

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 26, 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, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Vice Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

DOCKET NO. 11-0401-2301: **Anisha Jones**, ISP State Racing Commission, presented this docket explaining following zero based review this docket includes consolidated definitions to be more user friendly. Rules which were no longer used, including fees which are no longer applicable, were taken out of the docket.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0401-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 15-1001-2301: **Jeffrey Anderson**, Idaho State Liquor Division explained the primary changes in this docket include a zero based review chapter rewrite making it easier to navigate, the number of product samples which can be withdrawn by suppliers in a month is increased from 10 wine gallons to 20 wine gallons, and to align with **H 744** distilled spirits may now be donated. There are no changes to fee rules. In response to committee questions on page 144, Mr. Anderson clarified the purpose of this language is to ensure state liquor stores remain in a proper location, which is not always the location with the lowest rent.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-1001-2301. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (13)** requested to be recorded voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 31-1201-2301: **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, explained the changes to this docket include uniform edits across all chapters, streamlining and clarification, as well as incorporation by reference following a zero based review chapter rewrite.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-1201-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 31-2101-2301: **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, explained this rule seeks to ensure fair, just, and reasonable deposit and billing service to customers, and outlines how to handle complaints regarding utilities. It also includes uniform edits across all chapters following zero based review. explaining uniform edits across all. He highlighted rule 306 which extends a deadline by one month in response to feedback. In response to committee questions, Mr. Goodson clarified the edit in section 603 was to streamline process. He explained changes which were made in material incorporated by reference would not come before this body for approval. He clarified instances of physical addresses being struck from the rules is in response to it now being mandated by statute the materials a person could find at that address be listed online. He explained there was not consideration of a summer moratorium in these rules.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-2101-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 31-2601-2301:** **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, stated this docket deals with master metering rules which have been in effect since 1980 and regard the equitable treatment of consumers. In response to committee questions, Mr. Goodson explained in apartment buildings heating, water, and air conditioning are individually metered so no one is paying for their neighbors' utilities. he further clarified the appliances are not individually measured just the units.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-2601-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 31-3101-2301:** **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, explained this docket deals with gas service rules and includes uniform edits, strike outs of some incorporations by reference, and puts the commission in line with ANSI standards.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-3101-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 32-0101-2301:** **Chris Anton**, Endowment Fund Investment Board, explained this docket pertains to the rules for the credit enhancement program and includes a chapter rewrite for clarification and word reduction. This program allows school district bonds to be issued with AAA ratings, lowering the borrowing costs. There is an application fee and a one time bond fee for participating schools included in this rule. In response to committee questions, Mr. Anton stated historically the Board has never charged a fee in addition to what is laid out in these rules, however this allows them to charge additionally should they have to engage legal council on an issue.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 32-0101-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 52-0103-2301:** **Jeffrey Anderson**, Idaho State Lottery Commission, explained this docket primarily deals with prize payment of lottery winnings. Currently Idaho Code allows for winnings of \$599 and below to be received where tickets are sold. However stores are expressing concern about safety risks and not having enough cash on hand, so this rule adds different methods of prize payment. It does not change how tickets can be purchased. In response to committee questions, Mr. Anderson explained stores would be allowed to pay out winnings through gift card or electronic fund transfer (EFT). He further clarified the EFTs were not discussed with the committee previously because they were not brought forward until negotiating rule making in December of 2023. He stated method of payment is always chosen by the player, though if a store does not offer a specific method they may have to choose to collect from another store or from Idaho Lottery directly. Lastly, he highlighted the robust process they have in place to protect lottery players and winners personal information.
- Marian Aguilar**, Jacksons Food Stores, testified **in support of Docket No. 52-0103-2301** explaining the gift cards for winnings function exactly like a mastercard debit card and can be used anywhere those are accepted. In response to committee questions, Ms. Aguilar clarified anytime there is over \$150 in the register that money is taken to a safe at which point cashiers no longer have access to it. The gift cards would allow them to pay amounts over \$100 to lottery winners without the issue of having too much cash in the register. She explained Incomm Payments is the company that creates the cards and if one is lost, there is a small replacement fee, but the store is able to replace them.
- Rep. Palmer** clarified to the committee there is a fee paid by the store where the gift card is used.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 52-0103-2301.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a substitute motion to hold **Docket No. 52-0103-2301** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30798: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 30798** explaining this proposed legislation removes several sections of code which are now out of date because they include things the Public Utilities Commission does not have jurisdiction over including various transportation items.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30798. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31495: **Vice Chairman Young** announced to the committee **RS 31495** will be held due to the sponsor being unavailable.

RS 31417C2: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 31417C2** explaining this proposed legislation requires 30 days notice prior to approval of a state government agency transaction of over \$25 million. There are a number of exemptions outlined in the draft. The State Controller and State Treasurer are both on board with this version of the legislation which also includes suggestions from the committee. The fiscal impact is low and as notice must be delivered by e-mail to legislators, to local media outlets, and one advertisement must be made in the newspaper.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31417C2. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31497: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 31497** explaining this proposed legislation addresses a problem with candidate filing deadlines. When a candidate files with a political party, they are given until September 1st. Currently, independent candidates have to file in a much earlier time frame than the standard parties. This proposed legislation would fix this discrepancy before the filing period is over for the upcoming primary.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31497. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31519: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 31519** explaining this proposed legislation will be referred to the Business Committee as it deals with an issue with rations in Electrical Code. In previous Administrative Rules review there were some things added into code which should not have been added, this will use Statute to correct those additions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31519. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary