

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 13, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29116	School Board Trustees; recall of vacated seats	Rep. Ehardt
RS 29134	Absentee ballot assistance for nursing care residents	Rep. Troy
RS 29131	Unaffiliated voter deadline	Rep. Troy

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2022
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Gannon, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Chairman Crane reviewed the committee rules.

RS 29116: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 29116**, which will change the manner in which school board trustees fill vacated positions caused by a recall. Currently, the Board can choose who would permanently fill the vacated seat and this could negatively impact the community as the permanent trustee has not been voted into position. **RS 29116** states that if a regularly scheduled election date is coming within 90 days of a successful recall, the vacated position should remain open until the election, which allows candidates to run for the seat. If the election is further than 90 days away, the vacated trustee position can be filled by the School Board or Board of County Commissioners as a temporary position only and the permanent seat will be decided by the voters at the next possible election cycle.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Ehardt** said this proposed change had been presented to the public and had received no opposition. The reason it was not already in place was the proposed legislation was presented late in an earlier session and had to be pushed to a later date. In response to additional committee questions, Rep. Ehardt confirmed the proposed legislation would not impact the General Fund and that the specified time frames of 90 days would be updated to reflect the updated specified time frames in current legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29116**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29134: **Rep. Troy** presented **RS 29134** which provides a designated process for absentee ballot assistance to persons in nursing care facilities. Rep. Troy stated that Idaho's fast-growing aging population will see an increase of problems in ensuring a secure voter process for residents of care facilities and that additional support is needed in designating non-partisan, trained assistance to this demographic. Three authorized methods of support would be enacted: A volunteer trained in non-partisan assistance would be available through the County Clerk's office by request of the absentee voter or the resident's care facility; the County Clerk's office can request one volunteer from each recognized political party in Idaho to jointly meet with and assist the absentee voter, or an immediate family member of the absentee voter can assist them.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Troy** reiterated there would be minimal to no extra cost for this policy as the County Clerk's office already utilizes volunteers for election needs, and existing training syllabi provided to these volunteers can encompass providing non-partisan assistance to the elderly or other nursing care residents. In response to follow up questions, Rep. Troy explained that the County Clerk's office would be responsible for finding volunteers within the community.

Committee members commented with concern that the bill did not address how the process might be handled in instances where the absentee voter was having issues with memory loss or cognitive functioning, and they could envision potential conflicts of interest sending affiliated persons to help. **Rep. Troy** stated that while we can't legislate "bad behavior," we should try to help in the ways that we can by offering non-partisan options, and this process would prevent direct partisan influence so the three established assistance options are in place as law and candidates, staffers, or other persons attempting to influence or direct the absentee voter towards a specific candidate would be facing misdemeanor charges.

Committee members commented that they wanted to make sure the definition of immediate family is established in the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29134** without the Emergency Clause verbiage.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a **substitute motion** to introduce **RS29134** with the following changes: to add Idaho Code Title 26 Ch. 31 page 303 line 4 (2631-303(4)) to page 1, line 35 to define "Immediate Family."**Substitute Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29131: **Rep. Troy** presented **RS 29131** which would standardize the deadline for any unaffiliated voters to choose and register an affiliation by the candidate filing deadline. This would eliminate the ability to change to a different party or become unaffiliated instead of allowing changes any time up to and including the primary election day. There is minimal to no cost associated with this change.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made the motion to introduce **RS 29131**. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane assigned **Rep. Young** and **Rep. Mathias** as proofreaders for committee minutes and Sub-Committees were still to be determined.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29127	Day of Tears recognition on January 22	Rep. Ehardt
RS 29150	Recognition of life: Henry Fox LeMoyne	Rep. Lickley

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PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 committee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29127: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 29127**. This legislation seeks to remember the lives of unborn children who have perished as a result of abortion. The resolution would call for Idaho to lower the flag to half-staff annually on January 22 to honor the loss of over 62 million lives since the inception of Roe v. Wade. Rep. Ehardt noted the legislation was introduced nationally by **Rep. Mike Braun** from Indiana and that Idaho is joining Ohio, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and South Carolina as states introducing this resolution so far this year as well as Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana last year.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 29127** to the floor for reading.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 29127** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29150: **Rep. Lickley** presented **RS 29150** which seeks to show recognition of one of Idaho's last centenarians of the "greatest generation," **Henry Fox LeMoyne**. Known by friends as Harry "the Fox" LeMoyne, he was a WW2 fighter pilot, a recipient of a Distinguished Purple Heart and the Flying Cross award. Mr. LeMoyne is widely known for his developments in agriculture and irrigation methods. He was inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame. His rich history of contributions to the State and people of Idaho also include his time spent as a County Assessor, an alumni of the University of Idaho and Boise Junior College, and his dedication to family and community. He passed away in August 2021, just shy of 103 years old.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 29150** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Lickley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

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Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 01, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29159	Allow Candidate name rotation on ballots throughout the state	Rep. Nash
RS 29223	Allow a period of 11 months pursuant to a failed bond election before it can be placed on the district ballot again	Rep. Scott Senator Den Hartog
RS 29224	Allows consumer protection of cash purchases in the state of Idaho	Rep. Scott
RS 29267	Government entities may not mandate face coverings for the purpose of containing or preventing disease	Rep. Hanks
	Approval of Minutes 01/18/2022	

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- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29159:** **Rep. Nash** presented **RS 29159**. This legislation was presented last session and became **H 335** but never made it to vote. It seeks to address election integrity by ensuring all districts with 100,000 residents or more have candidate names rotated on ballots instead of a fixed order. This prevents the psychological preference known as "ballot order effect" voters may have towards a candidate who is listed on the top. The ballot order rotations were removed in small districts about ten years ago to save money but the exceptionally close outcomes in recent elections support larger districts renewing ballot order rotation to ensure fairness in the selection process.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 29159**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29223:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 29223**. This legislation was passed by the House in 2020 but was held in the Senate and is being re-introduced for the purpose of limiting aggressive taxation efforts by requiring a waiting period of 11 months after a bond vote before a district can hold a new vote about the same bond. In response to committee requests, Rep. Scott agreed that information on impact to taxpayers incurred during the 11 month waiting period due to the flux of interest rates could be added to the bill prior to it receiving a full hearing.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29223**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29224:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 29224**. This legislation seeks to guarantee consumers making purchases subject to taxation in Idaho must be allowed to pay with cash. All people must be provided equal opportunity to pay with their choice of legal tender. Businesses refusing to allow cash purchases are technically discriminating against customers based on the individual's financial status. In response to committee discussion, Rep. Scott provided an example of how a constituent reached out to her when a business refused to accept a cash payment of \$10 for a mandatory drug screen and said the consumer must pay via credit or debit card. The consumer did not have a credit or debit card. When the business would not accept his cash, he was unable to comply with his Probation requirements within the time frame required and became at risk of having his Probation violated. In response to committee concerns the bill did not address setting minimum or maximum limits for cash transactions, Rep. Scott said there is no established limit because individual

companies can decide what's reasonable for their products or services but they must allow people to pay with cash.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29224**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29267: **Rep. Hanks** presented **RS 29267**. It seeks to codify content from **H 339** during last session to ensure state officials or offices cannot mandate the use of masks or face coverings to contain or inhibit the spread of diseases, contagious or otherwise. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hanks stated people need to use common sense and have autonomy over whether they wish to wear a mask or not regardless of the purpose for the mask.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29267**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 02, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29214	Deleting outdated language in Idaho Code 18-608 relating to abortion	Rep. Young
RS 29264	Allows physical gold and silver to be added to the state Treasurer's funds to secure state assets	Rep. Nate

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 02, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29214: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 29214** which seeks to amend the language used in Idaho Code as related to the legal abortions performed in the state as it had not been updated since approximately 1971.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29214**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29264: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 29264** which would allow the Idaho State Treasurer to use investment funds to obtain physical gold and silver reserves. This would allow enhanced ability by the Treasury to guarantee assets over current legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29264**.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Nate** stated he wasn't aware whether there was a large demand for assets to be put into gold or silver and that additional information about the monetary value and physical amount of Idaho's current silver deposits could be included in the bill before its hearing.

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

The committee requested permission to re-open the discussion regarding **RS 29264**. During discussion, the specificity of language used in the bill was weighed. Committee members noted with concern decisions made to protect or preserve rights over one issue would have implications on many other issues and the limitations of personal freedoms stated in this bill could set a dangerous legal precedent.

Committee members also discussed whether all legislation should be heard in committee regardless of opinion on the value of said legislature. **Chairman Crane** reminded members the governing purpose of a House Standing Committee was to evaluate the merit of a proposed piece of legislature therefore ideas not supported by any realistic standards would not be justified to come before the committee.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 03, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29346	Removal of historic memorials or monuments by a state entity must be approved by the Idaho Historical Society	Rep. Okuniewicz
RS 29273	Allows the Secretary of State or County Clerk to seek judicial review of a suspected election error.	Rep. Skaug
40-0000-2100	Review of Omnibus Rules for Idaho Commission on the Arts	Michael Faison, Executive Director
31-0000-2100	Review of Omnibus Rules regarding Idaho Public Utilities Commission	Eric Anderson, Commission President
31-0101-2101	Review of Omnibus Rules for Idaho Public Utilities Commission cont'd.	Eric Anderson, Commission President

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 03, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29346: **Rep. Okuniewicz** presented **RS 29346** which would allow appropriate review to be conducted before removal or relocation of historic monuments or memorials from state property. The Idaho Historical Society would need to approve the process prior to any state entity moving the monuments or re-naming memorials or historic buildings.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29346**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29273: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29273** which would allow the Secretary of State or a County Clerk to request judicial review in the event of a suspected election error where the error is sufficient enough in nature to affect the outcome of an election. Currently, there isn't any legal recourse for anyone other than a candidate in the election to seek review of said election. In response to committee questions, Rep. Skaug stated there had not been documented or reported evidence of "ballot stuffing" or other criminal activities surrounding elections in Idaho, but the possibility of clerical error or other human error occurring was a concern for which this legislation would provide legal recourse.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29273**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
40-0000-2100:** **Michael Faison**, Executive Director for the Idaho Commission on the Arts presented **Docket No. 40-0000-2100**. He explained there were no real policy changes since last term but they had made significant efforts to reduce all redundancies or unnecessary verbiage. In a reduction of 80%, the agency rules now only consisted of 4 pages. In response to committee questions, Mr. Faison said the elimination of so much material made it possible for the Commission to more efficiently respond to funding requests but hadn't negatively affected their core purpose. For example, by removing language in a rule that required assistance be diverted through one organization, they were able to quickly and directly assist arts efforts in other arenas, such as funding Arts Therapy programming for the Veterans Association. In response to additional committee concerns about rules outlining funding limitations, Mr. Faison explained funding for "Red Carpet Events" are any kind of arts organization needing a singular donation for a specific reason, not an on-going bailout for that agency. Furthermore, while funding was not provided for any religious proselytizing purposes, it was provided for events or organizations held in or by churches such as the Boise Boys' Choir.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 40-0000-2100** in full. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 31-0000-2100: **Eric Anderson**, President of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) presented **Docket No. 31-0000-2100** and stated no changes had been made since last year.

DOCKET NO. 31-0101-2101: **Eric Anderson**, President of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) presented **Docket No. 31-0101-2101** which does have changes for review. He introduced **Stephen Goodson**, Policy Analyst for the PUC, who explained the changes primarily consisted of a reduction in redundancies and outdated references, i.e. writing on chalkboards, but some policy changes were adopted to allow electronic filing and conforming to the current demands of Green energy. In response to committee concerns about the decision to "Go Green" as it was not done with permission of consumers or legislative input, Mr. Anderson said the reality is Wall Street dictates the rules by not funding high carbon utilities anymore. Green energies are the options being funded and therefore the commission has to go this route. In response to committee questions about reports of issues with meters, Mr. Anderson recommended these concerns be directed to the PUC consumer assistance staff. As the issues are currently being addressed by other legal venues he would be remiss in discussing that topic. In response to additional committee questions, Mr. Anderson said he was not familiar with something called "ESG" and did not think that was under the purview of the PUC.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

In continued discussion of the changes proposed in **Docket No. 31-0101-2101**, committee members considered several procedural changes that were proposed. The process related to testifying under oath in Rule 250 had been altered to exclude the traditional phrasing of "the testimony ... before the Commission is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." **Eric Anderson** said the language had been updated but the process is still the same. He said the public hearing component is also unchanged in practice because companies who provide various services negotiate matters privately to make things happen. The public does not weigh in on these discussions nor have they ever. Rule 261 states "the Commission generally follows rules ..." and was discussed with concern. Mr. Anderson explained that there are times when numerous entities will present contradictory evidence or simultaneous objections during hearings and in these instances, the commission will approve the spirit of the thing if not the exact thing. Committee members agreed from a legal standpoint, the commission must have the autonomy to function this way to avoid creating the chaos of getting attorneys involved to argue each individual contradictory point that might be in contention during proceedings.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-0101-2101**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 31-0101-2101** with the exception of Rule 250 which will be rejected as there was merit to the traditional language. **Substitute Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 07, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29345	Limit ballot handling to authorized entities	Rep. Moyle
RS 29360	Ties legal residency to voter registration	Rep. Moyle
RS 29354	Elections-Amendments and clarifications for current codes for the purpose of election integrity	Rep. Moon
H 521	ABORTION - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding certain permitted abortions and to provide that certain abortions shall not be made legal.	Rep. Young
	Approval of Minutes; Committee Mtg 2/01/2022	

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- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Palmer
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- RS 29345:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **RS 29345** which would limit ballot handling to election officials, U.S. Mail carriers, employees of nationwide parcel delivery businesses, and acknowledged family members. The limit of absentee ballots that an individual could convey to an election site on behalf of friends or family would be six (6) ballots only. There is concern that a process known as "ballot harvesting" might become a problem in Idaho and this legislation seeks to prevent it. If a person is being paid to transport ballots by anyone other than the voter or if the cumulative number of ballots being transported reached ten (10), the person would face a felony. Other violations of the law would be a misdemeanor.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29345**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29360:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **RS 29360** which creates a comprehensive plan tying a homeowner's tax exemption address to the address where a person will also be registered as a voter and where they are eligible to run for office. It also provides oversight ability to the Tax Commission and Secretary of State to make sure people are not claiming multiple addresses for exemptions, voting, or candidacy.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 29360**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29354:** **Rep. Moon** presented **RS 29354** which creates additional proof of identity requirements for election integrity purposes. Proof of residency, proof of identity and proof of citizenship would all be required to vote in the state of Idaho. This proposed legislation would nullify affidavits and replace them with provisional ballots, and would require anyone not in possession of proper identity verification documents at the time of voting to vote using a provisional ballot. This would be secured in a separate location than verified identity ballots. The provisional voter would have a maximum ten (10) days post-election to return to the county clerk to provide photo identification and have their provisional ballot counted amongst regular ballots. In response to committee questions, Rep. Moon said this proposed process had not been vetted by city election officials, and provisional ballots would be marked with the name of the voter for verification purposes.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29354**.

The committee had additional questions before addressing the motion. There was concern why affidavits were being called into question and if Idaho specifically had reason to believe affidavits should not be trusted going forward. There was also concern about what types of identification were considered valid. **Rep. Moon** stated while Idaho had not experienced reported affidavit problems, Washington has had one confirmed situation where an affidavit was found to be a lie. In regards to the changes of what photo ID's would be accepted, a school-issued student ID would not be acceptable because it simply doesn't provide the information needed to verify identity, i.e. date of birth. It's also too easy to create a fake student ID. Students would have to acquire a non-driver's government issued photo ID via proper resources if they didn't have other government documents that met the criteria. A photo ID that would be allowed going forward at the polls would be a state issued concealed weapon permit as it contains all the information necessary to establish identity and residency.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Crane called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 29354. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 521:

Rep. Young presented **H 521** which seeks to eliminate language used in Idaho Code § 18-608. The language in existence was taken directly from Roe v. Wade in 1973 and the reasons outlined as justifying abortions in the state of Idaho are not reflective of the current statutes. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young said regardless of Supreme Court decisions issued in 2015, and specifically regarding the section requiring 2nd trimester abortions be performed in a hospital being unconstitutional, the language was already in this section of Idaho Code and was not being considered for removal in **H 521**. There was also committee concern that language was being introduced to the code which might allow physicians performing abortions to be held liable for the loss of life and sued for performing an abortion. Rep. Young said the language was to ensure no one medical provider was influencing someone's decision to have an abortion.

David Ripley, Executive Director for Idaho Chooses Life, testified **in support** of the bill. He said similar legal attempts have been done in regards to Down Syndrome but the fact is, the language contained in this bill doesn't allow any changes to the legal circumstances allowing an abortion in Idaho. He wants everyone to be clear the legislation doesn't give permission on any scenario that makes abortion acceptable but allows the code to remove passages not embraced by the people of Idaho. **Blaine Conzatti**, President of Idaho Family Policy Center also testified **in support** of the bill. He stated removing the current language is a good first step towards aligning Idaho policy on abortions with how he sees residents feel. He said the language passed down from Roe v. Wade contained in Idaho law is superfluous and unneeded.

MOTION:

Rep. Hanks made a motion to send **H 521** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Young returned for committee questions. Committee concerns for **H 521** included the proposed legislation was already addressed in other bills, and the role of physicians as outlined limits their ability to offer medical recommendations without opening themselves up to additional repercussions. Additional concern was voiced about Idaho legislation stating abortion is murder but mothers and doctors are exempt from repercussions whereas this bill contains language stating certain types of abortions are lawful. Rep. Young reiterated the language about the role of the physician already exists in code and doesn't change anything in regards to the law. By adding the word "only" to specify "...abortions are... only lawful if performed in a hospital", the Idaho Code will be consistent with how the Idaho Law is written.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Crane called for a vote on the motion to send **H 521** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion was carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 08, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29342	Honoring the Nat'l Championship Baseball team, the Idaho Falls Bandits	Rep. Ehardt
RS 29379	Allows political parties to use public lands	Rep. Monks
RS 29409	Elections-the time frame in which candidates have to file their intent to run is shortened to one week instead of two.	Rep. Crane
H 511	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the order of candidate names on a ballot.	Rep. Nash
H 512	BOND ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to prohibit holding another bond election within 11 months of a failed bond election.	Rep. Scott
34-0000-2100	Omnibus Rules Review for office of Secretary of State	Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary
34-0000-2100F	2022 Pending Fee Rules IDAPA 34-Secretary of State office	Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State

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Rep Young
Rep Furniss

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 08, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Furniss

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 Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29409: **Rep. Crane** presented **RS 29409** which proposes the time frame allowed for candidates to file intent to run for office should be shortened from two weeks to one week. The extra week has seemed to prove a distraction for candidates and slows down legislative processing annually.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29409** without the emergency clause. In response to committee questions, **Rep. Crane** said the emergency clause shouldn't affect candidates seeking re-election because they would have already filed and their campaigning schedule needs to be planned around filing deadlines. In regards to which week would be removed to shorten the filing time table, he said the end date for filing stays the same but the first week is removed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 29409** as it is written. **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29342: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 29342** which seeks to honor Idaho's National Championship baseball team, the Bandits, who have won despite interruptions and shut-downs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29342** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29379: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 29379** which would allow the use of public property by a political party or group for an event where the space is used in accordance with its limitations and equal access is allowed for candidates or parties regardless of political affiliations.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29379.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 511: **Rep. Nash** presented **H 511** which seeks to ensure election integrity by rotating candidate names on ballots for all elections where the population is 100,000 or more. This is to avoid "ballot order effect," a psychological phenomenon which gives voter preference to the name listed at the top of the ballot. Anywhere from 3-7% of the total vote can be affected by ballot order especially where there is a tendency to have "low information" elections. The Secretary of State and County Clerk's offices have been consulted on this legislation and raised no expected difficulties or concerns to enact this procedure.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Nash** explained current election ballot order is decided by county clerks choosing a randomized alphabet and then candidate names are listed in fixed order accordingly. County clerks were the ones who established voter populations of at least 100,000 as having the most impact on election outcomes. There are several elections affecting populations of 100,000 or more across the state so it's not just one or two geographical areas.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **H 511** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nash** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to postpone presenting **H 512** as additional information needed was still incoming. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 34-0000-2100:** **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State presented **Docket No. 34-0000-2100**. No changes have been made since last year.
- DOCKET NO. 34-0000-2100F:** **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State presented **Docket No. 34-0000-2100F**. The notable changes consist of most fees being condensed and simplified with only one change that would increase the cost to consumers. In response to committee requests for specific examples, Mr. Hancock explained consumers would now be able to pay one fee of \$60 and access as many product lists as they wanted during that transaction instead of a \$30 access fee and another \$30 for each product list.
- Mr. Hancock** introduced **Cathy Abbott**, the Finance Director for the office of Secretary of State who explained the one fee increase. Consumers could now access all desired documents online as a bi-weekly download for \$125 each time instead of a \$125 fee for delivery of printed copies once a month.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 34-0000-2100** and **Docket No. 34-0000-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve minutes from February 1, 2022 and February 2, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 09, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 531	MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS - Adds to existing law to provide for the protection of certain monuments and memorials.	Rep. Okuniewicz
H 514	MASK MANDATES - Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding the prohibition of mask mandates.	Rep. Hanks
RS 29450	Specifies requirements needed for COVID-19 vaccine requirements and legal remedies for employees	Rep. Young
38-0000-2100	2022 Proposed Agency Omnibus Rules for Idaho Dept. of Administration	Steven Bailey, Deputy Director
38-0000-2100F	2022 Agency Fee Rules review for Idaho Dept. of Administration	Steven Bailey, Deputy Director
15-0600-2100	2022 Agency Omnibus Rules Review-Office of the Governor, Military Division	Lauren Tschampl, Lieutenant Colonel

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Rep Holtzclaw
Rep Monks
Rep Scott

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 09, 2022
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Furniss, Armstrong
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 called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

H 531: **Rep. Okuniewicz** presented **H 531** which seeks to provide safeguards against any attempt to delete U.S. history by stipulating the Idaho Historical Society must review and approve any significant moderation or removal of a historical monument or memorial. It would not include any temporary alterations for repair, nor would it mean a memorial or monument could not be relocated to a similarly zoned location. It would apply only to permanent removal or re-naming, and for permanent relocation of an historical memorial or monument to a less visible location than its original one. In response to committee questions, Rep. Okuniewicz explained the Idaho Historical Society board members are appointed by the Governor, and their governing decisions are based on a two-thirds majority vote requirement. The two-thirds vote was chosen instead of simple majority vote due to the permanent outcome of decisions made by the board.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Okuniewicz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 514: **Rep. Hanks** presented **H 514** which seeks to remove any mask mandate issued by state government entities.

Those speaking **in support** of **H 514** were **Dr. Lynn Laird**, a practicing psychologist in Meridian, Idaho and **Lorna Mitson**, citizen. Dr. Laird said she is seeing daily evidence the normal social development of children across all ages is being negatively impacted by not being able to see people's faces and expressions. Ms. Mitson testified the mask mandates have been divisive and harmful. The exemptions granted have been inconsistent and people are being harassed and abused when they aren't wearing a mask regardless of the reason. Her daughter is experiencing isolation at her university and mask mandates are negatively impacting her ability to find a job.

Speaking **in opposition** to **H 514** was **Stephanie Mickelsen** from Mickelsen Farms. She said this bill would prohibit local government from enacting laws based on the needs of their area and it would additionally prohibit people from protecting themselves in the event of future epidemics that could be worse than COVID-19.

Rep. Hanks was called upon for closing remarks and committee questions. The need for children's proper development outweighs the need for government mandates at this time. She re-iterated this legislation does not prohibit anyone from wearing a mask. If people were experiencing life threatening symptoms en masse that masks could prevent, they would wear masks but this has not been what Idaho is experiencing. Everyone is responsible for their own health and should have the freedom to make decisions accordingly. There were no stipulated consequences addressed in this bill if it were to be enacted and not followed by state entities.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 514** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hanks** will sponsor the bill on the floor. **Reps. Gannon** and **Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 29450: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 29450** which seeks to enact legislation that builds on the principles already in law. It specifies when a person requests a religious exemption from a medical treatment or process, it must be honored and respected consistent with the standard expected of all religious freedoms.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29450**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 38-0000-2100: **Steven Bailey**, Deputy Director of the Idaho Department of Administration (IDA) presented **Docket No. 38-0000-2100**, which establishes how the interior and exterior of state property is managed, use of the Chinden office complex, and rules concerning the division of purchasing. No changes have been introduced from the previous year. In response to extensive committee questions about the current protests taking place at the old courthouse complex next to the State Capitol building, Mr. Bailey stated the protestors are in compliance with the rules set forth by the IDA. They are working closely with Idaho State Police to monitor continued compliance. There are no rules stipulating how long protests may be held, only the matter in which they are conducted. He clarified while camping would be a violation of the rules, the protestors were not camping; the tents in place are symbols to provide visual demonstration. He also stated to the best of his knowledge, there were not signs posted on state properties prohibiting weapons on the premises.

Keith Reynolds, Director of the Idaho Department of Administration (IDA) was introduced by **Mr. Bailey** to address additional committee questions. Mr. Reynolds stated there were defined guidelines in place on what methods or materials can be used in demonstrations or protests although not every possible imagined scenario was stipulated. Animals nor vehicles are allowed on state grounds for purposes of demonstrations and there are guidelines protestors must adhere to so as not to disrupt business of the State or neighboring private businesses. He stated the goal of the IDA is to ensure best efforts are made to address situations as they arise to ensure the people are safe, the buildings are safe, free speech is protected and honored, and to remain free from intimidating the people.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 30-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 38-0000-2100F: **Steven Bailey**, Deputy Director of the Idaho Department of Administration presented **Docket No. 38-0000-2100F** which are the rules stipulating the fees associated with parking in and around state property. He stated there were no changes to the fee rules since last year.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 38-0000-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Crane** and **Holtzclaw** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 15-0600-2100: **Lt. Col. Lauren Tschampl** presented **Docket No. 15-0600-2100** which has no changes since last year. In response to committee questions, Lt. Col. Tschampl said this docket is not related to vaccine requirements for the Idaho National Guard. It pertains solely to the Public Safety Communications Commission and the Hazardous Substance Response Department.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0600-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 10, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29426	Proof of vaccinations or immunizations or negative test results cannot be mandated for specified entities	Rep. Monks
H 532	ELECTIONS - Adds to and amends existing law to allow the Secretary of State or a county clerk to petition for judicial review of an election	Rep. Skaug
H 567	CANDIDATES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the timeline for filing a declaration of candidacy for public office.	Rep. Crane
H 439	VOTERS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the deadline to change political party affiliation or unaffiliated designation.	Rep. Okuniewicz

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Armstrong	Rep Young
Rep Palmer	Rep Furniss
Rep Barbieri	Rep Hanks
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Armstrong, Holtzclaw

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

Rep. Palmer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

RS 29426: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 29426** which seeks to codify and expand Executive Order 2021-04 issued by **Governor Brad Little** on April 7, 2021. Individuals will not be required to provide proof of vaccination or immunizations or negative test results in order to apply for or receive services provided by the state of Idaho, enter a government venue, or to be hired or maintain employment with the state with some exceptions. State employees whose job requires travel to areas where vaccines are required by law will be required to obtain the vaccines applicable by law to those areas. Schools have their own sub-section of requirements. This legislation does not deal with requirements issued by private sectors. In response to committee questions, Rep. Monks said he didn't know whether the verbiage specifying vaccinations for communicable diseases meant that there were vaccines required or even offered for non-communicable diseases.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 29426. Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Palmer announced **H 532** would be removed from today's agenda at the request of the sponsor.

H 567: **Rep. Crane** presented **H 567** which would decrease the period of filing for a candidate wishing to run for election from two weeks to one week, stating there has been a trend by incumbents seeking re-election to delay dealing with large issues in legislation during election years. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane stated that incumbents have shown the tendency to become obsessed with what everyone else is doing during those two weeks and vying for position or withholding ideas. The legislation gets held up and delayed due to political tactics and it shouldn't be that way.

In opposition to H 567 Hollie Conde, representing the Conservation Voters of Idaho (CVI) stated the process of running for office is a difficult and stressful one. In order to keep things fair for people who are not already political insiders, shortening the filing period will only increase the steep learning curve and stress for the average person trying to run for office. This process should not be even more stressful or allow processes that will likely discourage new people to get involved in local politics. In response to committee questions, Ms. Conde stated CVI is a non-partisan organization whose goal is to support candidates whose focus is on championing the environment and conservation efforts.

Rep. Crane returned to respond to additional committee questions. He stated he believes new candidates will not have issues filing their intent to run within a one week time frame any differently than a two week time frame but it will force incumbents to focus on the job at hand. Concerns issued by committee members included examples of new candidates needing longer than one week to correct paperwork issues found only once the intent to run is reviewed by the Secretary of State's office or County Clerk, such as needing additional signatures in order to meet the required filing criteria. In the case of incumbents, even ensuring adequate child care to allow the official to carry out the duties of an elected office could require more than one week to set up and their decision to seek re-election is dependent on resolving these family or other work obligations.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 567** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Discussion on the motion was held. Committee members expressed concern for enacting the legislation with the emergency clause attached because it would interfere with the current intent to run filing period.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a substitute motion to send **H 567** to the floor and strike the emergency clause.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made an amended substitute motion to send **H 567** to **General Orders** to remove the emergency clause. **Amended substitute motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Crane announced **H 439** was removed from the agenda at the request of the sponsor.

Rep. Mathias announced he had an answer to the committee's earlier question about whether vaccinations were available for non-communicable diseases as the verbiage used in **RS 29426** suggested there could be. He explained the verbiage about vaccinations or immunizations for communicable diseases was used to clarify the state's position was of concern only for diseases that were communicable and therefore affecting the population at large, not whether there were other types of vaccines.

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

Representative Palmer
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 11, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29016C1	Allows continued participation in ID State Lottery Powerball	Rep. Monks
H 522	STATE TREASURER - Amends existing law to provide that idle moneys may be invested in physical gold and silver in certain instances.	Rep. Nate
H 512	BOND ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to prohibit holding another bond election within 11 months of a failed bond election.	Rep. Scott
H 566	PUBLIC INTEGRITY IN ELECTIONS ACT - Amends existing law to revise the definition of "property or resources" to clarify their use by political parties.	Rep. Monks

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Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 11, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Armstrong

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29016C1: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 29016C1** which seeks to extend Idaho's participation in the multi-state lottery game Powerball as well as including participation by Australia and the United Kingdom. Powerball has been in Idaho for several decades and this legislation would allow continued participation. Rep. Monks stated he was not an advocate of gambling but of fair business practices. He supported the continuation of Powerball due to the fact the lottery would still exist in Idaho without it but the remaining entity would have a monopoly on lottery commissions.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29016C1**.

Discussion on the motion was held. Committee members expressed concern at the idea of state sponsored gambling or state funds being used to advertise gambling. It was clarified the House is able to stipulate what would and would not be allowed by Powerball, or lottery advertising in general by the Idaho Lottery Commission, via floor discussion and vote. The issue of creating legislation that ultimately procured an international business deal was mentioned as being at odds with the core values of "the state minding state business" held by the Majority party.

Rep. Monks stated Powerball was already an international game as Idaho's participation has been contracted alongside Canada. Idaho's continued participation would be a contract with the Multi-State Lottery Commission, not foreign countries. In response to additional committee questions, Rep. Monks said the delay last year in enacting the legislation was due to labor contract disputes between the Powerball vendors. The legislation stalled while those issues were pending but Idaho does have to make a decision at this time to continue participation or opt out of allowing Powerball to remain in Idaho.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Crane** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 29016C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 522: **Rep. Nate** presented **H 522** which would allow the State Treasurer of Idaho to utilize gold and silver as an additional method of investment. The State Treasurer is responsible for keeping funds afloat and faces the same challenges held by individuals in adjusting for inflation and accommodating financial needs accordingly. The funds the State Treasury has have decreased in face value and could pose a risk to guaranteed funds for citizens when dealing with federal obligations. By allowing the State Treasurer to invest in gold and silver and maintain physical stores of precious metals, inflation risk can be mitigated. In response to committee questions, Rep. Nate said Idaho would not be the first state to invest in or maintain gold and silver. Additionally, Ohio and Texas allow retirement funds to be invested in gold and silver.

Bob Coleman spoke in support of **H 522**. He is a registered investment advisor who runs one of the largest private precious metal depositories in the United States located in Nampa, ID. He stated gold and silver are widely used for investments and it's a competitive area of investment as well. From a long term perspective, he believes it would be beneficial for Idaho to have the option to utilize gold and silver in their State Treasury. In response to committee questions about the costs associated with building and maintaining storage to house precious metals, he said the proceeds from gold investments have consistently outweighed the costs of storage and show an average of 30% return.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to send **H 522** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nate** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 512: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 512** which is designed to limit repeat bond elections in aggressive taxing districts. By limiting a bond to only run every 11 months, the same bond cannot be presented over and over during the year. When a community is in need of something that will cost them money, the people asking for the money need to construct these requests carefully and with due diligence.

Those speaking in opposition to **H 512** were **Quinn Perry**, Deputy Director for the Idaho School Board and Idaho Board of School Administrators; **Craig Woods**, Superintendent of Emmett School District, **Alicia Abbot**, representing the Idaho 97; **Jeff Dillon**, Superintendent of Wilder School District; and **Aaron Johnson**, representing the Idaho construction industry and general contractors in the Idaho Falls area. They were of the opinion that **H 512** would severely impede the ability of communities throughout Idaho to obtain the funds needed to adequately address the state's booming population, especially in public schools. During the 11 month wait, the dramatic inflation being experienced across the United States could render communities helpless in their ability to fund not only the costs of the project proposed in the bond but the increase of costs incurred during the wait. It might well prove impossible to get any project done on budget or in a timely manner.

Those speaking in support of **H 512** were **Michael Law**, citizen; **Halli Stone**, citizen; and **Brian Stutzman**, citizen. They were of the opinion that many people are struggling to shoulder the costs of not only paying for the funds generated by a bond but also paying the cost for the bond election as well. When a district runs a bond election over and over, it feels like they're just trying to wear people down to get it passed even when an area doesn't want what is being proposed. They feel no one would be hurt by imposing a wait period except the people trying to take advantage of others.

Chairman Crane put the committee at ease at 9:49 a.m. due to technical issues with the remote testimony equipment.

Chairman Crane resumed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Rep. Scott returned for committee questions. She stated the estimated cost of running a bond election vote is fifteen (15) dollars per ballot which means bond elections could cost a community \$5,000 or \$30,000 or more. It's common practice across the United States for bond elections to have time frame limitations. A waiting period of 11 months means taxpayer dollars won't be wasted on careless bonds. She clarified the bill would not prevent non-related bonds from running as needed, just that the same bond could not be run over and over. She also clarified the bill is not targeting schools, but aggressive taxing districts. If schools are meeting that criteria then additional work is needed to address the needs of the schools separately from this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to send **H 512** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members discussed the motion. Committee members voiced concern about the ability of local governments being restricted from addressing issues in a timely manner or staying on budget for these issues. The requirements of a super majority approval, or two-thirds majority, to pass a bond vote makes it unique from other types of votes. When a mere single digit percentage variance can dictate the outcome, it's not unreasonable to think 11 months would be far too long to address and correct the community concerns needed to get the bond passed. This is especially true in Idaho where voter turnout for any election is consistently an extremely low percentage of the population.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Rep. Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 3 NAY, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Hanks, and Skaug.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Gannon, and Mathias.** **Rep. Armstrong was absent/excused.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 566: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 566** which would allow equitable use of public areas for all recognized political parties wanting to have an event that is in accordance with the function of the location. These events have taken place on occasion as it was assumed they were allowed to do so but it would be prudent to get permissions in writing.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 566** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 14, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 547</u>	ELECTIONS - Adds to existing law to prohibit the collection of ballots and to provide exceptions.	Rep. Moyle
<u>H 548</u>	ELECTIONS - Amends and adds to existing laws for registration and verification purposes	Rep. Moyle
<u>H 439</u>	VOTERS - Amends existing law to provide equity of voter affiliation registration deadlines.	Rep. Okuniewicz
<u>RS 29549</u>	Prohibit State Gov't Mask Mandates	Rep. Hanks
<u>RS 29502</u>	Human Right's Protection- obtaining medical services	Rep. Nichols
<u>RS 29506</u>	Allows for non-disclosure protections necessary for entities to carry out the death penalty	Rep. Chaney

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 14, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

H 547: **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 547** which seeks to address the prevention of a potential election integrity issue known as ballot harvesting. The legislation stipulates only authorized persons may handle, convey, or transport absentee ballots from the voter to the election office.

Speaking **in opposition** to **H 547** were **Kendal Shaber**, League of Women Voters of Idaho; **Shiva Rajbhandari**, representing BABE Vote; and **Hollie Conde**, Conservation Voters for Idaho. They were of the opinion **H 547** was a bill searching for a problem Idaho doesn't face. By disallowing individuals to help one another vote by absentee ballot, the bill would in effect be suppressing voters. There was also concern for use of the term "convey" in the bill. The assumption is the bill means the physical transportation of ballots but "convey" could also mean communication and clarity is needed. This bill would have unintended consequences that make it harder for people to exercise their right to vote.

Speaking **in support** of **H 547** was **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State. He stated that by its very nature, an absentee ballot is the least secure method of voting. Taking extra steps to limit undue influence on election outcomes by setting requirements on how absentee ballots were handled was a reasonable course of action. Ballot harvesting encourages people to be partisan actors and proceed with bad motives.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 547** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee discussion on the motion was held. Committee members said they were concerned about why the state is spending time trying to pass legislation making something Idaho doesn't even deal with an illegal action. Committee members also expressed there is a big difference between ballot harvesting and helping your neighbor or in-laws get their absentee ballot to the Elections office. The committee did clarify the legislation does not inhibit anyone from finding a trusted person to bring their vote to the polls but it would address a problem other states are struggling to prevent.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 547** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29502: **Rep. Nichols** presented **RS 29502** which seeks to ensure no person can be denied medical services due to their refusal of COVID-19 therapies or testing. She stated people have been denied medical services, including life-saving treatments, because of their COVID-19 status. In response to committee questions, Rep. Nichols said while the federal statutes do specify someone may not be denied medical services, there are gaps in the Idaho state code. There was not any language in **RS 29502** that would contradict federal law. Regardless of crisis of care standard enactments, this legislation would require patients refusing vaccinations must be able to receive medical care for medical issues. This legislation specifically addresses a patient's right to refuse COVID therapies and not medications or therapies in general.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29502**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29549: **Rep. Hanks** presented **RS 29549** which would prohibit any state entity from issuing a mask mandate for COVID-19. This proposed legislation replaces the previously proposed **H 514**. Changes were made to clarify state employees who are required to wear masks or other breathing apparatus due to dangerous chemicals or inhalants still need to wear those protective devices. Additionally, the repercussions to a state entity stipulated in **H 514** were removed in **RS 29549**. This legislation focuses on giving people the choice to wear masks or other facial coverings for protection of a contagion.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29549** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

During discussion on the motion, committee members questioned why the state could not mandate clear face shields in lieu of masks as these would accomplish the overall goal of people being able to see one another's faces while still offering contagion prevention. It was also questioned whether someone could be asked or recommended to wear a mask, especially if they were known to have COVID-19 but were still out in public. Committee members were concerned how this legislation would affect the idea of local choice and local control. In response, **Rep. Hanks** said people can wear whatever kind of face covering they wanted, and certainly someone could be asked to wear a mask but any mandated requirement removes people's ability to choose how to manage their own health and well-being.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 29549** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hanks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 548: **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 548** which seeks to create legislation to tie one eligible location to a homeowner's exemption, voter registration, and where someone is able to run for public office. It also provides the county tax assessor the ability to verify there is only one vote per one homeowner's exemption. He stated owning multiple properties is fine but someone can't legally reside in and vote at all of them.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **H 548** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29506: **Rep. Chaney** presented **RS 29506** which seeks to provide legal confidentiality for providers involved with all aspects of carrying out the death penalty in Idaho. This would include physicians and other licensed entities who provide, store, or transport the controlled substances and other materials required for enactment of lethal injection. Opponents of the death penalty have been making efforts to publicly denounce and inhibit functioning of any entities involved in carrying out lethal injections which has led to no one being willing to carry out these duties. He concluded if Idaho wants to have the ability to enforce the death penalty, the state needs to make legal protections for the enforcement of it.

In discussion of the proposed legislation, committee members requested three specific changes. On page 2, line 1, section a; remove the "s" from the word "physicians" to make it "physician" singular. On page 2, line 4, section b; add the word "stores" after the word "manufactures." On page 5, line 47, section 20; change the word "would" to "could."

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29506** with the specified corrections. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 439: **Rep. Okuniewicz** presented **H 439** which seeks to adjust the deadline for an unaffiliated voter wishing to become an affiliated voter to be the same deadline already established for all other types of voters. Currently unaffiliated voters can change or declare an affiliation any time up to and including Election Day.

Speaking **in opposition** to **H 439** was **Shiva Rajbhandari**, representing BAFE Vote; **Hollie Conde** for Conservation Voters of Idaho; and **Alicia Abbott**, representing The Idaho 97. They were of the opinion this bill would have a negative impact on Idaho voters. Voters generally try to align themselves with a candidate who best represents the same beliefs and concerns they do. There are some 310,000 unaffiliated Idahoan voters who would not have time to learn anything about a candidate, even their options of who the candidates are, if they are required to make a choice on who to support on the same day candidates must be done filing their intent to run for office. Idaho consistently sees many new candidates filing on the last day up to the last hour. This year specifically would especially have negative impact to voters; if enacted with the emergency clause, this legislation would inhibit those 310,000 voters from voting in the primaries in 2022.

During discussion of **H 439**, committee members discussed why setting a deadline to affiliate at all would prove beneficial and why there was concern should they not do so. They discussed possible benefits or drawbacks for someone to be an affiliated or unaffiliated voter. **Rep. Okuniewicz** stated the goal of this bill was to make the deadline equal for everyone and prevent "flip-floppers." He recognizes most unaffiliated voters are not playing games in any way, but there have been times when an unaffiliated voter deliberately registered with one party or the other for the purpose of sabotaging a primary election. Once the primary election was over, the voter became unaffiliated again. The committee questioned whether these attempts were a significant enough occurrence to influence an election outcome.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State, was introduced to share official statistics for consideration of the committee. He stated Idaho has just shy of a million registered voters. Of these, Republicans make up just over half, Democrats are slightly less than one-third, and most of the remaining voters are unaffiliated. The number of registered Libertarian and Constitution Party affiliates is very small. Unaffiliated voters do have a significant impact on election outcomes overall. In 2022, the window to register or change an affiliation electronically will open for three days in March before the candidate filing deadline. Mr. Hancock did not know the specific number of people who historically have changed affiliation before an election primary and again after the primary but this number would be discoverable on the Secretary of State's website.

Committee discussion continued about whether allowing the deadline for unaffiliated people to choose an affiliation should extend for an additional time so people would have the opportunity to vet the candidates before a primary election. Committee members appreciated keeping the deadline consistent for all voters but were wary about hindering people from making informed decisions. They were concerned whether a few people with bad motives were making much of a difference versus holding everyone to the same deadline. **Chairman Crane** stated this bill specifically relates to primary elections, not general elections. Each recognized political party has the responsibility of choosing a candidate to represent their party and deserves to select the candidate they want speaking for them, not someone sabotaging them. The goal for a primary election is not necessarily the same as for a general election.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 439** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Mathias** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Okuniewicz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29470C1	Legislation regarding election matter pertaining to community college trustees	Rep. Chaney
RS 29524	Amending legislation to allow mead, cider, and other fermented beverages for inclusion in home brewing events	Rep. McCrostie
RS 29563	Adding provisions to Idaho Code limiting personhood status	Rep. Nichols
H 604	IMMUNIZATIONS - Adds to existing law to prohibit proof of vaccination for certain purposes and to provide exceptions.	Rep. Monks

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Skaug, Gannon

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 Legislative Library.

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to postpone presentation of **H 604** as additional information needed was still incoming. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29470C1: **Rep. Chaney** presented **RS 29470C1**. This legislation proposes community college board trustees would be selected and voted in based on established geographical zones. People can currently vote at-large for trustees which leads to a large population weighing in on leadership for areas where they don't live or pay taxes. It would become effective in two (2) years. The geographic boundary zones have already been redrawn and established across Idaho. In response to committee questions, Rep. Chaney stated this legislation would not address issues related to filling vacated school board seats mid-term, and the at-large voting process has been kept in the past due to general unease about not being able to fill these positions.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 29470C1**.

In response to additional committee questions about newer legislation under consideration affecting school board elections, **Rep. Chaney** said there were mixed references to community colleges and other educational institutions so it wasn't feasible at this time to stipulate the differences pertaining to each individual type of school board that could be affected in the future.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Crane** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 29470C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29524: **Rep. McCrostie** presented **RS 29524** which would provide updates to legislation concerning the products produced and sold by home brewers. It would allow the inclusion of mead, cider, and other fermented beverages to be made by home brewers in addition to beer and wine. It would also allow non-sale taste testing of these items as well as the storage and transportation of these beverages. In response to committee questions, Rep. McCrostie said the proposed legislation did include a technical correction to the current legislation clarifying both the manufacturing of wine and brewing of beer was allowed for home brewers.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29524**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29563: **Rep. Nichols** presented **RS 29563** which seeks to add a section to Idaho Code stating artificial intelligence, inanimate objects, environmental elements, and animals may not be granted personhood status in the state of Idaho. By getting this statute in Code, Idaho would preemptively address the growing trend across the U.S. where objects have been granted the same rights as people. In response to committee questions, Rep. Nichols stated this legislation would not affect anyone's ability to will their estate to a pet. Saudi Arabia's 2017 decision to grant citizenship to a robot or other similar honorary measures in title would not affect or correlate to this proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29563**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29594	Provides confidentiality for matters related to the death penalty	Rep. Chaney
H 607	IDAHO STATE LOTTERY/Powerball- Amends existing law to provide the commission may adopt certain rules and to revise provisions regarding joint lotteries.	Rep. Monks
RS 29562	Allows public access to ensure voters who have passed away are removed from the voter rolls.	Rep. Giddings
RS 29587	Energy conservation-adds new legislation to Idaho Code	Rep. Dixon

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2022 and February 7, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29562: **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 29562** which seeks to adopt state legislation in accordance with federal legislation requiring voter registration lists be maintained, updated in a timely manner, and available to the public for the purpose of ensuring accuracy of eligible voters. In August 2021, a resident of Nez Pearce County requested a voter registration list from the Secretary of State's office. A letter of denial was issued by the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) citing the reason for denial was because the list is considered a vital statistic and therefore not available to the public. In December 2021, another denial for the voter registration list was issued by the DHW pursuant to the advice of the Attorney General. The National Death Index has not had records for Idaho since 2019. In 2022, a deceased resident of Latah County was found named on the county's active voter rolls. On February 1, 2022, a formal request was issued to the Latah County Clerk to have the deceased person's name removed from their list of active voters but as of today's hearing, the request has not been addressed. **RS 29562** states Idaho must comply in the required process to remove deceased persons from the active voter poll and to make sure the public has timely access to this information.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29562**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29594: **Rep. Chaney** presented **RS 29594** which seeks to provide confidentiality and legal protection for entities associated with carrying out the death penalty in Idaho. The content is updated with committee recommendations made on February 14, 2022. It replaces **RS 29506** and **H 633**.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29594**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 607:

Rep. Monks presented **H 607** which seeks to continue Idaho's participation in the lottery game, Powerball. Powerball participation already includes Canada and the new agreement would include Australia and the United Kingdom. The proceeds go towards funding public education. He is advocating for Idaho's continued participation in the Powerball game as it provides significant financial benefits to Idaho schools and businesses. In response to committee questions, Rep. Monks said the monetary amount provided to Idaho's public schools from proceeds averages fifteen (15) million dollars annually. The secondary fiducial impact is mostly to small businesses, especially those who are located close to Idaho's state borders. Border businesses would in particular face the potential loss of a large revenue stream in secondary purchases like snacks, beverages, fuel, etc. if Powerball tickets were no longer available at their locations.

Jeffrey Anderson, Director of the Idaho State Lottery Commission was introduced for committee questions. He explained the functions of the Multi-State Lottery Association and the contract process for participating entities. He said the contract was technically a Letter of Agreement (LOA) and it is an at-will participation agreement. Idaho would be allowed to cease participation in the Powerball game if established codes of conduct were disobeyed by Powerball entities. The LOA is scheduled for the Idaho Lottery Commission board vote in March 2022. He further established the Multi-State Lottery Association is a non-profit organization. The MegaMillions Lottery Association is a for-profit organization. Intralot, Inc. is the company Idaho contracts with for scratch-off lottery tickets and they are an international company.

Speaking **in opposition** to **H 607** was **Jonathan Krutz**, representing Idaho's Stop Predatory Gambling (SPG) organization. He stated Powerball puts a burden on small businesses by diverting funds away from hard goods and services into gambling. The business model of the lottery is to encourage people to spend money they may not have on gambling. In response to committee questions, Mr. Krutz stated his organization does not have the funds to assist people addicted to gambling and Idaho overall has very few resources for people struggling with a gambling addiction. He stated he felt the benefits of not having Powerball outweigh any losses incurred by choosing not to participate. He said people would spend their money on other taxable goods like major appliances if they weren't buying lottery tickets. The additional sales tax generated would make up for the loss of proceeds to public schools. He stated since these taxes go to the government, it was government's responsibility to fund the schools without resorting to sponsored gambling.

Speaking **in support** of **H 607** were **Charlie Jones**, owner of the Stinker convenient store chain; **Misty Swanson**, Executive Director of the Idaho School Boards Association; and **Matt Berry**, a fuel distributor in Eastern Idaho. They were of the opinion Powerball was a significant factor in Idaho's overall financial well-being.

Mr. Jones testified the Stinker stores were the first retailer to sell lottery tickets in Idaho and they are the state's third largest lottery retailer. Powerball specifically is different from the other types of lottery games in Idaho. Mr. Jones stated he does not believe Powerball customers would switch to purchasing scratch off tickets if Powerball was taken away because they are drawn to the idea of the "Big Jackpot" payout. The customers who buy state lottery tickets almost always buy other things from the stores. Stinker sees their revenue go up significantly when the Powerball payout is large; more customers than usual stop in to buy a ticket and then buy other items of necessity or convenience. Stinker is proud to be helping Idaho schools and wants to be able to keep doing so.

Ms. Swanson testified Idaho schools rely heavily on proceeds from Powerball to make vital upgrades and pay for on-going maintenance. If they lose this funding source, they would have to rely solely on bond votes passing. She said it's estimated Idaho public schools need close to a billion dollars to fully address the community needs at this time. That number is only going to get bigger with time as Idaho's population continues to grow.

Rep. Armstrong declared Rule 80 as she is a member of a school board. **Chairman Crane** also declared Rule 80.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Swanson** stated there was no real backup plan to ensure Idaho public schools would receive the funds elsewhere required to keep operating safely. At this time, the funds simply don't exist without Powerball proceeds.

Mr. Berry testified the Idaho businesses that would likely face the biggest impact should Powerball be discontinued are the "mom and pop" stores he services in state border areas. Traffic and revenue would likely be diverted to the next closest retailer across state lines for fuel and other items of convenience because people are not inclined to make two separate stops. Since these stores face such narrow profit margins even with Powerball, the likelihood many of them could stay open without it is slim.

Rep. Monks returned for closing comments on **H 607**. He stated Powerball is a voluntary tax which people can choose to pay by participating in the game. Whether it's moral or not to gamble made little difference in how this legislation should be addressed. He chooses not to spend personal funds gambling or drinking alcohol but lottery and liquor tax is good business for the state. Committee members voiced concern about how Idaho could afford to fund public schools out of the overall state budget but chooses not to. They expressed frustration at being put in the situation of approving a program they don't particularly like in order to ensure children are being safely educated. They expressed additional concern over Idaho participating in what seems to essentially be an international trade agreement.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **H 607** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 607** for time certain, March 7, 2022.

The committee discussed the substitute motion. Members agreed they felt it prudent to review the Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the Idaho State Lottery Commission and the Multi-State Lottery Association before deciding whether the bill should pass or not. The committee asked if Powerball could remain in Idaho if the state does not agree with international participation. **Rep. Monks** said no; Idaho does not get to decide who else participates, only whether they want to participate or not.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made an amended substitute motion to send **H 607** to the floor without recommendation. **Amended substitute motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29587: **Rep. Dixon** presented **RS 29587** which seeks to create new legislation governing Idaho's energy code by adopting the statutes set forth in the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. The Idaho Energy Conservation Code would become a new chapter in Idaho Code as Title 39, Chapter 97. It prohibits local government entities from adopting any energy codes that differ or are more extensive. It would not change the rule-making authority for the Building Code Board under the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Dixon** said this code did not allow flexibility on multi-unit building code standards across different locales but did stipulate the requirements as they pertain to differently sized units. This legislation would be the method whereby the Idaho Energy Code becomes the Idaho Energy and Conservation Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 29587**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Rebecca Fisk
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 17, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29541	Removes the Attorney General from the Idaho Constitutional Defense Council	Rep. Blanksma
RS 29570	Removes exemptions granted to certain entities (schools, libraries, etc.) in Idaho Code to distribute materials to minors deemed obscene under Idaho Law.	Rep. Nate
RS 29539	Prevention of fraudulent unemployment claims	Rep. Mitchell
S 1262	STATE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACT - Amends existing law to provide certain limitations on firearms regulation during a state of disaster emergency.	Rep. Boyle
H 532	ELECTIONS - Adds to and amends existing law to allow the Secretary of State or a county clerk to petition for judicial review of an election	Rep. Skaug

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

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

RS 29541: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 29541** which removes the Attorney General from the Idaho Constitutional Defense Council. Rep. Blanksma mentioned there are only two changes being made.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29541. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29570: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 29570** which removes exemptions granted to certain entities such as schools, libraries, etc. in Idaho Code to distribute materials to minors deemed obscene under Idaho Law to minors. This amends Code 18-1517, which removes school distribution from harmful materials to children.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29570. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29539: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 29539** which tightens up fraudulent unemployment laws. There is no general impact on the General Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29539. Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1262: **Rep. Boyle** presented **S 1262** which protects Second Amendment rights when there is a declared emergency and also protects the rights of firearm businesses whereas they are declared as an essential business. It also protects those of ammunition, components, and firearms.

Aoibheann Cline of the National Rifle Association stated her support in favor of this bill. **Del Chapel** resident of Nampa stated his support in favor of this bill. **David Taylor**, President of the Idaho State Rifle & Pistol Association stated his support in favor of this bill. **Benn Brocksome**, Advisor for Idaho Sportsmen stated his support in favor of this bill.

After many questions of whether or not this bill would restrict law enforcement to take action when facing a violent situation. It was stated that this bill has no conflict with law enforcement or their duties.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to send **S 1262** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 532: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 532** which adds to and amends the existing law that allows the Secretary of State or County Clerk to petition for judicial rule of an election. Rep. Skaug mentioned that he recommends this become a law due to previous incidences where this bill would have helped with elections.

Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk testified how this is considered to be the "Elections Replay" bill. This legislation will call for a replay of elections to verify the true outcome of an election.

After many questions and concerns, **Clerk McGrane** stated where incidences in the past which had errors occurred and where this bill would have been effective.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State stated his support in favor of this bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Mathias made a motion to send **H 532** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 18, 2022

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 645	Elections of Community College Trustees and clarification of State Board of Edu. role	Rep. Chaney
S 1273	SECRETARY OF STATE - Amends existing law to revise candidate filing fee payment methods.	Rep. Gannon
RS 29418	State must review and approve any voluntary federal unemployment programs	Rep. Skaug

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane	Rep Andrus
Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong)	Rep Young
Rep Palmer	Rep Furniss
Rep Barbieri	Rep Hanks
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 18, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

H 645: **Rep. Chaney** presented **H 645**, which clarifies the State Board of Education's role in filing for vacancies. It also provides elections of community college trustees be by a vote of electors within each respective zone rather than at large. It gives the constituents residing within those zones the power to elect their own representatives. It also provides assistance and guidance in redrawing zone lines. The effective date would be July 1st, 2024.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Chaney** clarified there is a difference between a district and a zone, and a district is split into five equally populated zones, where there is one board seat from each zone. **Rep. Barbieri** addressed his concern about the verbiage on page 2, line 18 of the bill. **Rep. Chaney** addressed the clarification of the verbiage used.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **H 645** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri**, and **Rep. Hanks** requested they be recorded as **NAY**. **Rep. Chaney** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1273: **Rep. Gannon** presented **S 1273**, which amends the existing law which revises the candidate filing fee payment methods. This will allow the candidates to use credit and debit cards as a payment method for their filing fees.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State, expressed his support of the bill and the efficiency of implementing these payment methods.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1273** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

RS 29418: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29418** which provides oversight for new, federal unemployment insurance programs. This requires that the list provided will require legislative approval regarding a voluntary unemployment insurance program.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29418**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 21, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29578	SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES- Changes the way school board trustee positions are filled.	Rep. Ehardt
RS 29618	MEMORIAL- Opposing the tax law propped by Washington State for fuel exported by Washington to Idaho.	Rep. Blanksma
H 647	PERSONHOOD - Adds to existing law that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects shall not be granted personhood.	Rep. Nichols

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Rep Scott

Rep Mathias

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 21, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29578: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 29578** proposed legislation, which changes the way school board trustee positions are filled.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 29578**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29618: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 29618** which appeals the \$0.06 excise tax on diesel that is exported from Washington State. This legislation urges **Governor Inslee**, of Washington to veto this bill if it does indeed come to his decision.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29618**.
After questions from the committee, **Rep. Blanksma** reiterated the urgency of this legislation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a sub-motion to introduce **RS 29618** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 647: Due to the unavailability of the bill sponsor, the bill was not presented.

MOTION; **Chairman Crane** asked for unanimous consent to **HOLD H 647** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29596C1	Firearms, public, preemption	Rep. Giddings
RS 29399	Homicide justification, reimbursement	Rep. Giddings Senator Zito
RS 29495	Genitals, sex, change, affirm	Rep. Skaug
H 659	VOTERS - Amends existing law to provide that the list of deceased voters is a nonexempt public record.	Rep. Giddings

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29495: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29495** which seeks to amend the existing state ban on female genital mutilation, while adding criteria such as puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex-reassignment, and to add both male and female children, instead of just female children. Rep. Skaug iterated that young children are too young to make decisions regarding changes to their autonomies that are extremely serious and are almost always irreversible, and no one else should be making those decisions for them either.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 29495**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Hanks** requested a roll call vote on **RS 29495**. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE, 1 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chair Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, and Mathias. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep. Gannon**.

RS 29596C1: **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 29596C1** which clarifies existing law and strengthens the enforcement of Idaho's preemption policy by ensuring Idaho's local governments do not infringe on an individual's ability to carry a firearm in public for the matter of self-defense on private property that is rented, leased, or permitted for short durations for special events. It does not affect rental property, nor long-term leases and uses of public property by private entities.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29596C1**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Hanks** requested a roll call vote on **RS 29596C1**. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chair Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, and Mathias**.

RS 29399: **Sen. Zito** presented **RS 29399** which enhances and strengthens "stand your ground. If a person charged with unlawful use of force is presumes innocent until prosecution proves otherwise, it also provides immunity and reimbursement for justifiable homicide. She said, the county or prosecuting state agency should reimburse the defendant for all reasonable costs

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29399**.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rep. Hanks requested a roll call vote on **RS 29399. Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 0 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Crane, Vice Chair Armstrong, Reps. Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, and Mathias. Reps. Palmer and Monks were absent/excused.**

H 659: Rep. Giddings presented **H 659** which allows the public to examine election records to ensure that individuals who are deceased be removed from the voter roles. Currently, the Secretary of State, and the Department of Health and Welfare do not allow these lists to be available to the public. This legislation would allow the lists of those individuals who have died become public to better validate and clean voter registration roles.

Blake Youde testified in opposition of **H 659**. He represents Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks. Stating their concern with the interference with the Idaho's Public Information laws which protects Idahoan's of the public release of information. The concern is with needing additional information to verify the identity of the person. If there are multiple people with the same name living in roughly the same area, more information would be needed to accurately identify the person. For example, this information could be a birth date, driver's license, or address. In response to committee questions, Mr. Youde responded that the biggest concern is that of other individuals using personal information of deceased persons in an inappropriate or wrong manner.

Steve Madden, from Ada County testified in support of **H 659**. He stated voter integrity is of the utmost importance. He stated people who are casting votes with integrity have the right to cast their vote.

Chairman Crane gave the option to **HOLD H 659** in committee for one day to come to a better resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to **HOLD H 659** in committee for time certain, February 23, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 646	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Amends and adds to existing law to provide for the production of mead, cider, and other fermented fruit juice beverages for personal use.	Rep. McCrostie
H 647	PERSONHOOD - Adds to existing law to provide that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects shall not be granted personhood.	Rep. Nichols
H 659	VOTERS - Amends existing law to provide that the list of deceased voters is a nonexempt public record.	Rep. Giddings

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks, Furniss, Mathias

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

H 659: **H 659** was brought before the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 659** in committee at the call of the chair.
Motion carried by voice vote.

H 646: **Rep. McCrostie** presented **H 646** which adds mead, cider, and other fermented beverages to the list of allowed home-brewed products and provides that these certain products are allowed to be transported to and stored at licensed breweries or wineries for organized tasting events, exhibitions, and contests. Previously, these kinds of alcoholic beverages were not allowed to be stored at these types of events and this legislation will allow for this change, whereas current limitations only permit beer.

David Reish, Vice President of the Snake River Brewers testified **in support** of the bill and stated it will bring Idaho up to speed, as 38 states have enacted similar legislation that allows home-brewers to meet at licensed facilities, hold competitions, etc.

Rep. Armstrong clarified that this bill will not allow for the sale of any types of these beverages, and **Rep. McCrostie** assured that this legislation does not allow for that to happen.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 646** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 647: **Rep. Nichols** presented **H 647** which adds a new section to Idaho Code stating that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects cannot be granted personhood. There are groups giving personhood to natural resources, and keeping them from being utilized. She stated there was a tree planted on an individual's property, the person passed away, and the tree was given personhood status.

Rep. Barbieri commended **Rep. Nichols** for her research and the information she provided the committee regarding this subject.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 647** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nichols** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 24, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29511	ELECTIONS - Requires cities and special districts to provide the county clerk with adequate notification of changes to their election zones, districts, or subdistricts.	Rep. Skaug
S 1274	ELECTIONS - Amends and adds to existing law to provide for postelection audits of selected paper ballots in certain elections by the Secretary of State.	Rep. Young
H 671	SCHOOL TRUSTEES - Amends existing law to provide for the filling of certain school board trustee vacancies.	Rep. Ehardt
H 665	CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL - Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding membership of the Constitutional Defense Council.	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representative(s) Monks

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 9, 15, 17, 18, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 671: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 671** which focuses on the recall elections in trustee school board elections. If there has been a recall, this legislation leaves the decision up to the people of the community. There have been technical difficulties in the past that have delayed this from happening. If a scheduled election date is upcoming within 120 days of a recall, then there would be no one appointed, but candidates would be allowed to run for the vacated trustee office position. If it exceeds 120 days, there will be a temporary replacement, and that position will be filled at the next election. Rep. Ehardt mentioned that the temporary replacement has the opportunity to run for the appointed position.

In response to questions regarding if there is a possibility for school board members to meet after a recall where a few positions were vacated, and the rest of the school board members were to hold a meeting in executive session, **Quinn Perry**, the Deputy Director for the School Boards Association stated if there are two vacancies the members are allowed to go into executive session on simple majority.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 671** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Phil McGrane, Elections Chair for the Idaho Associations of County Recorders and Clerks stated his support for the bill.

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

H 665: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **H 665** which addresses the constitutional defense fund and council. There are four members of the council; the Governor, the Attorney General, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Pro Tempore. This legislation removes the Attorney General from the council.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Blanksma** stated this fund is a "slush fund" for the Attorney General, rather than using it for legislative purposes to defend against constitutional intrusion.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 665** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29511: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29511** which requires cities and special districts that are subject to election consolidation to provide the clerk with adequate information regarding the new election zones. This makes it more efficient for the clerk to make the necessary adjustments before the election.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29511**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1274: **Rep. Young** presented **S 1274** which directs the Secretary of State to order a post election audit of chosen election results after a primary or general election. This legislation intends to increase public confidence in election results by checking paper ballots. If there are findings, the Secretary of State has the option to audit additional ballots.

Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk testified **in support** of this bill. He added the integrity of the elections and importance of having the confidence of the public that the election results are accurate. Mr. McGrane stated the Cyber-Security Task Force, created by **Governor Little** focused on elections and one of the recommendations is to approve this specific legislation. In response to committee questions, Mr. McGrane added that every county in the state of Idaho uses paper ballots as the physical form where votes are cast, and most counties in Idaho use electronic equipment to read the ballots. The system is never connected to the internet to prohibit hacking. There is testing done through the electronic systems to check the accuracy of the machines. Using hand-marked ballots with knowing the results beforehand, running them through the machine, and checking that the results match the ballots ensures the machines are working accurately. The results are hand delivered from the tabulation room to the network computer and uploaded.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State stated his **support** of the bill, and mentioned the changes in the bill from the previous year.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **S 1274** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 25, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29613	Amends Idaho Code, by adding, amending, and modifying certain subsections of the Election Code.	Rep. Moon
RS 29628	Prohibits the use of drop-off boxes to collect absentee ballots.	Rep. Giddings
H 659	VOTERS - Amends existing law to provide that the list of deceased voters is a nonexempt public record.	Rep. Giddings
RS 29659	Allows the public to examine the listing of deceased Idaho residents to ensure they are removed from the election register.	Rep. Giddings
RS 29633	Ensures proper alignment of the calculations for how many petition signatures are required to force a recall election for a local elected official with the body of electors who elect said official.	Rep. Young
RS 29609	Removes the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General, and allows the Dept. of Lands to hire or contract its own legal counsel.	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 25, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Crane explained the committee will have a hearing on **H 659** with public testimony and it will be replaced with **RS 29659**, at which time he will entertain a motion to introduce the RS and recommend it be sent to the Second Reading Calendar.

RS 29613: **Rep. Moon** explained that **RS 29613** replaces a previous RS and creates an Election Integrity Fund with monies to defer the cost of state identification cards for those who cannot afford one. She reviewed the distribution of funds for this new process, and expressed her belief that the fiscal note was a high estimate based on the expected number of people that would use this service.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Moon** clarified that a person with a state driver's license would not need a state identification card to vote.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29613**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29628: **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 29628**, which would prevent drop boxes for ballot collecting. She discussed ballot harvesting that has been seen around the country, and believes it is not the best way to collect ballots. She pointed out that drop boxes can be an opportunity for elections to be disrupted by fire, flood or food in the drop boxes.

Some committee members requested examples of ballot box issues in Idaho. **Rep. Giddings** reported that there were no examples in Idaho, but was concerned because of recent occurrences in other states, specifically in Georgia.

Some committee members expressed their belief that this was a proactive way to have election integrity in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29628**.

Committee members expressed some concern about so many proactive arguments not always being the best way to handle issues, but hoped to learn more information as the RS is introduced.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** believed if measures weren't taken, the burden would be put on the Secretary of State's office to verify which ballots are legitimate and which are not.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Crane** called for a vote to introduce **RS 29628**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 659: **Rep. Giddings** reminded the committee of **H 659**, legislation that would allow the public to examine records to ensure voters who have passed away are removed from voter rolls. She explained **RS 29659**, its replacement, would ensure that when Health and Welfare sends a list of those who have died, the information would include date of birth and enough information that names could accurately be pulled from voter rolls. New lines were added to make exceptions for provisions that made this information private.

RS 29659: **Blake Youde** on behalf of the Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks, thanked all those who were involved in listening to concerns and creating a solution.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 659** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29659** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor

RS 29633: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 29633**. This legislation will ensure proper alignment of calculations for how many petition signatures are required to force a recall election for a local elected official.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29633**.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Young** made clear this legislation does not change percentages, it just clarifies when percentages are calculated it is based on the number of the electorate eligible to vote in the election that is in question.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane** called for a vote to introduce **RS 29633**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29609: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29609**, which removes the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal representation to the Department of Lands and allows the Department of Lands to hire or contract its own legal counsel.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29609**.

Committee members suggested that the fiscal note may be a little low and should be double checked.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane** called for a vote to introduce **RS 29609**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Susan Werlinger
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 28, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29592	Requires any non-government agency that facilitates refugees entering the state of Idaho to provide background information and report it to certain state agencies.	Rep. Dixon
H 604	IMMUNIZATIONS - Adds to existing law to prohibit proof of vaccination for certain purposes and to provide exceptions.	Rep. Monks
RS 29668	IMMUNIZATIONS - Adds to existing law to prohibit proof of vaccination for certain purposes and to provide exemptions.	Rep. Monks
RS 29652	Enhances the protection for firearms, ammunition, and components during a declared emergency, and establishes a firearm related business is considered essential.	Rep. Monks
RS 29591	Ensures public utility customers be given an opportunity to opt out of receiving smart meter, and to provide that a public utility company shall replace the smart meter at the request of the customer.	Rep. Hanks
RS 29632	Changes made to Idaho's voter registration system regarding certain criteria.	Rep. Andrus

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 28, 2022
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29592:** **Rep. Dixon** presented **RS 29592** which brings new legislation forward stating that any non-government agency that facilitates refugees entering the state of Idaho provide background information and report it to their respective state agencies. This requires them to notify the Governor, the Dept. of Health & Welfare, and the Dept. of Labor of their relocation.
- Rep. Young** made the comment of the difference in verbiage on the Statement of Purpose and legislation itself. **Rep. Dixon** noted the difference and stated the changes would be made.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29592**.
- In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Dixon** clarified the term "refugees" and its definition.
- VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 604:
RS 29668:** **Rep. Monks** presented **H 604** which expands on the Governor's executive order to prohibit the state of Idaho from requiring proof of vaccinations or immunizations, by adding criteria regarding government employment, which allows for government employees to maintain their job without the need of a vaccine passport. It provides that individuals are allowed to receive help from the state, or enter into a location paid for by tax payers, without needing a vaccination passport. The major change in **RS 29668** from **H 604** is the specification that this applies solely to the coronavirus, and then defining the verbiage "government venue."
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to **HOLD H 604** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29668** and send it directly to the second reading calendar. **Rep. Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 29652:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 29652**. **Rep. Monks** asked for unanimous consent to refer to other legislation. **S 1262** deals with section 46-1008 of Idaho Code. **Rep. Monks** stated it is identical language to **S 1262**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29652**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29591: **Rep. Hanks** presented **RS 29591** which gives the opportunity for Idaho citizens to opt-out of smart meters. Rep. Hanks asked for verbiage to be added to the end of page 1, line 18, and mentioned that the emails she has been receiving from constituents have been concerning health issues. If constituents want to remove the meter, they have to pay for it and have no way to opt-out. There are several other states that do allow it.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29591** with the indicated changes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29632: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 29632** which eliminates the ability to send electronic voter registration via email, requires a full name on the registration device, exempts phone numbers and email addresses from public records requests, and states that members of the military can have their voter registration cancelled if they are not citizens of the United States.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made the motion to introduce **RS 29632**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 01, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 577	FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION - Adds to existing law to provide certain requirements regarding a coronavirus vaccine requirement and religious exemptions and to provide for a claim against an employer in certain instances.	Rep. Young
RS 29672	FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION - Adds to existing law to provide certain requirements regarding a coronavirus vaccine requirement and religious exemptions and to provide for a claim against an employer in certain instances.	Rep. Young
H 647	PERSONHOOD - Adds to existing law to provide that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects shall not be granted personhood.	Rep. Nichols
RS 29680C1	PERSONHOOD - Adds to existing law to provide that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects shall not be granted personhood.	Rep. Nichols
RS 29288	ABORTION - Encourages the Supreme Court to reverse Roe vs. Wade decision regarding an abortion case in its current term.	Rep. Scott
RS 29653C1	EMERGENCY - Concurrent Resolution that states findings of the Legislature by providing that the State of Disaster emergency declared by the Gov. is now ended.	Rep. Scott Rep. Christensen

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 01, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representative(s) Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias (Woodings)

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

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

H 577: **Rep. Young** presented **H 577** and **RS 29672**. These pieces of legislation tie together the religious exemptions of the coronavirus vaccinations with the existing protections of free exercise of religion. These protections are found in Idaho Code 73-402, the Freedom of Religion Protection Act. **RS 29672** makes the change, found in lines 32-34, which allows for a quicker resolution to the issue, rather than the time period listed in the original. **Rep. Young** requested that **H 577** be held in committee, and **RS 29672** be sent to the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to **HOLD H 577** in committee.

Rep. Barbieri made the comment that the burden on the employer interest outweighs the First Amendment interest of the employee. **Rep. Young** agreed with the statement.

Del Chapel testified **in support** of the bill. He also stated his opposition to the coronavirus vaccine, and how it is a violation of religious liberties, and that individuals should not lose their jobs due to a vaccine.

Samuel Edwards, is a retired Coast Guard officer and works for one of Idaho's largest employers. He stated that he had to learn how to request a religious exemption for the vaccine, which he received, and spoke of his colleagues who were not as fortunate as he was and did not receive the religious exemption. The denials were made, in his opinion, because of the drastic description of their request that was misconstrued.

Rep. Skaug declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest, but stated his support of the bill.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29672** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Woodings and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 647: **Rep. Nichols** presented **H 647** and **RS 29680C1** which adds a section to Idaho Code stating certain elements cannot be granted personhood status in the state of Idaho. There are two changes from **H 647** to **RS 29680C1**: the first found on line 12, stating it is in regards to non-human animals, and the second found on line 14, which is added language.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to **HOLD H 647** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29680C1** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nichols** will sponsor the bill on the floor,
- RS 29288:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 29288** a resolution in regards to the abortion opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States. Rep. Scott stated that pre-born people have equal rights to every living person, and every year 1,500 unborn children are aborted in Idaho.
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Scott** clarified that there are no criminal punishments for abortions. With the concern of verbiage in the legislation, Rep. Scott stated she is willing to change **RS 29288** with the suggestion from **Rep. Young**. There were questions regarding the possibility of citizens traveling to other surrounding states to get an abortion, and Rep. Scott explained this legislation has no control over other states, and what people do in other states.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to **HOLD RS 29288** for time certain, March 2, 2022.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 29288** with changes on page one, lines 35-36, and on page two, line 11. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Woodings** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- RS 29653C1:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 29653C1** which ends the state of emergency that was put into place by **Governor Brad Little**.
- Rep. Skaug** made the request that in the bill hearing the committee could hear from someone in the Governor's office.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 29653C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 02, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 692	ELECTIONS - Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding identification for voter registration and voting purposes.	Rep. Moon Senator Bayer
H 693	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to prohibit the use of drop boxes to return absentee ballots.	Rep. Giddings
H 695	RECALL ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding the number of signatures required on a recall petition.	Rep. Young
RS 29475	Provides a method to the State of Idaho that allows the interposition between citizens and the federal gov. outside of the enumerated authority of the federal gov.	Rep. Dixon
RS 29694	RUSSIAN INVESTMENTS - Provides that the currency and Russian Government investments by the EFIB be sold, traded, and divested.	Rep. Gannon Rep. Skaug
RS 29696	PERSI - Provides that PERSI disposes of currency, assets owned by the Russian Government.	Rep. Gannon Rep. Skaug

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Rep Palmer	Rep Furniss
Rep Barbieri	Rep Hanks
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Mathias (Woodings)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 02, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias (Woodings)

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

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 16, 22, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29475: **Rep. Dixon** presented **RS 29475** which gives procedure for federalism and allows the members of the legislature to put a pause on the action, if they think the federal government is acting out of its scope of authority. It is identical to the bill that was passed last year.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 29475**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 695: **Rep. Young** presented **H 695** which clarifies that the number of petition signatures needed to force a recall election should be calculated by the number of electors that are eligible to vote for the official whose election is in question.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to send **H 695** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 693: **Rep. Giddings** presented **H 693** which removes the use of ballot drop-off boxes. It addresses the concern of drop-off boxes not being monitored and the potential fraud or ballot box tampering that could take place.

Shiva Rajbahandari, Sam Sandermire, Hollie Conde, from Conservation Voters for Idaho, **Alicia Abbott, Josie Christensen, and Angela Barkell** all testified in **opposition** of the bill. The main points of their testimonies included worries that voters who work long hours, those who have irregular work schedules, elderly citizens, poll workers, voters who live a long distance from a voter poll or ballot drop-off location, and individuals who are too busy to make it to the polls on election days will suffer from the lack of ballot drop-off boxes and their opportunity to cast their vote will be foregone. There was also mention that ballot drop-off boxes feel safer than dropping a voter ballot in the mail due to the fear that it might get lost, and not make it the destination. Those individuals who are immunocompromised also became the topic of testimonies, in hopes that ballot drop-off boxes would remain available with the concern of COVID, and being able to socially distance.

Rep. Giddings concluded that not every county that have drop-off boxes have security or surveillance on the drop-off boxes. She stated that most counties provide postage for absentee ballots, and there are more ways to cast a vote than to use a drop-off box. The goal with this legislation is to rebuild trust in the voting process.

MOTION: Rep. **Armstrong** made a motion to send **H 693** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. **Gannon** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 693** in committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE, 10 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Gannon, and Woodings. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Young, Hanks, and Skaug. Rep. Monks was absent/excused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 3 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Young, Hanks, and Skaug. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Gannon, and Woodings. Rep. Monks was absent/excused. Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 692: Rep. **Moon** presented **RH 692** which cleans up certain code, removes the affidavit of invalid voters, and adds a change in requirement, with the change being that an individual present identification which includes an Idaho's drivers license, Idaho Identification card, current US Passport, Active US Military card, current tribal identification, or Idaho licensed concealed carry in order to register to vote. These Idaho State Identification cards will be made available for free, for voter registration purposes, for anyone who cannot afford them. Rep. Moon stated if one cannot provide the required forms of identification as a first time voter, then they are not eligible to vote. Each identification card that is issued will require a \$10 transfer from the Election Integrity Fund.

Asa Gray, the Elections Manager for Kootenai County, **Bridget Gibson, Ethan Hobson, Chris Yamamoto, Emilia Anders, Isabella Fardette, Saumya Sarin, Amaia Clayton, and Hollie Conde** all testified **in opposition** of the bill. The main concern from these testimonies was many first time voters do not have the identification cards required, nor the means to get one. There was speculation that the coming election was a motivator behind the legislation.

Rep. **Moon** concluded that the option to always get an Idaho identification card is available for those individuals, and it is essential to remove the affidavit. She ensured that every election is important and it is essential that there is matter in place to make sure that every vote is a legal one.

MOTION: Rep. **Woodings** made a motion to **HOLD H 692** in committee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. **Scott** made a motion to send **H 692** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 2 NAY, and 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Furniss, Young, Hanks, and Skaug. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Gannon, and Woodings. Rep. Monks, Palmer, and Andrus were absent/excused. Rep. Moon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29694: **Reps. Gannon** and **Skaug** presented **RS 29694** which encourages the Endowment Fund Investment Board to dispose of all Russian investments.

MOTION: Rep. **Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 29694** with verbiage changes on line 7 and line 29. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29696: **Reps. Gannon** and **Skaug** presented **RS 29696** which directs PERSI to sell trade, or otherwise dispose of ruble currency assets and any asset owned by the Russian government.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 29696** with changes on line 21 and line 23. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 03, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HCR 40	DISASTER DECLARATIONS - States findings of the Legislature and provides that the state of disaster emergency declared by the Governor is now ended.	Rep. Scott
H 704	REFUGEES - Adds to existing law to require notification to certain officials of refugee resettlement in Idaho.	Rep. Dixon
RS 29699	REFUGEES - Adds to existing law to require notification to certain officials of refugee resettlement in Idaho.	Rep. Dixon
H 666	MINORS - Amends existing law to remove a provision regarding an affirmative defense to disseminating material harmful to minors.	Rep. DeMordaunt

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Rep Palmer	Rep Furniss
Rep Barbieri	Rep Hanks
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Mathias (Woodings)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 03, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias (Woodings)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HCR 40: **Rep. Scott** presented **HCR 40** which ends the State of Emergency implemented by **Governor Brad Little**. Idaho has been in an emergency for 715 consecutive days. The emergency was put into effect when the uphill battle of the coronavirus began on March 15th, 2020. This legislation would urge the Governor to end the State of Emergency. As stated by Rep. Scott, the state of Idaho is no longer in an emergency and should follow the other states that have ended their state of emergency.

During committee discussion, **Rep. Woodings** asked what the outcome would be for the 600 federal healthcare workers if the State of Emergency ended. She referred to Idaho's current low vaccination rate and the high hospitalizations. **Rep. Scott** stated those positions would be filled by citizens from Idaho, and she also referred to \$2 billion in surplus that the State of Idaho has available.

Del Chapel, Steven Keiser, Nina Beesley, Rachelle Ottosen, and Michael Lewis all testified **in support** of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **HCR 40** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 3 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Hanks, and Skaug.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Gannon, and Woodings.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 704:
RS 29699:** **Rep. Dixon** presented **H 704** and **RS 29699**. **H 704** is replaced by **RS 29699** which both put into effect the requirement of any Non-Governmental Organization that assists in resettlement of refugees to the State of Idaho, that they report the name, age, sex, country of origin, and reason for resettlement to specific state agencies. There were previous concerns regarding what the definition of the term "refugee" is, and also the purpose for including "reason for resettlement" in the required report of information.

Del Chapel testified **in support** of the bill.

Georgette Siqueiros, the Development and Community Engagement Manager for the International Rescue Committee, testified **in opposition** of the bill. Ms. Siqueiros stated that if personal information were to be released, it could put a refugee at risk.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to **HOLD H 704** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29699** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 2 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, and Skaug. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Gannon and Woodings. Rep. Monks was absent/excused. Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 666: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **H 666** which prohibits the distribution of harmful materials to children. These specific materials include obscene depictions in movies, books, and other media. This bill would remove all of these harmful materials from school, libraries, universities, and museums. Rep. DeMordaunt stated that none of these materials should be used as a tool to teach human sexuality, and should never be included in schools or public libraries.

Stephanie Gifford and Blaine Konzatti both testified **in support** of the bill, and also provided information used in the introduction of the bill. Ms. Gifford stated the explicit material provided to the committee was found in the juvenile section of public libraries in Idaho.

Erin Kennedy and Huda Shaltry testified **in opposition** and stated the bill was written with vague verbiage, stating the bill saying "harmful materials" isn't specific enough, and there needs to be more description on whether it is regarding sexual material, pornographic materials, or materials with violence, or about guns, or even mental health conditions. There were comments on whether or not the legislation is about removing books from public libraries, or if it is to criminalize librarians who are giving these books out to children.

Nina Beesley, Kara Claridge, Craig Cobia, Michael Hon, Debbie Alis, and Rachelle Otteson all testified **in support** of **H 666**. The common factor was that it was a protection against harmful material for children, and there are harmful materials readily available to children in libraries and schools that shouldn't be.

Rep. DeMordaunt clarified that the claim this bill would criminalise librarians is false, and the goal is to not make the materials available to children.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **H 666** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Woodings mentioned Title 18 of Idaho Code, and stated this legislation does in fact criminalize librarians, and does not correct the problem that it is intending to correct.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, and Skaug. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Gannon and Mathias. Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 04, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1272	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Adds to existing law to provide for the donation of liquor for benevolent, charitable, or public purposes.	Rep. Barbieri
RS 29743	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Adds to existing law to provide for the donation of liquor for benevolent, charitable, or public purposes.	Rep. Barbieri
H 705	MARTIAL LAW - Amends existing law to provide for certain limitations during a state of extreme emergency.	Rep. Monks
HR 19	SUPREME COURT - States findings of the House of Representatives and urges the Supreme Court to reverse its jurisprudence on abortion and instead recognize the authority of the state of Idaho to apply state laws to protect every human being from fertilization to natural death.	Rep. Scott
H 675	GENITAL MUTILATION OF A CHILD - Amends existing law to provide for the crime of genital mutilation of a child.	Rep. Skaug

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Rep Barbieri	Rep Hanks
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Mathias (Woodings)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Friday, March 04, 2022
- TIME:** 8:30 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- S 1272:** **Rep. Barbieri** presented **S 1272** which allows a person to apply for a charitable donation of liquor with the intent to raise funds for said charity.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD S 1272** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29743:** **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 29743** which is the same as **S 1272**, only it suspends the \$20 fee in the original bill.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29743** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 705:** **Rep. Monks** introduced **H 705** regarding possession of firearms, which is a continuation of **S 1262** that has already been passed into law. This bill is in regards to 46-601 of Idaho Code, which was not included in **S 1262**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 705** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HR 19:** **Rep. Scott** presented **HR 19** which is a House Resolution urging the Supreme Court to overturn their ruling regarding abortion. In her presentation, Rep. Scott stated that each state should make their own decisions regarding abortion, and this resolution urges the Supreme Court to give Idaho that privilege. Rep. Scott provided the example that a lot of states have ignored the federal court's decision regarding the use of marijuana, and she stated much like that, each state should have the chance to make their own decisions.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **HR 19** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Blaine Conzatti and David Ripley** both testified in support of the resolution, and both mentioned it is the duty of this bill to protect the lives of the unborn.
- Chelsea Gaona-Lincoln and Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman** both testified in opposition to the resolution. The common conclusion was that all individuals should be able to make decisions regarding their own body. There were also comments that there are bigger problems the legislature should focus on.
- Rep. Armstrong** voiced his strong support for the resolution, and asked that it be on the record.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the resolution on the floor.

MOTION:

Rep. Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 23, 24, 25, 2022 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 675:

Rep. Skaug presented **H 675** which amends the existing ban on female genital mutilation and adds puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex reassignment surgeries when administered to children struggling with gender dysphoria. The concern is that these medical interventions are almost always irreversible, some can potentially sterilize children and mutilate healthy body organs. Rep. Skaug stated that gender dysphoria is a term applied by psychologists to describe individuals who are confused by their sex. He also stated treatment for children struggling with gender dysphoria should be counseling and talk therapy, and it is not intended to take away treatment from children; it is a bill to help them get proper treatment. Rep. Skaug stated that children are too young to make the decision to change their gender, and explained that the law doesn't allow for underage children to get a tattoo, drink alcohol, or sign a legal contract.

Blaine Konzatti testified **in support** of the bill. In response to committee questions, Mr. Konzatti stated that he was unaware of any incidences, in the United States, where individuals who were allegedly harmed sued their doctors.

Kaitlyn Nevel, Andrew Perkins, Calvin Udall, Eve Michelle, Alicia Abbott, Joe States, Lauren Bramwell, Chelsea Gaona-Lincoln, Susie Keller, all testified **in opposition** of the bill. Many testified that they have friends, children, family members who are transgender and this would hinder their ability to become who they feel they are meant to be. There was also mention that this is a removal of rights for those individuals who are transitioning or wishing to transition. Some individuals testified that they are in the process of transitioning, and that some of the information regarding sterilization is incorrect. Another concern was the criminalization of otherwise legal and evidence based medical care performed by physicians.

Sebastian Griffin, Erin Brewer, Billy Burleigh, Ted Hudacko, Dr. Quentin Van Meter all testified **in support** of the bill. The common conclusion was that children under the age of 18 should not be able to access cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, and gender altering surgery.

Dr. William Malone testified **in support** of the bill. He is a practicing adolescent and adult endocrinologist. He stated that there is no factual evidence that puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and gender altering surgery decreases the rate of suicide, or improve the mental health of children suffering from gender dysphoria. He stated that lawsuits are ongoing due to the regret they feel following the altering surgery. In response to committee questions, Dr. Malone stated that he is aware of minors being prescribed puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, sex reassignment surgeries, etc. to underage children happening in Idaho.

Rep. Skaug declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

In conclusion, **Rep. Skaug** re-capped the impact of the testifiers and the information they provided.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to send **H 675** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon stated his **opposition** of the bill, and how this bill will hurt people and take away their medical freedom. He stated this bill is well intended but too far out of reach.

Rep. Mathias also stated his **opposition** of the bill, saying there is a physician shortage in Idaho, and this bill turns them into criminals for doing something that is evidence-based. He stated this is taking away parental rights, and that their mental health and suicide attempts will be most helped through therapy. He stated the most helpful thing the legislature can do to help children is to stop passing bills like **H 675**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Mathias made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 675** in committee. **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Original motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 07, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29753	Amends Section 34 of Idaho Code, the Election code.	Rep. Moon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Barbieri
Rep Holtzclaw
Rep Monks
Rep Scott

Rep Andrus
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 07, 2022

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Crane

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

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

RS 29753: **Rep. Moon** presented **RS 29753** which is a trailer bill to **H 692** and which gives new requirements when registering to vote in elections. The effective date is July 1st, 2022.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29753** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

After committee discussion, there were questions on whether or not this legislation should receive another hearing due to the changes that were made.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 29753**.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE, and 9 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Furniss, Gannon, and Mathias. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Hanks, and Skaug. Chairman Crane was absent/excused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 3 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Hanks, and Skaug. Voting in opposition of the motion: Reps. Furniss, Gannon, and Mathias. Chairman Crane was absent/excused. Rep. Moon will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Representative Armstrong
Vice Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 08, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 707	VOTERS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding voter registration.	Rep. Andrus
HCR 41	ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD - States findings of the Legislature and directs the Endowment Fund Investment Board to divest from Russian governmental assets and certain other assets connected to Russia.	Rep. Gannon Rep. Skaug

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane	Rep Andrus
Vice Chairman Armstrong	Rep Young
Rep Palmer	Rep Furniss
Rep Barbieri	Rep Hanks
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Skaug
Rep Monks	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 08, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gannon, Scott

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; after the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 707: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 707** which revises provisions regarding voter registration.
Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State testified **in support** of the bill. Along with his testimony he provided information regarding the bill. This legislation would remove the option for a county clerk to send verification of electronic voter registration by email, and instead requires that it be sent by non-forwardable first class mail. This bill also clarifies that a legal name and address would need to match what is on a driver's license, and Social Security is a requirement, and exempts voter phone numbers and email addresses from public records.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to send **H 707** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HCR 41: **Rep. Skaug** presented **HCR 41** which condemns the conduct of the Russian government in its actions against the country of Ukraine. **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
Delbert Chapel testified **in opposition** of the resolution. He stated he is unsure what is really happening in the Ukraine because of what social media is putting out into the world.
Irina Stenersen testified **in support** of the resolution. Her family is still in Ukraine and she testified regarding the destruction Ukraine is undergoing due to the effects of the invasion by Russia. She pleaded for this bill to pass in order to bring some reconciliation.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **HCR 41** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 09, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1309</u>	FETAL HEARTBEAT PREBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT - Amends existing law to revise the prohibitions, penalties, and causes of action of the Fetal Heartbeat Preborn Child Protection Act.	Rep. Harris Blaine Conzatti
<u>S 1358</u>	FETAL HEARTBEAT PREBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT - Amends S.B. 1309 and existing law to revise a provision regarding attorney's fees, to remove a provision regarding an affirmative defense, and to redesignate a section.	Rep. Harris Blaine Conzatti

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 09, 2022

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2 and 7, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1309: **Rep. Harris** presented **S 1309** which is an amendment of the fetal heartbeat bill. It prohibits abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. This legislation includes a private enforcement mechanism allowing civil lawsuits against medical professionals who perform unlawful abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected. Family members who are "harmed" by the abortion of an immediate family member, can be compensated \$20,000.

S 1358:

Blaine Konzatti, President of Idaho Family Policy Center, testified **in support** of the bill. He stated that **S 1309** adds a private enforcement mechanism to the heart beat law that was signed last year, and it is modeled after the Texas heartbeat bill. He also stated that it does not create civil liability for those that aid in an unlawful abortion, and it restricts civil liability to the abortionist who committed the crime. He stated that life does not begin at the first sign of a heartbeat but it begins at conception, and deserves legal protection, and that a detected heartbeat is a reliable indicator that life exists.

Saumya Sarin, Vanessa Rosenbaum, Nydia MacDonald, Chelsea Gaona Lincoln, Scott Watson, Sophia Drigg, Amber Olah, Jo Smith, Lindsay Van Allen, Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman all testified **in opposition** to the bill. The common statements were regarding the risk of women's lives, and unsafe abortions that could be performed if this option is taken away from women.

Pro-Life (Marvin Richardson), Jacqueline Wakefield, Tammy Payne, Karin Simkins, Robin Watters, Linda Thomas, Heather Lawless, Jason Heering, and Kelly Cope all testified **in support** of the bill. The main comments were regarding the options that pregnant woman have such as adoption, foster care, etc.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1309** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Skaug declared a **RULE 80** stating a possible conflict of interest.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gannon, Scott, and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **S 1358** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 10, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29789	ELECTIONS - Amends Section 34 of Idaho Code, by amending, adding, and modifying certain subsections of the Elections Code.	Rep. Moon
RS 29812	Creates a cosmetology licensure exemption for a person to practice natural hair braiding services in Idaho.	Rep. Nash
H 682	ELECTIONS - Adds to existing law to require notification of boundary changes for election zones, districts, and subdistricts.	Rep. Skaug

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29789: **Rep. Moon** introduced **RS 29789** which is an amendment of the Election Code. It removes the affidavit of invalid voters, and adds a change in requirement of voter identification that allows for voter registration. If an individual cannot afford an identification card, identification will be made available at no charge to the voter, covered by the Voter Integrity Fund. Each identification card will require a \$10 transfer from the Voter Integrity Fund. It also removes the emergency clause, and the effective date is July 1, 2022. On page 2, "acceptable address verification documents" is added, and this covers any concerns from the previous meeting.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29789** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Moon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29812: **Rep. Nash** introduced **RS 29812** which allows for hair braiding to be done without a cosmetology license. Many other states have exempted hair braiding from needing a cosmetologist license, yet Idaho has not. Currently, there is a federal lawsuit regarding the ability of an individual to practice and perform hair braiding without needing to go to cosmetology school and obtain the licensure that comes with it.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29812** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nash** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Nash** stated the Division of Occupational Licensing has had conversations with cosmetology schools and that they have been positive. He also stated he is unaware of any schooling for hair braiding, but braiding is not consistent with the skills cosmetologists are learning in school. **Rep. Scott** stated this legislation will give prisoners the opportunity to leave prisons with new skills and have the chance to make a living for themselves.

H 682: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 682** which adds to the existing law, requiring a notification of boundary change for election zones, districts, and subdistricts.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State, testified **in support** of the bill. He stated this will create a uniform standard of notification that within 30 days after a taxing district that is subject to election consolidation has made subdivisional boundary changes or within 30 days of the filing for candidates, whichever comes sooner, county clerks need to be notified. He stated that it also includes school districts.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 682** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Crane made a clarification stating that **Lynn Laird** testified in the February 9, 2022 meeting, and it later came to her attention that she may have violated the AP Ethics guidelines in her testimony. She sent the committee a corrected testimony and asked that it be recorded.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 11, 2022

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 441	ELECTIONS - Adds to existing law to provide for absentee ballot assistance at certain facilities and to prohibit certain actions.	Rep. Troy Senator Souza
RS 29807	ELECTIONS - Adds to existing law to provide for absentee ballot assistance at certain facilities and to prohibit certain actions.	Rep. Troy Senator Souza
RS 29800	REFUGEES - Adds to existing law to require notification to certain officials of refugee resettlement in Idaho.	Rep. Dixon

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Rep Scott

Rep Mathias

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 11, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representative(s) Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

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 called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 441:
RS 29807:** **Rep. Troy** presented **H 441** and **RS 29807**, which is an amended replacement of the original bill. This legislation would allow for absentee ballot assistance for those in nursing care facilities to help them vote in a secure manner. The new bill will offer help to care facilities by designating three authorized sources of voter assistance. **Rep. Troy** clarified that this will only apply to qualifying facilities that reach out to the clerk's office for assistance.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Troy** stated the training given to the volunteers will help them understand how to be non-partisan and what questions they can and cannot answer. She stated the Secretary of State's office will draft the rules and guidelines.

Kathy Dawes spoke in **opposition** of the bill, stating that an individual living in an assisted living facility should have the freedom to choose who they would like to assist them in their voting process. She stated the elections office already has the option to assist the public, but no action has taken place yet. She stated there is a large fiscal impact with adding employment and spending the time to train employees.

Rep. Troy restated this bill will only go into effect if the assisted living facility calls the county election office to ask for assistance for their residents. She stated it is not required, it is only a service. This allows for an opportunity to receive assistance that is non-partisan when filling out their ballots. She stated that she worked with AARP and that they are in support of the language added to the bill.

Rep. Mathias stated he has concerns that this bill is trying to do too much, and **Rep. Scott** testified in agreement with the concerns.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 441** in committee.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Furniss** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 441** in committee to the call of the chair.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of, 8 AYE, 4 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused.** Those voting in favor of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Reps. Holtzclaw, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Skaug, Gannon, and Mathias.** Those voting in opposition to the motion: **Vice Chairman Armstrong, Reps. Barbieri, Scott, and Hanks. Reps. Palmer and Monks** were Absent/Excused.

MOTION:

Rep. Furniss made a motion to **RETURN RS 29807** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29800:

Rep. Dixon presented **RS 29800** as a replacement to **H 740**, which is a refugee bill that requires non-governmental agencies to report certain information to the county when aiding in the relocation of refugees. The added language is that the reporting of the refugees should be done quarterly. The required information no longer includes the name of the refugee and the reason for their relocation.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Dixon** stated the departments receiving this information would be the Governor, the Department of Health & Welfare, and the Department of Labor. In line 38, there is a public records disclosure, which would be prohibited to the public. He also stated the listed entities cannot reject these refugees from entering a city or county.

MOTION:

Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 29800** with the new verbiage changes, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias** 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 9:50 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of Minutes	
<u>S 1335</u>	CODIFIER'S CORRECTIONS - Amends existing law to make codifier's corrections.	Elizabeth Bowen, Legislative Service Offices Rep. Gannon
<u>S 1338</u>	CAMPAIGNS - Amends existing law to provide for public disclosure of certain campaign contact information.	Rep. Monks Ken Burgess
<u>RS 29824</u>	RESOLUTION - Recognizes Irish American day and the relationship between Ireland and Idaho. Commemorating March 17th, St Patrick's Day.	Rep. Gannon Rep. Dixon

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1335: **Elizabeth Bowen**, Drafting Attorney in the Legislative Services Offices presented **S 1335** which is the codifier's bill, and is drafted every year to correct inconsistencies in legislation that were adopted in the prior session. It does not change any statute, just makes revisions.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **S 1335** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1338: **Rep. Monks** presented **S 1338** which allows for campaign contact information to be made available to the public.

Ken Burgess, on behalf of the Idaho Press Club testified **in support** of the bill. He stated that campaign candidacy contact information is required on the filing form and is made public. He stated there are changes that need to be made to the bill, stating the email addresses will be removed, phone numbers of the candidate will be kept available for the public. He mentioned the reasoning behind removing emails is because they are used as log-ins for certain accounts, and often personal accounts, which is a risk to cyber-security.

Jason Hancock testified **in opposition** of this bill as it is written, and stated **Secretary Denney** opposes this bill as it is written. He mentioned that the Secretary of State's office takes cyber-security very seriously and this bill does include a portion of authentication that could be used to hack or otherwise invade the personal accounts of candidates. With the amendments to the bill, Mr. Hancock stated the Secretary of State's office has no issue with the bill and is **in support** of those amendments.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1338** to General Orders.

Elinor Chehey, representing Legal Women Voters of Idaho, testified **in support** of **S 1338** the way it is written. She is the chair of the Vote 411 Project, which is an online voter guide that includes mapping data and provides information about each candidate to voters. She stated the project must have a list of the emails in order to contact the candidate and provide them with the link to their space on the website.

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

RS 29824: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 29824** which is a resolution recognizing Irish American day and the relationship between Ireland and Idaho, and recognizes March 17th as St. Patrick's Day.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to introduce **RS 29824** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 17, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1311	STATE SYMBOLS - State cut, gemstones	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2022

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Crane, Representative(s) Barbieri, 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 Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

S 1311: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **S 1311**, which declares the patented "Idaho Cut" to be a state symbol and the official state cut for faceted gemstones, and honors the legacy of **Quincy Douglas Howell**.

Aaron Quincy Howell testified in support of the bill. Mr. Howell is the grandson of **Quincy Douglas Howell**, and he came representing himself and his family. During his testimony he passed around different gemstones that were faceted by Quincy Howell to the committee.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Howell** stated in schools there are lessons taught on the symbols of Idaho, and this will be taught to students in Idaho schools.

Rep. Blanksma stated Idaho has 26 state symbols, and they are declared by the state legislature.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1311** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Blanksma will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 18, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
SCR 119	Approval of Minutes TAIWAN - States findings of the Legislature and reaffirms Idaho's commitment to a strong relationship with Taiwan.	Senator Lent

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 18, 2022

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representative(s) Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

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 called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, and 15, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

SCR 119: **Rep. Marshall** presented **SCR 119** which is a resolution that expresses Idaho's support of the people and government of Taiwan.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **SCR 119** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Marshall** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 21, 2022

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1351	VOTERS - Amends existing law to provide for a report to the Legislature on voter registration maintenance actions.	Rep. Troy
S 1352	ABSENTEE BALLOTS - Amends existing law to provide for an investigation if an absentee ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable.	Rep. Troy
S 1341	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding when election results may be released to the public.	Rep. Mathias Jason Hancock
S 1377	ELECTIONS - Amends and repeals existing law to revise provisions regarding election-related deadlines.	Jason Hancock

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

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

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

S 1351: **Rep. Troy** presented **S 1351** which closes a loophole on activities already happening. It asks county clerks to close the loop on this. The Heritage Foundation asked that this be done. This legislation amends existing law to provide for a report to the Legislature on voter registration maintenance actions.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1351** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

There were committee questions asking if these things were already happening in Idaho, and if this bill were to be redundant. In response, **Rep. Troy** clarified this will codify the process. She also stated that Idaho places 38th in the country for election integrity. There are constituents that have reached out in regards to this issue and are worried about the integrity of Idaho elections, in which Rep. Troy stated this will help to bring that peace of mind to voters.

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

S 1352: **Rep. Troy** presented **S 1352** which amends existing law to provide for an investigation if an absentee ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable. This legislation requires the clerk to investigate the validity of the voter registration, due to an increase in invalid voter registrations addressees.

In response to committee questions, **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Secretary of State stated that there is similar legislation currently being processed in the Senate.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1352** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1341: **Rep. Mathias** presented **S 1341** which allows counties in the Mountain Time Zone to report its election results at any time after all polls have closed, if there are no election contests on any of the county's ballots that are also taking place in the Pacific Time Zone.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1341** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to **HOLD S 1377** in committee subject to call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 25, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>SCR 124</u>	FEE RULES - States findings of the Legislature and approves administrative rules that impose a fee or charge reviewed by the Senate and House State Affairs Committees.	Rep. Armstrong

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 25, 2022

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**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 Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, and 21, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket Nos. 04-0000-2100, 45-0101-2100, 52-0103-2100F, 15-1001-2100F, and, 32-0101-2100F.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Chairman Crane** made a motion to send **SCR 124** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Vice Chairman Armstrong will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

Chairman Crane recognized **Vice Chairman Armstrong**, the committee Page, **Hope Allis**, and the committee secretary, **Haley Villa**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary