Dr. Howard Bowers. Their statements included liking the grandfather system and concern regarding the impact on the future of healthcare.

Chairman Dixon recessed the committee at 4:46 p.m. to return at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated the remaining bills will be presented by their sponsors. After all of the presentations the committee will hear public testimony. After the public testimony the committee will vote on all of the legislation.

H 415: **Rep. Gayann DeMordaunt**, District 14, presented **H 415**. This legislation addresses the unconstitutional and unethical vaccine mandates and protects the rights of Idahoans. It adds medical, religious, philosophical, and natural immunity exemptions from workplace vaccine requirements. Both a severability and emergency clause are added. In response to questions, she said the broad coverage for personal and philosophical beliefs has been in use for several years. Constitutional rights must be upheld.

H 416: **Rep. Gayann DeMordaunt**, District 14, presented **H 415**, legislation pertaining to licensing boards or commissions, divisions, or other boards charged with authorizing persons to practice their occupation. It prohibits renewal application denials based on vaccination history. No vaccination status could be requested. The legislation includes an enforcement mechanism, a severability clause, and an emergency clause. She agreed to the possibility of striking the word "sole" on line 27. Because there are items she would like to add, she requested **H 416** be sent to General Orders. Answering a question, she stated, contrary to other states, Idaho's boards have not been making this request.

- H 419:** **Rep. Ron Mendive**, District 3, presented **H 419**. This legislation creates a COVID-19 vaccination status "don't ask, don't tell" policy to prevent termination of employees as a result of their personal decision. It is already included in the IHFA.
- H 421:** **Rep. Jason Monks**, District 22, presented **H 421** to codify and expand Executive Order 2021-04. Through it individuals will not be required to provide proof of vaccination or negative test results for state services, state employment, or to enter a government venue. Civil violation penalties are also stipulated.
- H 422:** **Rep. Jason Monks**, District 22, presented **H 422**. This legislation prevents employer vaccination mandates for current employees as a condition of continued employment. It does allow employers to require vaccination when hiring new employees. After committee discussion, he said he would be open to changes to help this legislation work better.
- H 427:** **Rep. Jason Monks**, District 22, presented **H 427**, legislation to protect an employee's medical privacy. Medical questions would have to be asked prior to hiring the employee and must only pertain to the functions of the job to be performed. A change in job function which is requested by the employee would not become an opportunity to ask such questions. He said changes could be made to cover additional points.

Testifying on the previous pieces of legislation were Leah Henry, Kelly Williamson, Taylor Jepson, Jen Graves, Nina Beesley, Monica McKinly, Dr. Lynn Laird, Lori Anderson.

Comments included several of the pieces of legislation need work. It is important to help people currently employed and rebuild the enthusiasm of future professionals. When the three major hospitals adopted the same disclosure policy on the same day, a lack of medical employment options developed for terminated unvaccinated employees. Important decisions require additional time and research. Moral and procedural standards must be in place and used when approaching all situations. Concern was raised regarding the accuracy of the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). There is a portion of the population who are not present and wish to find out the truth in the issue. These are issues of constitutional rights and freedom protection, not safety. No vaccine has been shown to prevent transmission. The legislation needs to build upon what exists, like the IHFA. Denial of medical access for support persons remains an issue.

Chairman Dixon returned **H 410** to the committee.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to send **H 410** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to **HOLD H 413** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 415** to the floor without recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **H 416** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to send **H 419** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **H 421** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to send **H 422** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to send **H 427** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary