

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Crane (13) and Andrus

**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 9:01 AM.

**S 1313:** **Sen. Hart** presented **S 1313** explaining this bill deals with the Idaho Council on Indian Affairs. The council has ten members including one from each of the five federally recognized tribes in Idaho, four from the legislature, and one member appointed by the governor. The council currently has a chairman and vice chairman. This legislation would change that to two co-chairmen, one tribal member and one legislator. These council meetings are supported by the Legislative Services Office and it would make it easier to administer with a legislator as a co-chair, while still promoting an atmosphere of equality. In response to committee questions, Sen. Hart clarified the tribes are supportive.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1313** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 31739:** **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 31739** explaining this creates a new crime called illegal entry and creates penalties for that crime. It also allows local law enforcement to act and detain illegal immigrants in Idaho, who can then go before a judge and be immediately deported. There are three ports of entry in Idaho and the US Constitution provides states authority to protect those ports and borders in the case of invasion. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) explained there are official ports of entry to the US in every state where people can legally enter the country. He further clarified there are provisions in this proposed legislation for people in the US on a work visa, he also stated there would have to be some kind of funding set up to administer this legislation. He claimed the actions taken by the federal government have not been enough to address immigration and this is Idaho's take on legislation which has been brought forward in Texas. He explained law enforcement is excited about this kind of legislation, though further conversation is needed to discuss details.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31739**.

**Rep. Barbieri** spoke to his motion stating the fiscal note needs to be updated to address the necessary funds for enforcement.

**Rep. Achilles** spoke in **opposition** to the motion stating it is not a good use of taxpayer money to create programs modeled after legislation which is currently tied up in the federal courts. He expressed concerns this legislation is based on a flawed theory of state's role regarding immigration and advocated for a bipartisan approach to immigration reform.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM.

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Representative Young  
Chair

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Kennedy Jones  
Secretary