

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Skaug

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

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

RS 30229: **Rep. Mitchell**, presented **RS 30229**, proposed legislation to allow county clerks more time between the withdrawal of candidates and the deadline to mail absentee ballots.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30229**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30193: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 30193**, proposed legislation to simplify personal identification requirements for voter registration by requiring the same identification on the day of election that is required by registering prior to the election.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30192**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 54: **Rep. Lambert** presented **H 54**, legislation removing student IDs as a valid form of identification at the polls and also removing the option of signing an affidavit in lieu of personal identification.

Isabella Burgess, Mae Roos, Shiva Rajbhandari, Andrea Wilson, Lillie Young, and Bryan Carter testified **in opposition** to **H 54**. They stated voting should be free and no one should be required to purchase identification in order to vote. They also expressed wide-spread voter fraud does not exist in Idaho and eliminating the use of student IDs as a form of identification at the polls is unnecessary.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in support** of **RS 30192**. Mr. McGrane stated Idaho elections are secure, and rampant fraud does not exist in Idaho because we are diligent and put safeguards in place, however, we should continue to strengthen our safeguards. Mr. McGrane remarked residents need access to free IDs that meet the same standard as a government issued ID.

Amy Dundon, ACLU of Idaho, testified **in opposition**, stating there could be serious implications to the constitutional right to vote if **H 54** passed.

Rep. Lambert, presented closing testimony and stated the use of student IDs, as a source of identification at the polls, is not a secure form of identification and the possibility of fraud should be eliminated as much as possible.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion **HOLD H 54** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30169: **Rep. Lambert** presented **RS 30169**, proposed legislation to remove student IDs as a valid form of identification at the polls, but leaving the option of signing an affidavit in lieu of personal identification. **RS 30169** will serve as a replacement to **H 54**.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30169** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary