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MINUTES

SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, January 14, 2016
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW54
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Martin, Senators Lakey, Guthrie, Heider, Rice, Thayn, Schmidt and Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman Patrick** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee).
- INTRODUCTION:** **Chairman Patrick** introduced the new page, Hayden Rogers, and asked him to tell the Committee about himself. **Hayden Rogers** said he attends Centennial High School in Boise, is a senior and is sponsored by Senator Martin. He said he is excited about being a page and learning how everything works at the Legislature.
- RULES REVIEW:** **Chairman Patrick** announced the assignment of the rules was postponed due to a couple of changes. He said the assignment sheet would be emailed to all Committee members later in the afternoon.
- RS 24125:** **Relating to Manufactured Home Residency Act. Jack Lyman**, representing the Idaho Housing Alliance, was the presenter. He gave a brief history of the Mobile Home Park Landlord Tenant Act (Act) and mentioned the Act had been revised. He said mobile homes have not been manufactured since 1976. He noted that this type of home is now called manufactured housing. He said the term "park models" refers to recreational park trailers intended for temporary occupancy. This legislation deletes a definition of "park model" in the Manufactured Home Park Landlord-Tenant Act and removes park model homes from the provisions of that Act. He referred to line 2 on page 2 of the Routing Slip (RS), pointing out the language that is being stricken pertaining to a "park model," meaning a vehicular type unit that has a floor area of 400 square feet or less, meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) recreational standard A119.5, is primarily designed for permanent or semipermanent installation and is used as a residence.
- Senator Schmidt** wanted to know what small houses or micro houses that are 400 square feet would be called and if they met the national standard for recreational vehicles. **Jack Lyman** explained there are concerns about "tiny homes" and that they should meet Housing and Urban Development (HUD) code. He went on to say that "tiny homes" are being manufactured using park models on a single chassis and they are being marketed for permanent occupancy. There could be an exemption from building codes; however, if people live in them permanently, the homes should be subject to code.

MOTION: **Senator Schmidt** moved to send **RS 24125** to print. **Senator Martin** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Chairman Patrick** adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Senator Patrick
Chair

Linda Kambeitz
Secretary