

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 09, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Skaug

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

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 471: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 471** explaining this legislation was passed through this committee and the House floor last session. The unclaimed property law has not been updated since 1983. This legislation would revise and organize code so it is more technologically current. It adds no new authority to the governing agency.

Julie Ellsworth, Idaho State Treasurer, added to the presentation of **H 471**, highlighting relevant definitions provided on pages 4 and 6 of the legislation. In response to committee questions, Ms. Ellsworth clarified gift cards are not included as unclaimed property because there is not always a traceable record. Something like a cashiers check would be included because there is a clear record of the person it belongs to.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 471** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31275: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 31275** explaining this proposed legislation prohibits government entities from compelling employees to use preferred pronouns of individuals, stating any compelled speech is a violation of First Amendment rights. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hill stated legislation of this kind has been passed in 23 states. He also clarified this proposed legislation is only for public entities and does not effect private institutions. He clarified this proposed legislation will not stop anyone from requesting alternate pronouns, it is written to prevent reprisal against an employee if preferred pronouns are not used.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31275**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Stinson and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary