

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	
RS 29972C1	Post-Election Audit Requirements	Rep. Young
RS 30007	Amending House Rules 6, 8, 10, and 17	Rep. Raybould

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane (13)
Vice Chairman Young
Rep Palmer
Rep Barbieri
Rep Holtzclaw
Rep Scott
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Nash

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 9:04 AM.

Chairman Crane welcomed the Committee members and introduced the page **Trew Lammers**.

Chairman Crane assigned proofreaders for the committee; **Rep. Allgood and Green**.

Chairman Crane explained the rules of committee and how this would affect various individuals and groups.

RS 29972C1: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 29972C1** and discussed how this proposed legislation clarifies existing Idaho Code. It would ensure all post-election audits would be conducted as a hand count.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29972C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30007: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 30007** and discussed how this proposed legislation would make changes to House Rules 6, 8, 10, and 17. Within House Rule 6 it would update how many "personal" bills could be created by an individual legislator. She further explained how the title of "personal" bill would be changed to informational bills and would remain in the Office of the Chief Clerk. This legislation would clarify any references to informational bills within House Rules 8, 10, and 17.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Raybould** explained how **RS 30007** would not change the process by which legislators create bills. The change to House Rules would encourage bills to be put through the legislative process. She clarified the proposed changes to House Rule 17 and how informational bills could not be called up from Committee and would remain at the Chief Clerk's desk.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30007** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar with changes on page 1 line 26 from two to three.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30007** and send to the 2nd reading calendar with changes on page 1 striking lines 26-27.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 30007** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar with changes on page 2 changing lines 24-25 to read "this provision can only be used one time per bill per session".

**VOTE ON
AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Chairman Crane requested a roll call vote. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 7 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Young, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, and Gannon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Alfieri, Allgood, and Crane (12). Rep. Nash was absent/excused.**

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Chairman Crane called for a vote on the substitute motion. **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Chairman Crane called for a vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Elbia Christensen
Secretary

AGENDA
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Room EW40
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29978	No Funds for Abortion Act	Rep. Skaug

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Nash

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

RS 29978: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29978** and explained how this proposed legislation would amend the No Public Funds for Abortion Act. He clarified this proposed legislation would not limit discussion regarding abortion within classrooms. However, it would prevent tax dollars from going to sanctuary cities or cities who refuse to enforce laws regarding illegal abortions. If a city or county were to issue proclamations or similar actions in contradiction with state law or statutes, sales and use of tax revenues would be withheld.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Skaug** explained how this proposed legislation interacts with previous federal court decisions. He clarified how this proposed legislation does not imply the criminalization of ectopic pregnancies. He further explained under what circumstances money would be withheld from different entities.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 29978. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Elbia Christensen
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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 17, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30017	House Rule #6 Amendment	Rep. Barbieri
H 1	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to provide requirements for postelection audits ordered by the Secretary of State.	Rep. Young

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PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023, and January 11, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30017: **Rep. Barbieri** explained that **RS 30017** is specifically designed to alleviate some of the abuses experienced last year. **RS 30017** will eliminate the ability to introduce a personal bill except by committees.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 30017** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30017**. **Rep. Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 4 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Rep. Crane (13), Rep. Young, Rep. Barbieri, Rep. Scott, Rep. Andrus, Rep. Skaug, Rep. Allgood and Rep. Green (Lesmeister). Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep. Palmer, Rep. Holtzclaw, Rep. Alfieri, and Rep. Crane (12). Rep. Gannon was absent/excused.**

H 1: **Rep. Young** presented **H 1** and explained this will codify what has been the practice so postelection audit procedures are clear moving forward. She clarified all postelection audits in the 2022 election were counted by hand and there is currently no time line for audits.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in support of H 1**. He expressed his appreciation to **Rep. Young** for working with their office. Secretary McGrane confirmed all of the audits were hand counts in every location, affirming the current practice of **H 1**. He informed the committee the timing of the audits is before the official canvas. Secretary McGrane went into detail regarding the movement of ballots during the recounts. The movement of ballots involves the county sheriff and depending on the county and the size of the jurisdiction, the sheriff may store them in an evidence locker or change out the locks in the clerk's office and the ballots will remain there. The sheriff is in sole custody and a deputy is present during the recount. If a discrepancy appears in the audit, there is discretion for the Secretary of State to perform additional audits. The time window to challenge an election does not begin until after the results have been reported to the canvas board.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 1** 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 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 2	NO FUNDS FOR ABORTION ACT - Provides for the withholding of sales and use tax revenues from local government entities that defy state law and refuse to investigate or enforce Idaho criminal abortion statutes.	Rep. Skaug

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PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

H 2: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 2** and explained this bill provides for the withholding of sales and use tax revenues from local government entities that defy state law regarding abortion. The prior Attorney General's office advised this bill could be brought forward this session. There are some technical corrections in this bill, such as, regarding openly discussing abortion in the classroom. **H 2**, provides for the withholding of sales and use tax to any entity that defies the criminal statute. If city councils create a policy to allow abortions, they have 180 days to correct the policy.

Tammy Payne, Right to Life of Idaho, and Legislative District 23, testified **in support** of **H 2**. Ms. Payne stated the corrections are needed and municipalities should not be exempt from following the law.

Delbert Chapel, Legislative District 13, testified **in support** of **H 2**. Mr. Chapel stated Idaho's abortion laws should be followed by all citizens in Idaho.

Cindy Thorngren, Legislative District 21, spoke **in opposition** for **H 2**. Ms. Thorngren expressed her desire to let cities and counties set their own priorities for their citizens.

Christian Welp, Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, testified **in support** of **H 2**. Mr. Welp stated abortion is illegal in the state of Idaho and, therefore, any public figure who knowingly refuses to enforce this law should be held accountable. **H 2** takes the appropriate measures to ensure abortion laws are followed and prosecuted, if need be in Idaho.

Blaine Konzatti, President of the Idaho Family Policy Center spoke **in support** for **H 2**. Mr. Konzatti applauded **Rep. Skaug** for sponsoring **H 2**. He stated when sanctuary cities or counties willingly defy the legislature, it sows anarchy into the system of government. Mr. Konzatti indicated that 70% of Idaho voters likely support the heartbeat law and a similar number support the trigger law. This legislation holds cities and counties accountable to the law in Idaho.

Shawn Witham, Legislative District 10, was registered to testify via telephone, however, due to technical difficulties this was not possible.

Rep. Skaug concluded the discussion on **H 2** and thanked all who testified either in support or in opposition. He said this body has a duty to sanction lawlessness and warned of the consequences. He further explained that this bill does not criminalize anyone, in any way, that wasn't already criminalized. The city will pay the penalty, not the individual, and a willful standard must be shown so a bookkeeper performing their responsibilities would not be included. The penalty for not enforcing this law is indicated in Section 18-5702, Idaho Code. Any public officer or public employee who knowingly violates the law will be in violation of Section 18-5701, Idaho Code for the misuse of public moneys.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 2** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** and **Rep. Lesmeister** requested they 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 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 19, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30026	Prohibiting the State of Idaho from using private monies to administer an election (Amends 34-218)	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30061	Prohibits state agencies from donating to, and or sponsoring, non-governmental organizations	Rep. Monks

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

RS 30026: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30026** and explained existing law prohibited the use of private money by local governments but did not prevent the state from using private funds. **RS 30026** prohibits the State of Idaho from using private money to administer an election. Rep. Alfieri added there were many concerns during last year's and the previous year's elections, for instance, there was concern the use of private money would influence elections by providing drop boxes.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 30026. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30061: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 30061** and stated **RS 30061** prohibits state agencies from donating to, or sponsoring non-governmental events unless it is required by law or without prior written permission of the Governor's office. Anyone found to be in violation to this legislation would be subject to the penalties found in Section 18-5701(10), Idaho Code. He further explained membership fees are not included and, as far as he is aware, there are no standing permissions that exist among government agencies. If an agency would like to donate to an event, they must ask permission from the Governor prior to the event. The governor's staff brought up circumstances when it would be appropriate to grant permission, such as, The Department of Labor may want to sponsor a job fair. Anything outside of an agency's purview would be inappropriate for that agency to sponsor.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30061. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 23, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30033	Amending Section 67-6617, Idaho Code, Relating to Lobbyists	Rep. Gannon
RS 30083	Sales and Use Tax Holdback	Rep. Skaug

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DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Vice Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

RS 30033: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 30033** which would prevent former legislators from registering as a lobbyist for at least six months after leaving office.

Rep. Crane (12) spoke briefly about the proposed legislation and said they would like to insert the word "regular" on page 2, line 13 before "legislative session".

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30033** with amendment to add the word "regular" on page 2, line 13 before legislative session.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30033** add the word "regular" on page 2, line 13 and after "no former legislator", add "executive branch employee or elected official."

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berbeiri** made an amended substitute motion to return **RS 30033** to the sponsor.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 9 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Barbieri, Scott, Andrus, Alfieri. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane(13), Young, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, and Green (Miller).**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane(13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Scott, Andrus, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (12), Gannon, and Green (Miller). Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, and Skaug.**

RS 30083: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 30083** to the committee and said this is a law and order piece of proposed legislation which would require the enforcement of felonies. He requested the committee introduce **RS 30083**.

In answer to questions, **Rep. Skaug** said this would apply to state law and those felonies not being enforced in the state. Misdemeanors would not be included.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30083. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

Representative Young
Chair

Jazz Alexis
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 30, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30080	Removing student ID cards as a valid form of identification at the polls	Rep. Lambert
RS 30144	Amendment of Rule 6 and Rule 10 of the rules of the House of Representatives	Rep. Barbieri

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Green

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023, January 18, 2023 and January 19, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30080: **Rep. Lambert** explained **RS 30080** removes student IDs as a valid form of identification at the polls because there is some concern that students from Washington are using their Idaho student IDs to vote and they are also voting in Washington. Rep. Lambert stated she would have more information for the committee regarding how students would continue to be able to vote. There was some discussion surrounding the requirement that individuals residing in Idaho have 30 days to change their drivers' licenses to an Idaho license. **Rep. Crane(12)** stated it is possible for students to attend an Idaho school online, live in Washington, but vote in Idaho. **Rep. Gannon** read Article 6, Section 5 of the Idaho Constitution that allows for students attending school in Idaho to vote in Idaho elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30080**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30144: **Rep. Barbieri** stated the purpose of **RS 30144** is to eliminate the 20th legislative day deadline for Personal Bills and prevent a logjam within the Legislative Services Office (LSO). Rep. Barbieri further explained a Personal Bill will not appear in a committee, however, it will receive a bill number and citizens will be able to find it on the website. The Personal Bill will reside in the Chief Clerk's office and thus eliminate the need for a chairman to make a decision whether or not to bring it out of committee. The first concurrent resolution of the session is a Personal Bill to allow for the State of the State address in joint session and that process will remain unchanged. This RS is a reaction to some situations that arose during the 2022 session that some members felt was an abuse of the rules while others felt was a violation of ethics. **Chairman Crane (13)** indicated the Senate is also examining their process of Personal Bills. Rep. Barbieri will address how the disposal of bills will be handled at the bill's hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30144**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30075	Consolidation of School Bond and Levy Election Dates	Rep. Alfieri

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Green
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.
MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23, 2023.
Motion carried by voice vote.
RS 30075: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30075** and explained it modifies Idaho Code relating to school bond and levy election dates. **RS 30075** eliminates the March and August election dates and limits school bonds and levies to the General Election dates in May and November. Rep. Alfieri expects this will result in greater voter engagement and lower costs for the counties.
MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30075**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30175	Relating to Immunizations; Amending Chapter 23, Title 67, Idaho Code	Rep. Monks
RS 30087	Memorial Authorizing Idaho and Oregon Legislatures To Begin Official Discussions	Rep. Boyle
RS 30079	Oversight Committee, Repeal, Performance Evaluations	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Green

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Vice Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

RS 30175: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 30175** and reviewed the history of this legislation, explaining **RS 30175** is essentially **H 708** from the 2022 Legislative Session. **H 708** passed the House of Representatives and stalled in the Senate last year. On April 7, 2021, **Governor Little** issued an Executive Order. **RS 30175** codifies and expands the Executive Order by adding that individuals will not be required to provide proof of a COVID vaccination to receive services from the State of Idaho, enter a public building or receive employment with a few exceptions. Rep. Monks indicated a couple of those exceptions may be if your job requires you to travel to others states and those states require a vaccination, or if your job requires you to enter a private residence and the homeowner requires a vaccination. **RS 30175** does not cover other vaccinations, however, the emergency use authorization section should cover issues that may come up in the future. There are several details in this legislation that Rep. Monks will address in the bill's hearing such as including other vaccinations and whether an elected official is an employee of the state.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30175**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30087: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 30087**, a Memorial regarding Greater Idaho. For many years, Eastern Oregon residents have been unhappy with their state. Eleven counties in Oregon would like to move the Idaho-Oregon border and become a part of Idaho. For this to happen, both state legislatures need to agree to move the border. Rep. Boyle relayed some of the advantages to Idaho would be 380,000 more citizens, which would result in another congressional seat and, according to a study on economics performed by Claremont Institute, Idaho would receive \$170 million in additional tax dollars, not including tax dollars from businesses.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30087**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30079: **Rep. Blanksma**, presented **RS 30079** to eliminate the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) and reassign oversight of the Office of Performance Evaluation to the Legislative Council. **Rep. Gannon** expressed his concerns that eliminating JLOC, which is a bipartisan committee, would result in the reduction of transparency and checks and balances which have been in code since 1993.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30079**. **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 (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 02, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30104	Establishing HOA provisions for the inherent right of property owners to grown and raise food	Senator Nichols
RS 30009	Absentee Ballots Requirements	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 02, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Young, Skaug

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 30, 2023, and January 31, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30104: **Senator Nichols** presented **RS 30104** and informed the committee the intent of this legislation is to encourage programs and policies that sustain greater local food security and to improve access to healthy foods. Senator Nichols added this legislation also protects the inherent right citizens have to sustain themselves by growing food on their own property, including property contained within a homeowner's association. It is important to note residents will need to comply with all local and county ordinances. Senator Nichols shared property owners may not dedicate more than 60% of their backyard to food production.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30104**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30009C1: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30009C1**. He stated absentee ballots are a very important part of the voting process in this republic, however, with the increased use of absentee ballots, the potential of voter fraud has also increased. The cleaning of voter rolls has become a problem. Six percent of the population moves every year and it becomes difficult to mail ballots to the correct address. **RS 30009C1** sets very specific parameters to when citizens may vote via absentee ballot. It is important to protect the veracity of elections.

Rep. Alfieri clarified a long-term illness or hospitalization is a reason to receive an absentee ballot and the elector will not be required to share details but simply use a check box. If an individual commits fraud, there is existing code to address the punishment. Rep. Alfieri will provide the committee with more details regarding what early voting opportunities exist in the counties and how much time is needed to request an absentee ballot. Rep. Alfieri acknowledged Idaho does not have specific, firm evidence of voter fraud but there are indications.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30009C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 06, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30162	Government Employees, Membership Fees	Rep. Scott
HR 3	Bills - Amends House Rules 6 and 10 regarding the introduction of bills.	Rep. Barbieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 06, 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:** Allgood, Green
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.
RS 30162: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30162**. Rep. Scott stated this proposed legislation would prohibit using tax dollars by public officers and employees for membership dues or fees unless required by law or to pay for professional licensing. Rep. Scott specified **RS 30162** only affects the Legislative, Executive or Judicial branch.
MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30162**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
HR 3: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **HR 3**. Rep. Barbieri said this Resolution eliminates the deadline for Informational Bills and allows for all Informational Bills to reside in the office of the Chief Clerk.
MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **HR 3** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 1 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Yorgason), Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Scott and Gannon. Reps. Allgood and Green were absent/excused.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 07, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 68	OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS - Amends and repeals existing law to remove the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee, to place the Office of Performance Evaluations under the Legislative Council, and to revise the office's duties.	Rep. Blanksma
RS 30185	Electoral College, Support	Rep. Scott
RS 30210	State Government, Agreements, List	Rep. Scott
RS 30171	Abortion, Pregnant Minors	Rep. Ehardt

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 07, 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:** 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.

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

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made an unanimous consent request to change the order of business on the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30185: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30185**, a proposed House Concurrent Resolution reaffirming the importance of the Electoral College and highlighting the dangers of the popular vote.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30185. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30210: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30210**. **Rep. Scott** stated **RS 30210** amends the duties of the Idaho State Controller to account for and store agreements entered into by state officers and agencies of the three branches of government. **Rep. Scott** shared this will include interstate compacts.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 30210. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30171: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 30171**, legislation proposing to amend sections of Idaho Code related to human trafficking by adding definitions related to the illegal trafficking of minors to procure a criminal abortion.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30171. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 68: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **H 68**, legislation eliminating the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) and replacing it with the Legislative Council. JLOC is an appointed committee and the Legislative Council is elected by the members of each body. **Rep. Blanksma** stated the minority is disproportionately represented on JLOC, while the Legislative Council is far more reflective of our state. **H 68** streamlines the evaluation process by giving oversight of the Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE) to the Legislative Council. Currently, JLOC appoints the Director of OPE with 75 percent of the vote. **H 68** would require a simple majority of the vote to appoint the director because it is reflective of the standard practice in the legislature.

Sam Sandmire, Kayla Dodson, Crystal Ivie, Kendal Shaber, Diane Schwarz, Michael McGrane and Susan King all testified in opposition to **H 68** because the current system is working well and producing non-partisanship reports and data. They appreciate how JLOC is a bipartisan committee and is working well with OPE.

Christine Pisani, Executive Director of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, testified **in opposition** to **H 68**. Ms. Pisani stated the structure and function of JLOC has performed an exemplary role of reviewing and selecting diverse study proposals dealing with difficult issues. Seniors and citizens with developmental disabilities have benefited by studies completed by OPE. The transparency the state is afforded by maintaining the current structure of JLOC overseeing and assigning projects to OPE provides the integrity the public relies on. In response to committee questions, Ms. Pisani stated she understands that the OPE will change under the Legislative Council by looking at financial and program aspects as well as agreements entered into by state agencies.

Rakesh Mohan, Director of the Office of Performance Evaluation, was invited to answer questions by **Rep. Gannon**. Mr. Mohan gave a general outline how JLOC selects the projects OPE is assigned and clarified the entire selection process is conducted in a public meeting.

Rep. Blanksma was recognized to close testimony on **H 68**. Rep. Blanksma clarified **H 68** is not about OPE and the process remains the same. She continued to clarify that according to state code, OPE is not allowed to perform studies. OPE will continue to be tasked to perform audits and performance evaluations of state agencies.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Palmer made a motion to send **H 68** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Rep. Gannon made a substitute motion to hold **H 68** in committee.

Rep. Gannon spoke to his substitute motion, stating changing to a simple majority will make it uncomfortable for the Director of OPE to come forward with difficult topics or results. The current system has been in place for 30 years and has worked well.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman Crane called for a vote on the substitute motion. **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Chairman Crane called for a vote on the original motion. **Original motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Rep. Blanksma will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 08, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 11	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding the use of private moneys for the purpose of election administration.	Rep. Alfieri
H 58	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to remove school bond and levy election dates in August and March.	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 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:** 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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2023, and February 2, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Vice Chair Young** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 11: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 11**, legislation prohibiting the state from using private moneys to administer elections. There is existing law prohibiting private moneys in local elections but there is not a law prohibiting the state.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in support** of **H 11**. In 2020 there was private grant money used by 49 states. There are existing laws preventing local elections from using private grant money but there is not law preventing the Secretary of State from using private money. Mr. McGrane stated it is the proper role of government to fund elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 11** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 58: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 58**, legislation eliminating the school bond and levy election dates in March and August and consolidating those elections in May and November. This change will increase voter turn out for bonds and levies because the turn out for elections in May and November are much higher than turnout in March or August.

Dr. Jeff Dillon, Superintendent, Wilder School District, testified **in opposition** of **H 58** because education budgets from the state are set in March and the time frame to have contract negotiations and district budgets completed is not adequate to present a levy or bond on the May ballot. Dr. Dillon also indicated school district ballot measures get lost in the narrative of the ballot in November. In response to committee questions, Dr. Dillon stated there are occasions when the budget timing could be adjusted. He also noted Wilder School District gets a much higher percentage of voters participating in August because of their transparency to the voters.

Quinn Perry, Idaho School Boards Association, testified **in opposition** stating school districts and the legislature must work together to find solutions and **H 58** removes the tools schools have to operate without providing solutions. Ms. Perry stated her organization desires a higher voter turnout and also a conversation with all stakeholders. She shared bonds and levies are at the bottom of the ballot and are often overlooked. School districts have several time line limitations that make it difficult to use the May election date. Ms. Perry indicated presenting bonds and levies are the least favorite responsibility districts need to perform, but despite that, they continue to go above and beyond to inform their communities of election dates. They also use those dates to receive feedback from patrons and then rework plans to take proposals back to the voters.

Teresa Rae, School Board Trustee for Boundary School District, and **Brigham Cook**, Ririe School Board Chairman testified **in opposition**, stating May is too early to run a levy because their budget and contract negotiations are not completed in time. School districts need all four dates to do what is best for schools.

Ron Nate, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in support** of **H 58** and cited his county's voter turn out is much higher in November and May when compared to March or August election dates. Mr. Nate stated it is more efficient to have fewer elections because it consolidates costs. It is also frustrating to have an election every three months. He proposed a possible compromise to hold a bond or levy election every four years in conjunction with the presidential primary in March.

Terry Jones, School Board Trustee for Emmett School District and Payette River Regional Technical Academy. Mr. Jones' testimony regarding **H 58** was neutral. He stated unfunded mandates and building maintenance make it necessary for his school districts' to present a levy and bond suppliers counsel his district to run their bonds and levies in March for optimal success and to never use the November date. Mr. Jones also shared his perspective as a property owner, saying he wants the best and efficient use of funds and school districts don't work hard enough to educate the public. In response to committee questions, Mr. Jones stated counselors, psychologists, special education teachers, para-professionals, nurses, teaching instructors are mandated, however, none are funded by the state.

Eric Hasselstrom, County Commissioner, Lewis County, testified **in opposition** to **H 58**, and stated there is no reason to have the election dates in March and August. Mr. Hasselstrom remarked Lewis County has a population of 3,500 and can not afford the cost of having elections in March and August.

Russell Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation testified **in support** of **H 58** stating farmers and ranchers pay for levies and bonds on their personal residences and again on their agricultural land. Bonds and levies can increase their taxes by several thousand dollars. Mr. Hendricks indicated the legislature has done an excellent job funding K-12 education by increasing funding by 42% over the last three years and after the special session, increased funding \$330 million. Mr. Hendricks indicated their hope is for the state to properly fund education so levies and bonds are no longer needed and **H 58** is a great initial step to move to a new paradigm regarding how to fund schools.

Darcy Lammers and **Darren Taber** testified **in support** of **H 58**, stating school districts can improve communicating their needs to the voters and elections dates in March and August are not needed.

Rep. Alfieri presented closing testimony on **H 58** and stated school funding is a critical issue that needs addressed, however that is a separate issue. Rep. Alfieri remarked legislators need to understand who they serve and they serve the public, and if they believe that, they must engage them in the best manner possible. Holding elections in March or August when only 2 - 3% of the public turns out, is not serving the public.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 58** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 09, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30172	Indexing unemployment benefits to the state's unemployment rate	Rep. Skaug
H 75	VOTING - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding voting by absentee ballot.	Rep. Alfieri

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DATE: Thursday, February 09, 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:** 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.
Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
RS 30172: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 30172**, proposed legislation indexing unemployment benefits to the state's unemployment rate.
MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30172**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Alfieri** made an unanimous consent request to **HOLD H 75** in committee subject to the call of the chair. There being no objection, the request was granted.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
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AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 10, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30229	Write-In Candidates, Intent Date	Rep. Mitchell
RS 30193	Voter Registration, Identification	Rep. Mitchell
H 54	ELECTIONS - Amends and repeals existing law to prohibit the use of student IDs for personal identification at polling places and to prohibit personal affidavits in lieu of personal identification.	Rep. Lambert
RS 30169	Voting, Identification, Students	Rep. Lambert

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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

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 13, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30197	Presidential Primary Elections	Rep. Manwaring
RS 29922c1	Veterans, Unclaimed Property	Rep. Allgood
RS 30168	Voting, Affidavit, Repeal	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30230	School and Library Protection Act	Rep. Crane (12)
HJM 1	OREGON AND IDAHO BORDERS - States findings of the Legislature and resolves that the Idaho Legislature stands ready to begin discussions with the Oregon Legislature regarding the potential to relocate the Oregon/Idaho state boundary.	Rep. Ehardt Rep. Boyle

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 13, 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:** Green

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 Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30197: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **RS 30197**, proposed legislation to consolidate the March Primary Presidential Election with the May Primary Election date. The March Primary Presidential Election in 2024 is estimated to cost Idaho \$2.7 million. **RS 30197** will result in reduced costs to the state.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30197**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29922C1: **Rep. Allgood** stood to present **RS 29922C2**, however, **RS 29922C1** was on the committee agenda.

Vice Chair Young put the committee at ease at 9:06 A.M.

Vice Chair Young resumed the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

RS 30168: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30168**, proposed legislation to repeal the use of an affidavit in lieu of showing personal identification at the polls. Rep. Alfieri stated he worked in cooperation with the Secretary of State's office and the affidavit is used very rarely.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30168**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30230: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 30230**, proposed legislation to protect minors from harmful material in public libraries. Rep. Crane (12) stated public libraries should make a reasonable effort to protect minors from harmful material.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30230**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJM 1: **Reps. Ehardt and Boyle** presented **HJM 1**, a memorial to expand Idaho's borders to include several counties in Oregon. This memorial allows conversations to begin between Idaho's and Oregon's legislatures.

Mr. Mark Simmons, former Speaker of the House in Oregon, presented **HJM 1**, and stated members of the Greater Idaho organization want to see the kind of laws that reflect, self-reliance, faith, family, and hard work, the things Idaho is based on, in Oregon, however, there is a huge cultural divide between Western and Eastern Oregon and which is making it impossible to enact those laws. The Greater Idaho organization was formed as a solution to the problems they see in Oregon threatening their farms, ranches and businesses. Responding to committee questions, Mr. Simmons gave a broad overview of what the process to move state borders would entail. The border change would include 11 counties in Oregon who have voted close to 70% in favor of the change.

Michael Oswald, Jason Green, Matthew Jensen and John Lawson testified in support of **HJM 1**, stating the residents of Eastern Oregon share the same values as Idaho and discussions should be able to begin.

William Howell, Greater Idaho, testified in support of **HJM 1**. Mr. Howell owns a seed business and farm land in Union County and stated liberal drug laws, the releasing of criminals, poor public education, and unfair taxes and regulations have made his life difficult. He also shared Oregon has left them without a voice and has become repressive and dictatorial.

Matt McCaw, spokesperson for Greater Idaho, indicated the movement has broad, wide support. Greater Idaho had polling done in Idaho and found a strong majority of residents desired to move the border. The proposed change to the border would result in 63% of Oregon's land mass and 9% (400,000 residents) of Oregon's population moving into Idaho's border. Greater Idaho does not want to be a burden to Idaho but to make Idaho stronger.

Rep. Ehardt presented closing testimony on **HJM 1**, stating, initial polling among Oregon and Idaho residents was extremely positive despite not having much information regarding the border change. **HJM 1** authorizes a conversation that should take place.

MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to send **HJM 1** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Reps. Ehardt and Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned 9:59 A.M.

Representative Young
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30220	School Board of Trustees, Elections	Rep. Pickett
RS 30296	Employment Security Law	Rep. Mitchell
RS 30317	Media Recordings, Public Records	Rep. Erickson
H 47	PUBLIC RECORDS - Amends existing law to define "unwarranted invasion of personal property."	Rep. Erickson

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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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:** Green, 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 30220: **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 30220**, proposed legislation allowing an elected school board trustee to serve their entire term even though the boundary of their zone changed after they were elected.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 30220**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30296: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 30296**, proposed legislation requiring the Department of Labor to perform routine cross checks of existing databases. Rep. Mitchell stated these are procedures the Department of Labor is following to avoid any unemployment fraud.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30296**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30296**, striking Lines 18 and 19 on Page 1. **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30317: **Rep. Erickson** presented **RS 30317**, proposed legislation adding two additional categories to Section 50-907, Idaho Code, "municipal media recordings", and "law enforcement media recordings", and definitions for each new category. The purpose of adding the additional categories will allow municipalities to discard video recordings that do not have evidentiary value and will reduce the cost of storing video. Rep. Erickson stated some videos will be stored for 14 days.

Reps. Crane (13) and Crane (12) declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

Due to lack of a motion, **Chairman Crane** moved to the next item on the agenda.

H 47: **Rep. Erickson** and **Julie Hart**, representing the city of Idaho Falls, presented, **H 47** which codifies a court decision between Idaho Falls and the Post Register by adding the definition for an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Ms. Hart stated this legislation will protect the privacy of abuse or violence victims.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:28 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 9:31 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 47** to General Orders.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to send **H 47** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 12	STATE GOVERNMENT - prohibit state agencies from donating to or sponsoring a nongovernmental event or organization	Rep. Monks
RS 30360	Prohibits State Departments From Donating to and/or Sponsoring Organizations	Rep. Monks
H 69	HEALTH - Adds to existing law to prohibit requiring, for certain purposes, a COVID-19 vaccine or a vaccine offered under emergency use authorization.	Rep. Monks
RS 30368	Vaccines, prohibits	Rep. Monks
RS 30318	Admin Rules, Legislature, Process	Rep. Moyle
RS 30186C1	School Board, Two Year, Political Party	Rep. Alfieri

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 8 and 9, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 12: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 12**, legislation prohibiting state agencies from sponsoring non-governmental events without approval from the Governor.

Kelley Packer, Association of Idaho Cities, stated **H 12** should not include cities and counties because the Governor's authority does not extend to them.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 12** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 12** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30360: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 30360**, proposed legislation prohibiting state agencies from sponsoring non-governmental events without approval from the Governor. **Rep. Monks** explained **RS 30360** differs from **H 12** by allowing commissions to promote their products and/or services.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30360**, amending Page 1, Line 19 striking the words "or his designee" and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 69: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 69**, legislation prohibiting the state from requiring proof of vaccination to access state services or facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to **HOLD H 69** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30368: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 30368**, proposed legislation prohibiting the state from requiring proof of vaccination to access state services or facilities. **Rep. Monks** explained the differences between **H 69** and **RS 30368** and how the committee's concerns have been addressed.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30368** and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30318: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 30318**, proposed legislation placing all administrative rules on an eight-year expiration cycle and requiring every proposed administrative rule to be approved by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature in order to be in effect. Rep. Barbieri further explained this proposed legislation also requires agencies to allow oral public testimony on their administrative rule proposals by video conference or phone and posting those hearings on the agency's website for at least three years.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:51 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30318** with the following changes: on Page 6, Lines 42 and 43, after "nature" add "which are approved by the germane committees, shall be compiled in", and striking the words, "may be approved or rejected by", and adding "which may be approved or rejected by the same" after "legislature". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30186C1: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30186C1**, proposed legislation to adjust the term of school district trustees from four years to two years and declare their political affiliation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30186C1**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30186C1**, amending Page 2, Line 10, after "affiliated" add "or the candidate's unaffiliated status". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 16, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30143	Unclaimed Property Act	Rep. Crane (13)
H 124	VOTERS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding accepted voter identification at the polls.	Rep. Lambert
HCR 2	ELECTORAL COLLEGE - States findings of the Legislature and expresses support of the Electoral College system.	Rep. Scott

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Crane (13)** asked for an unanimous consent to remove **RS 30143** from the agenda and to reschedule it for a later date. Seeing no objection, **RS 30143** was removed from the agenda.

H 124: **Rep. Lambert** presented **H 124**, legislation to amend existing law to revise provisions regarding accepted voter identification at the polls.

Those speaking **in opposition** were **Jean Henscheid**, League of Women Voters of Idaho, and **Mary Ruckh**, citizen. They were of the opinion **H 124** restricted students' ability to vote.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **H 124** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Lambert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 2: **Rep. Scott** presented **HCR 2** a resolution to reaffirm the importance of the Electoral College system.

Isebella Schiffler testified **in support of HCR 2**. She explained the implications of a national popular vote compact as well as a brief history of the electoral college.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **HCR 2** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the resolution on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Jazz Alexis
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 17, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30386	Leases, 60 Day Non-Renewal Notice	Rep. Gannon
RS 30385	Emergency Excavation	Rep. Lanting
RS 30369	Accessory Dwelling Units	Rep. Nash
RS 30300	Silent Prayer	Rep. Ehardt
H 91	STATE GOVERNMENT - Employee Membership Fees/Dues	Rep. Scott
H 97	STATE CONTROLLER - All state officers and agencies shall report agreements entered into to the State Controller.	Rep. Scott

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 17, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 13 and 14, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made an unanimous consent request to move **RS 30300** to the end of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30386: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 30386**, proposed legislation clarifying lease renewal and termination notices. **RS 30386** only applies to term leases, not month to month leases. If one party is not renewing, written notice must be given 60 days prior to the end of the lease.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to introduce **RS 30386**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30385: **Rep. Lanting** presented **RS 30385**, proposed legislation amending the statute addressing 811 guidelines by defining "emergency" and "emergency excavation".

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30385**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30369: **Rep. Burns** presented **RS 30369**, proposed legislation to give private property owners the right to have Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on owner-occupied residential property. ADUs can be basement apartments, mother-in-law suites, or detached, fully-contained units.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to introduce **RS 30369**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a substitute motion to return **RS 30369** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:** **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Allgood** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 91: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 91**, legislation ending the use of public funds for membership fees or subscriptions unless required by law to retain professional license needed for current employment. Idaho is spending more than \$7 million each year in membership fees, dues and subscriptions. **Rep. Scott** stated **H 91** will give the legislature additional oversight.

Julie Hart, Association of Idaho Cities, testified in **opposition** to **H 91** stating, the Association of Cities provides guidance and training to mayors and councilmen, most of whom are part-time and working for small cities. Ms. Hart explained **H 91** would prevent this essential training from happening.

Rep. Scott presented closing testimony clarifying **H 91** does not include cities or counties and this legislation will prompt agencies to closely examine their subscriptions and memberships.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a motion to send **H 91** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

NEW ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Green made a motion to **HOLD H 91** in committee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Rep. Barbieri made an unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a substitute motion to send **H 91** to General Orders with the following committee amendment: on Page 1, Line 17, adding the word "or" after "licensure". **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

H 97:

Rep. Scott presented **H 97**, legislation to allow the state Controller's office to account for and store agreements entered into by state officers and agencies of the three branches of government. Rep. Scott stated **H 97** will provide transparency in government by designating one location where all agreements will be stored and recorded.

MOTION:

Rep. Alfieri made a motion to send **H 97** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

RS 30300:

Rep. Ehardt presented **RS 30300**, proposed legislation protecting the First Amendment right to freedom of religion and the ability to exercise individual expression without fear of repercussion at a public college, school district or charter school. Rep. Ehardt stated **RS 30300** is in response to the June 27, 2022, Supreme Court ruling which overturned the Lemon v. Kurtzman ruling.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to introduce **RS 30300** with the following changes: on Page 1, Line 14, remove the words "Joseph's law or". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 20, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30320C1	Land, Water, Foreign Ownership	Rep. Boyle
RS 30380	Agency Policy Documents	Rep. Boyle
RS 30233	Campaigns, Measure, Committee	Rep. Wheeler
RS 30383	TikTok, State Employees, Devices	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Green

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30320C1: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 30320C1**, proposed legislation prohibiting foreign governments from owning agricultural land, water, mineral rights and mining claims.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 30320C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30380: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 30380**, proposed legislation clarifying agency policies and guidance do not carry the full effect of law.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30380**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30233: **Rep. Wheeler** presented **RS 30233**, proposed legislation providing transparency to Idaho's current election laws. Rep. Wheeler explained Political Action Committees (PACs) or individuals registered with the Federal Election Commission are not required to register in Idaho and, therefore, are not subject to Idaho's Sunshine Law. Rep. Wheeler stated **RS 30233** will close that loop hole.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30233**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 30233** with the following changes: on Page 4, Line 50, put a period after the word "commission" strike the remaining words on Line 50 through Line 2 on Page 5.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Gannon** made an unanimous consent request to withdraw his substitute motion. There being no objection, consent was granted.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a substitute motion to return **RS 30233** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30383: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 30383**, proposed legislation to prohibit the installation of TikTok on any state issued device or network.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:26 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30383**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:32 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 9:36 A.M.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1016	Multiple-Occupancy Restroom, Shower, and Changing Room Requirements	Rep. Scott
RS 30353	Ranked Choice Voting Prohibition	Rep. Hawkins
RS 30289	State Treasurer Gold & Silver	Rep. Ehardt

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Holtzclaw

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.

S 1016: **Rep. Scott** and **Sen. Herndon** presented **S 1016**, legislation prohibiting all public entities and political subdivisions in Idaho from requiring public works contractors to provide rest rooms and changing room facilities they own or control for any basis other than biological sex. Rep. Scott provided the committee a brief overview of the history of federal executive orders regarding nondiscrimination in the workplace. Sen. Herndon stated **S 1016** applies when multiple toilets and facilities are located in one room and these are facilities the contractors own, control and bring to the job site for their employees' use.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **S 1016** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1016** in committee subject to the call of the chair.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:20 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:21 A.M.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made an amended substitute motion to send **S 1016** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30353: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 30353**, proposed legislation prohibiting ranked choice voting in Idaho. Rep. Hawkins stated this practice of voting is not taking place in Idaho currently, however, multiple states are allowing it and this method is growing across the country.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30363. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30289: **Sen. Hart** presented **RS 30289**, proposed legislation allowing the State Treasurer to store gold and silver bullion in the State Treasury. Gold and silver bullion has no counter party risk and, therefore, would be the safest option to the State Treasurer.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30289. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned 9:27 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 138	ELECTIONS - Amends and repeals existing law to consolidate presidential primaries with the primary election.	Rep. Manwaring
RS 30143	Unclaimed Property Act	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30272	Public Contracts, Boycotts	Rep. Ehardt
RS 30389	Banks, Credit Unions, Boycotts	Rep. Ehardt
RS 30343	Public Procurement, Standards	Rep. Monks

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Scott, Andrus

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

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

H 138: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **H 138**, legislation combining the Presidential March Primary Election with the May Primary Election. Moving the Presidential Primary to May places Idaho with all other states who hold their Presidential Primary in May and should result in increased voter turn out and an estimated cost savings of \$2.7 million.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in support of H 138**, stating Idaho has spent almost \$5 million on the March Presidential Primary Election and the anticipated turn out to these elections has not been what they anticipated but seems to have resulted in a decrease in voter turn out for the May Primary Election date .

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 138** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

RS 30143: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30143**, proposed legislation which is an extensive update of Idaho's Unclaimed Property law. Rep. Alfieri stated the last rewrite was completed in 1983 and the significant changes include the addition of, loyalty, gift, and store value cards, and virtual currency. Another notable change is shortening the time period from 5 years to 3 years to classify property abandoned. The Treasurer's current volume of unclaimed property is \$228 million.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30143. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30272: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 30272**, proposed legislation prohibiting public contracts with companies that are boycotting certain industries using the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria. Rep. Ehardt stated **RS 30272** also defines boycotting.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30272. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30389: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 30389**, proposed legislation to ensure banks and credit unions do not boycott industries important to our state using ESG criteria. Rep. Ehardt stated collaboration with banks, credit unions, and various stakeholders has been used on this legislation and there is an appeals process provided.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30389. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30343: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 30343**, proposed legislation amending relevant procurement statutes to restrict the state from using ESG criteria in evaluating contract bids. Contract awards must be based on competitive pricing, contract requirements and contractor qualifications.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30343**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 23, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 75	VOTING - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding voting by absentee ballot.	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30376	Absentee Voting, When Permitted	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30449	Administrative Rules, Legislature, Process	Rep. Barbieri
RS 30234	State Board of Education, Elected Members	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15 2023, and February 17, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 75: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 75**, legislation tightening the requirements of absentee ballots and returning to their original use and intent. Rep. Alfieri stated **H 75** is an attempt to prevent the type of fraud that exists in others states using absentee ballots.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made an unanimous consent request to allow **Phil McGrane**, Secretary of State, to testify at this point because of Mr. McGrane's schedule. There being no objection, the request was granted.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in opposition** to **H 75**, stating, there is not wide-spread voter fraud because of absentee voting in Idaho and there are procedures in place to catch any fraud. Mr. McGrane remarked absentee voting is an important tool for voters to use and some precincts only vote via absentee because their rural location makes having a central polling location impossible.

Rep. Kingsley presented **H 75**, and shared a personal experience he had with a pre-filled absentee ballot request which arrived at his home for his child who had not lived there for six years. Rep. Kingsley indicated the use of absentee ballots is growing and his belief it is the intention to move Idaho towards voting via mail exclusively.

Kendal Shaber, League of Women Voters of Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 75**, stating existing law allows for all residents to vote absentee and by changing who can qualify to receive an absentee ballot, some citizens who may need to vote via absentee, will not be able to.

Macee Utlecht, Sam Sandmire, Ken Harris, Andrea Wilson, Kayla Dodson, Tamera Dittenber, Kathy Dawes, Norma Staaf, and Alicia Abbott, testified **in opposition** to **H 75**, stating voting should be easier, not harder and by removing the ability to vote absentee, it is denying citizens the convenience and accessibility of having a choice. They also spoke to the existing procedures in place to catch any fraud, should it exist, and how the absentee ballot process allows them to have more time to research and consider their votes carefully.

Tim O'Donnell, Jackie Davidson and Lyle Johnstone testified **in support** of **H 75**, stating the more we encourage absentee voting, the more opportunities for fraud and requested Idaho not sacrifice secure elections for convenience.

Lupe Wissel, AARP Idaho, testified in **opposition** to **H 75**, stating because of health reasons, many citizens feel more comfortable voting via absentee ballot and **H 75** places restrictions on a citizen's right to vote.

Kathy Ackerman, Idaho County Clerk, and Idaho Association of County Clerks' Legislative Committee, testified in **opposition** of **H 75**, stating some type of verification will very likely be required in the future and it will be an undue burden on the county clerks. Ms. Ackerman also shared it puts the county clerks on the front line of angry voters again and clarified clerks are in favor of restricting third parties from sending out pre-filled absentee ballot requests. She remarked she is against the Routing Slip (RS) going directly to the floor and not allowing testimony.

Rebecca Funk testified in **opposition** to **H 75** and asked the committee to take other steps to secure voting, such as ballot harvesting, identification and requesting ballots per election instead of per year.

Alicia Abbott testified in **opposition** to **H 75** because of concerns regarding the need to vote absentee due to being a caregiver and the lack of clarity of how a medical need would be verified.

Reps. Alfieri and Kingsley presented closing testimony on **H 75**, stating allowances have been made in **RS 30376** for everyone that may need an absentee ballot and it is every citizen's duty to study, research and vote.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to **HOLD H 75** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30376: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30376**, proposed legislation addressing absentee ballot requirements and allowing for residents who may have seasonal residences outside of Idaho. Rep. Alfieri clarified **RS 30376** also expands the list of citizens qualified to receive absentee ballots.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30376** and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a substitute motion to return **RS 30376** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 3 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri** and **Crane (12).** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Allgood, Gannon and Green.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30449: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 30449**, proposed legislation amending the administrative rules process by placing all administrative rules on an eight-year cycle and requiring every proposed administrative rule be approved by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature in order to be in effect. Rep. Barbieri also stated **RS 30449** requires agencies to allow oral public testimony by video conference or phone and posting the recording of public hearings on the agency's website for at least three years.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30449** and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30234: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30234**, proposed legislation allowing for the election of the State Board of Education. Rep. Alfieri stated the largest portion of our spending is education and it is important an elected board oversees that money. **RS 30234** designates seven trustee zones throughout the state.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30234.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #3
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 24, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30427	School Athletic Events	Rep. Shepherd
RS 30415C1	Tax Correspondence, Officials, Names	Rep. Necochea
RS 30303C2	Abortion, Federal Courts	Senator Hart
H 29	LOBBYING - Amends existing law to prohibit lobbying by legislators and executive branch employees and elected officials for a certain time.	Rep. Gannon Rep. Crane (12)
RS 30398	Lobbying, State Officials	Rep. Gannon Rep. Crane (12)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Skaug, Alfieri

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

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2023 and February 21, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30427: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 30427**, proposed legislation assuring spectators to any Idaho school sporting event are guaranteed the option to use cash as a payment for entry.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30427**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30415C1: **Rep. Necochea** presented **RS 30415C1**, proposed legislation prohibiting the Executive Branch and county commissioners from disseminating electioneering messages via the State Tax Commission and property tax correspondence.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30415C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30303C2: **Sen. Hart** presented **RS 30303C2**, a proposed Joint Memorial requesting Congress to limit the jurisdiction of the lower federal courts from hearing the cases that relate to state legislative authority to pass laws regarding abortion. Those cases would then be heard in the state courts, which would be in accordance with the findings of the Supreme Court as expressed in the Dobbs Decision.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30303C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 29: **Reps. Gannon** and **Crane (12)** presented **H 29**, legislation placing a six month pause between serving in the Legislature and when a former legislator may register as a lobbyist. Rep. Crane requested **H 29** be held in committee.

RS: 30398: **Reps. Gannon** and **Crane (12)** presented **RS 30398**, proposed legislation prohibiting a Legislator, Executive Branch employee or a state official from registering to be a lobbyist for a period of six months after termination of service. Individuals would be able to be employed by employers who lobby, however, they would not be able to register as a lobbyist. Rep. Gannon stated several exemptions are provided in **RS 30398** such as, working for a state agency. In response to committee questions, Rep. Gannon indicated an increasing number of legislators are working as registered lobbyists and, while there is nothing wrong with that, perception is important and the public needs to know, their elected officials are primarily working to represent them.

MOTION: Rep. Allgood made a motion to **HOLD H 29** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Palmer asked for a point of order regarding public testimony on **H 29**.

Cindy Thorngren testified **in support** of **H 29** and stated **H 29** allows Legislators to show a sincerity to the public. Ms. Thorngren remarked elected officials should not use their office to increase their bottom line.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to return **RS 30398** to sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps Crane (13), Young, and Crane (12)** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

Representative Young
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 27, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 189	STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS - Adds to existing law to prohibit public contracts with companies that boycott certain business sectors.	Julie Ellsworth
H 190	CREDIT UNIONS AND BANKS - Amends existing law to require that credit unions and banks holding state funds not boycott certain industries.	Julie Ellsworth
H 191	PUBLIC PROCUREMENT - Amends and adds to existing law to provide that procurement decisions shall not be based on environmental, social, and governance standards.	Rep. Monks
H 197	ADMINISTRATIVE RULES - Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding the legislative review of administrative rules.	Rep. Barbieri
RS 30435C1	Access to Idaho Polling Places	Rep. Sauter
RS 30404	Sexual Exhibitions, Minors, Public	Senator Toews

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2023, and February 22, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made an unanimous consent request to adjust the order of the agenda to meet schedule needs. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30435C1: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 30435C1**, proposed legislation to ensure voters are not solicited at public polling places by changing the distance from 100 feet to 300 feet for campaigning materials. Rep. Sauter stated the definitions of polling places' boundaries vary among county clerks. Some measure from the front door while others may measure from the parking lots.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 30435C1**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to return **RS 30435C1** to the sponsor. **Substitute Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, and 4 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12)** and **Gannon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Allgood** and **Green.**

RS 30404: **Blaine Konzatti** presented **RS 30404**, proposed legislation creating a duty of care for promoters, organizers and performers of sexual exhibitions to take reasonable steps to restrict the access of minors. Mr. Konzatti stated **RS 30404** also prohibits the use of public facilities and assets for such events, however, these events can still take place on private property as long as promoters take reasonable steps to restrict access to children.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:26 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 9:27 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30404** with the following changes: On Page 1, Lines 30, 37 and 40, strike "n accompanying" and on Page 2, strike "n accompany." **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 197: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **H 197**, legislation amending how the Legislature addresses the Administrative Rules Review process. Rep. Barbieri stated **H 197** allows a committee to reject a rule an Administrative Rule and allows the Administrative Rule to remain in the committee. It is important the Legislature handles Administrative Rules in the same way they handle laws. Rep. Barbieri expressed **H 197** will reduce the number of Administrative Rules the Legislature is required to review every year.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 197** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 190: **Rep. Ehardt** and **Julie Ellsworth**, Idaho State Treasurer, presented **H 190**, legislation prohibiting banks and credit unions, designated by the Idaho State Treasurer, as depositories for public monies, do not boycott vital industries to Idaho using Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria. Rep. Ehardt stated depositories must meet existing certification requirements and **H 190** adds another requirement to those certifications. Ms. Ellsworth, stated ESG standards are subjective and grant companies undue influence on public policy. Ms. Ellsworth clarified there are opportunities for banks and credit unions to receive exemptions and there is a 60 day appeals process before the depository status is removed.

Andy Snook, General Council and Fair Hearings Division, Attorney General's office, stood in response to committee questions and clarified Page 3, Line 7, "limit commercial relations" is borrowed from existing law and will guard against a partial boycott.

Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League, testified in **opposition** of **H 190**, stating **H 190** will expand the State Treasurer's oversight responsibilities and includes banks doing business outside of Idaho. Mr. Oppenheimer remarked this legislation will be an undue burden on the private sector and prevent lending institutions from properly evaluating all risks.

Braden Jensen, testified in **support** of **H 190**. Mr. Jensen stated **H 190** will ensure banks and credit unions do not boycott industries, including agriculture. Farm Bureau participated in stake holder meetings and **H 190** establishes clear policy protecting agriculture and natural resource industries. Mr. Jensen also commented there are reasonable exceptions included in the bill.

Dave Taylor, Idaho Rifle and Pistol Association, testified in **support** of **H 190**, stating they strongly oppose any effort to affect the firearms industry.

Rep. Ehardt presented closing testimony, stating, ESG and boycotting is real and it is affecting industries in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 190** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 189: **Julie Ellsworth**, Idaho State Treasurer, presented **H 189**, legislation prohibiting public contracts with companies that are boycotting certain industries. Ms. Ellsworth stated **H 189** provides a definition of a public contract and there is an exemption provision which allows for public input in a way it is easily accessible and maintained in the public record.

Andy Snook, General Council and Fair Hearings Division, Attorney General's office, stood in response to committee questions clarifying the definition of a contract as defined in the Idaho Procurement Act.

Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League, testified in **opposition** to **H 189**, stating this is misguided action against ESG and will result in destabilizing financial and bond markets, and increase borrowing costs. Mr. Oppenheimer remarked, ESG is good risk management and needs to be addressed at the federal level, not the state level.

Alex LaBeau, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, testified in **opposition** to **H 189**, stating it is dangerous and unworkable legislation. Mr. LaBeau commented **H 189** creates a new set of burdensome regulations and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires industries to participate in ESG. He also shared similar legislation has cost the State of Texas significant money.

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, testified in **support** of **H 189**, stating it establishes a clear policy if private companies would like to do business with the state. Mr. Jensen commented **H 189** provides a transparent process and does not tell businesses how to do their business but tells them they will not do business with the State of Idaho.

Dave Taylor, Idaho Rifle and Pistol Association, testified in **support** of **H 189** and is against weaponizing financial institutions against gun owners.

Julie Ellsworth, Idaho State Treasurer, presented closing testimony, stating **H 189** is not the Texas law. Texas did not have exemption provisions, but **H 189** does have those provisions. She also clarified the SEC has not passed a rule implementing an ESG standard.

Andy Snook, General Council and Fair Hearings Division, Attorney General's office, stood in response to committee questions to clarify if an employee unknowingly enters into a contract with a company in violation with **H 189**, the employee/company would have a conflict with state law and the contract would not be able to continue, however, a contracted employee is only required to receive written verification from the company.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 189** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to **HOLD H 189** in committee. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 191: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 191**, legislation setting a level playing field for companies and individuals desiring to do business with the State of Idaho. Rep. Monks stated contract awards will be based on criteria the state establishes when asking for the bid.

Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League, testified in **opposition** to **H 191**, stating he has fewer concerns with **H 191** than the previous bills presented, however, some of the language could preclude the rejection of a contract with a band of felons who may be bidding on a contract.

Braden Jensen, testified in **support** of **H 191** for the same reasons he stated earlier in the hearing.

Rep. Monks presented closing testimony, clarifying, no contract should be awarded based on environment, social or government standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 191** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30354	Voting When Not Qualified	Rep. Hawkins
RS 30471	School Board Trustees Elections	Rep. Pickett
RS 30370	Amend Financial Privacy Act	Rep. Hill
RS 30476	Abortion, Pregnant Minors	Rep. Ehardt
H 180	STATE TREASURER - Amends existing law to provide that idle moneys may be invested in physical gold and silver in certain instances.	Rep. Ehardt
H 182	ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE AND FREE SPEECH COMPLIANCE - Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding silent prayer.	Rep. Ehardt
H 173	PROPERTY - Prohibits a Foreign Government From Purchasing, Acquiring or Holding Any Interest in Certain Types of Property in Idaho.	Rep. Boyle

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Young

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30354: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 30354**, proposed legislation clarifying foreign nationals may not vote in any election.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30354**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30370: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 30370**, proposed legislation preventing credit card companies from assigning an unique merchant category code to firearm retailers in Idaho. There will be allowances for financial institutions to disclose this protected financial information if authorization or a subpoena is provided.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30370**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30476: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 30476**, proposed legislation prohibiting anyone from trafficking a minor for a criminal abortion with the intent of concealing the crime from the minor's parents and authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute at their discretion.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30476**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:10 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) reconvened the meeting at 9:14 A.M.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made an unanimous consent request to adjust the agenda. There being no objection, consent was granted.

RS 30471: **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 30471**, proposed legislation allowing any elected school district trustee to finish their term even if there is a boundary change in the trustee's zone which puts their current residence in a different zone.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 30471**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 180: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 180**, legislation allowing the Idaho State Treasurer to hold a portion of state funds in gold and silver. Rep. Ehardt stated the Treasurer would only be able to use idle monies for this purpose. The Treasurer has been involved in this legislation and recognizes this could be another tool available to her.

Ron Nate, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in support** of **H 180**, stating he has been teaching economics for 25 years and silver and gold would be a tool to mitigate the effects of inflation. The Treasurer has three options to put idle monies to use and **H 180** offers the only non-paper option. Mr. Nate remarked Idaho has two qualified depositories to store gold and silver.

Bob Coleman, Idaho Armored Vaults and Profits Plus Capital Management, testified **in support** of **H 180**, stating Idaho needs this bill because it allows the State Treasurer a choice. Mr. Coleman remarked there will be a volatility in price, however, metals are a strategic long term investment. In response to committee questions, Mr. Coleman gave a brief overview of the logistics involved in purchasing, storing and transporting metals.

Senator Hart presented closing testimony on **H 180**, stating he has been working with the Treasurer and the state has \$10 billion in idle funds that could possibly be stored in metals and **H 180** allows the only non-paper option.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 180** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 182: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 182**, legislation also known as "Coach Kennedy's Law", protects a citizen's right to pray at a public school. Rep. Ehardt stated the "Lemon Test" was overturned by the Supreme Court on June 27, 2022, ending over 50 years of preventing a citizen's right to expression of religion. She shared Coach Kennedy's story and how the "Lemon Test" was overturned.

Pastor Mark Thornton, testified **in support** of **H 182**, stating he serves as chaplain for the BSU football team and leads the team in prayer before, during and after games. Pastor Thornton shared a story regarding how an out of state organization requested he be removed from his position because they felt it was abusive to ask players to pray. Pastor Thornton remarked prayer should always be appropriate.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 182** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane (13)** and **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 173: **Reps. Boyle** and **Hill** presented **H 173**, legislation preventing foreign governments from purchasing Idaho agricultural land, mineral and water rights, and mining claims. Rep. Boyle stated forestry/timber land is not included in the definition of agricultural land in Idaho and if any government currently owns land, mineral or water rights or mining claims, this bill will not change their ownership. Rep. Hill remarked Idaho has many valuable minerals and all countries are included in this legislation because governments will use other countries to purchase assets.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 173** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymens Association, testified **in support** of **H 173** stating, he believes in a free market system, however, it does not mean citizens can compete with treasuries of foreign governments. Mr. Naerebout remarked 70% of the milk processed in Idaho is processed by foreign owned companies.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 173** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Scott** asked an unanimous consent request to withdraw her motion to send **H 173** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Crane (13) and Ehardt will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 01, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 171	EDUCATION - Amends existing law to provide that, effective in 2024, school board trustees will be elected to two-year terms at general elections.	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30526	Absentee Ballots, Distribution	Rep. Andrus
RS 30392	Taiwan	Rep. Skaug

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 01, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Palmer, Crane (12)

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 Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Young** made an unanimous consent request to adjust the order of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30392: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 30392**, a proposed House Concurrent Resolution, reaffirming Idaho's relationship with Taiwan. Rep. Skaug stated Taiwan needs our agricultural products and Idaho needs their computer chips.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30392** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar with the following changes: on Page 1, Line 31, Change "2021" to "2022", and change "first" to "second", on Line 32, change "fifth" to "sixth", and on Line 34, change "\$2.3" to "\$3.15". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 171: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 171**, legislation adjusting the term of office of School District Trustees from four years to two years and requiring candidates to declare their political affiliation status or unaffiliated status. Rep. Alfieri stated the public needs to know the candidate's philosophy so they will know how they approach the job and by shortening their terms, Rep. Alfieri believes it will reduce tensions between the public and School District Trustees.

Quinn Perry, Idaho State School Boards Association, testified **in opposition of H 171** because trustee's responsibilities are so wide ranging, it takes two years for trustees to understand their duties and responsibilities. Ms. Perry stated changing the board so often will disrupt the operation of school districts including student outcomes and since their terms begin in the middle of the school year and to avoid disruption to students, they will need staggered terms to avoid a complete turn over of the board.

Dale Layne, Idaho Rural Schools Association and Idaho Association of School Administrators, and **Brett Plummer**, Challis School Board Chairman, testified **in opposition of H 171**, stating it's difficult to find patrons willing to run for the school board. There is a cost to running an election and funding those elections and campaigns is difficult. They also commented this legislation opens the potential of having a complete turnover of the school board and, therefore, the lack of consistency will also lead to superintendents and teaching staff leaving and could affect student achievement.

Karen Pyron, Vice Chair, Butte County School Board, and Region 7 Chairman, testified in **opposition** of **H 171** stating, there is not a need to declare political party because boards work for students. Ms. Pyron remarked there is a steep learning curve for a trustee and not having staggering terms could lead to a complete turnover and, therefore, will not be in the best interest of students.

Amaia Clayton, Idaho League of Women Voters, testified in **opposition** of **H 171**, stating there is no reason to declare party affiliation and would not benefit students.

Rep. Alfieri presented closing testimony, stating candidates are more than capable to learn the job, training is provided and the opportunity to speak with previous trustees is available. He remarked if there is a complete turnover of the board, there is a reason, and that leads to an essential aspect in the bill of accountability to the public.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion **HOLD H 171** in committee subject to the call of the Chair.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to send **H 171** to the floor without recommendation.

There was discussion among the committee and the sponsor to work on adding staggering terms to the legislation.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Scott** asked an unanimous consent request to withdraw her substitute motion to send **H 171** to the floor without recommendation. There being no objection, the request was granted.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Young** called for a vote on the original motion to **HOLD H 171** in committee subject to the call of the Chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30526: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 30526**, proposed legislation authorizing only county clerks, election officials, officers or an employee of the state to distribute absentee ballots.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30526**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a substitute motion to return **RS 30526** to sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Young** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 30526**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

Representative Young
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 02, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 179	VOTING - Adds to existing law to prohibit the use of ranked choice voting in Idaho.	Rep. Hawkins
H 231	SEXUAL EXHIBITIONS - Adds to existing law to provide that certain persons and institutions must take reasonable steps to restrict the access of minors in certain instances, to provide for a civil action in certain instances, and to prohibit the use of public facilities and public assets for sexual exhibitions.	Blaine Conzatti
RS 30534	Sexual Exhibitions, Minors, Public	Blaine Conzatti
RS 30521	Allowing the Display of Thin Blue Line and Thin Red Line Flags	Rep. Tanner

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 02, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2023 and February 27, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 179: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **H 179**, legislation prohibiting ranked choice voting in Idaho. Rep. Hawkins stated many states are adopting this method of voting. Rep. Hawkins stated **H 179** will preserve Idaho's voting system.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 179** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Nina Beesley testified in support of **H 179**, stating, ranked choice voting is a more complicated process to understand and voting needs to be a clear and simple process.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Young** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 179** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Young** made an unanimous consent request to adjust the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30521: **Rep. Tanner** presented **RS 30521**, proposed legislation prohibiting homeowner's associations from restricting the displaying of a thin blue line or thin red line flag.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30521**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 231: **Blaine Conzatti**, presented **H 231**, legislation creating a duty of care for promoters, organizers and performers of sexual exhibitions to take reasonable steps to restrict the access of minors. Mr. Conzatti stated **H 231** would not ban sexual exhibitions, only the access of minors to events containing sexually explicit conduct.

Frida Nightz, Kelly Conner, Riley Burrows and Jessica Strebe testified in opposition of **H 231**, stating the art of drag is their business or lifestyle and this legislation will prohibit their ability to perform and it also violates their first amendment. They remarked they do tailor their performances to specific audiences and everyone's opinion on what is offensive differs from person to person.

Nina Beesley, Nicole Trakel, Heather Greenman and Joseph Greenman, testified in support of **H 231**, stating sexual exhibitions are not appropriate for children. They remarked having these types of events in city parks are a violation of their civil liberties.

Amy Dundon, ACLU of Idaho, testified in opposition of **H 231**, stating this legislation violates the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Ms. Dundon remarked **H 231** contains vague language and promotes false and harmful stereotypes which will produce more hatred and violence against LGBTQ community.

Kacie Hoch testified in opposition of **H 231**, stating the vague definitions included in the legislation and the way it is written will harm the LGBTQ community. Ms. Hoch also remarked community standards vary widely among individuals.

Blaine Conzatti, presented closing testimony on **H 231** stating, only obscene sexual conduct, dances, gestures and accessories are prohibited. Mr. Conzatti remarked the U.S. Supreme Court has been clear that community standards are not subjective. He also clarified **H 231** does not ban sexual exhibitions, it is simply saying minors can not be in attendance.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to **HOLD H 231** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30534: **Blaine Conzatti** presented **RS 30534**, proposed legislation to correct a clerical error in **H 231**.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30534** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30534** with the following changes: on Page 1, Line 20, deleting the word "promotes" and on Page 2, deleting Lines 20, 21 and 22. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Young** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 30534** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Crane (13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

Representative Young
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 03, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30485C1	Landscape Control Permits	Rep. Holtzclaw
RS 30556	Prohibit Sexualization of Children	Rep. Price
RS 30549	Sex Education	Rep. Price
H 247	PROPERTY TAXES - Amends existing law to provide for property tax reduction by city or county initiative and to require voter approval of levy rate increases.	Rep. Andrus
RS 30560	Property Taxes Reduction/Initiative	Rep. Andrus
H 175	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY - Adds to existing law to prohibit state employees from using or downloading TikTok on a state-issued device	Rep. Hill
RS 30418	TikTok, State Employees, Prohibition	Rep. Hill
HJM 2	ABORTION - States findings of the Legislature and calls on Congress to restrict the jurisdiction of the federal courts from hearing cases regarding abortion	Senator Hart
H 242	ABORTION - Adds to and amends existing law to provide for the crime of abortion trafficking	Rep. Andrus Rep. Ehardt

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 03, 2023

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Palmer, Young, Green

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 8:30 A.M.

RS 30485C1: **Rep. Holtzclaw** presented **RS 30485C1**, proposed legislation allowing an owner of a billboard to request a permit from the Idaho Department of Transportation to trim bushes and trees obstructing billboards.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30485C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30556: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 30556**, proposed legislation prohibiting the use of state funds in the development, implementation or facilitation of any sexually oriented material or event. Rep. Price remarked this proposed legislation also prohibits the use of state facilities to host an event promoting the sexualizing of children.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30556**.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 8:36 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 8:37 A.M.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30556** with the following changes: On Page 1, Line 14, change "AGAINST" to "OF" and on Line 16, change "Against" to "of". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30549: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 30549**, proposed legislation prohibiting a child in a public school from participating in sex education without written parental permission.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30549**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 247: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 247**, legislation providing citizens a referendum process to address the budget of the city or county.

Seth Grigg, Association of Counties, testified **in opposition** to **H 247** stating, this legislation will be difficult to implement and there are mechanisms for residents to express their views regarding the budgets. Mr. Grigg remarked counties are mandated to provide the majority of their services and they are open to discussing other revenue options.

Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, testified **in support** of **H 247**, stating Idaho is in a cycle addressing property tax every session and **H 247** gives residents a voice. Mr. Hendricks remarked funding mandates on the counties needs to be addressed.

Rep. Andrus presented closing testimony on **H 247** stating, this legislation is an attempt to find property tax solutions and provide citizens options.

MOTION: Rep. Barbieri made a motion to **HOLD H 247** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30560: Rep. Andrus presented **RS 30560** proposed legislation clarifying the existing referendum and initiative process can be used to reduce the base property tax budget at a city or county.

MOTION: Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 30560**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 30560** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE, 6 NAY, and 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Barbieri, Scott, Andrus and Alfieri. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Holtzclaw, Skaug, Allgood, Crane (12) and Gannon. Reps. Palmer, Young and Green were Absent/Excused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Chairman Crane (13) called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 30560. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 175: Rep. Hill presented **H 175**, legislation prohibiting the installation of TikTok on any state-issued device. Rep Hill stated TikTok is a dangerous application harming our children.

MOTION: Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to **HOLD H 175** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30418: Rep. Hill presented **RS 30418**, legislation prohibiting the installation of TikTok on any state-issued device. Rep. Hill remarked the purpose of **RS 30418** is to prevent the collection of private data of Idaho citizens to be shared with foreign governments.

MOTION: Rep. Alfieri made a motion to introduce **RS 30418** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HJM 2: Sen. Hart presented **HJM 2**, a House Joint Memorial requesting Congress to limit the lower federal courts from hearing cases regarding abortion. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled the issue of abortion belonged to the states to review.

David Ripley testified **in support** of **HJM 2**, stating the Biden Administration is attempting to federalize the abortion issue and have filed a case against Idaho. This memorial is an important action for the Legislature to take.

MOTION: Rep. Barbieri made a motion to send **HJM 2** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 242: Reps. Ehardt and Andrus and Megan Wold, Right to Life of Idaho, presented **H 242**, legislation making trafficking a minor to obtain an abortion with the intent of concealing the crime from the minor's parents, a criminal offense. Ms. Wold stated, in many cases, the victim is often harmed twice, once by being trafficked or raped, and then by being taken to receive an abortion.

David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life, testified **in support** of **H 242**, stating this is important legislation because our world is changing.

Nora Morse, Planned Parenthood, testified **in opposition** of **H 242**, stating this legislation will prevent young people from asking an adult for help. Ms. Morse remarked this legislation will put young people at risk and there is not an allowance for young people to travel to obtain an abortion with a parent's permission.

Rep. Andrus presented closing testimony on **H 242**, stating this legislation is about parental rights and giving parents a voice to what happens to their children.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 242** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Reps. Ehardt** and **Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2023 and March 1, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 07, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30571	Voting, Polling Places Electioneering Prohibitions	Rep. Sauter
RS 30563	Sectarian Approps, Repeal	Rep. Price
RS 30555	Absentee Voting, When Permitted	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30559	State Board of Education, Elections	Rep. Alfieri
H 273	PROPERTY TAX BUDGETS - Amends existing law to provide that a property tax budget may be reduced by initiative or referendum.	Rep. Andrus
H 259	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the distribution of absentee ballot applications and the issuance of absentee ballots.	Rep. Andrus

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 07, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Green

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 Young called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Young** made an unanimous consent request to remove **RS 30555** and **H 273** from the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30571: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 30571**, proposed legislation to prohibit electioneering and establishing boundaries at polling places.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30571**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30563: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 30563**, proposed legislation to repeal Article IX, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho ("The Blaine Amendment"). Rep. Price stated Article IX, Section 5 restricts sectarian appropriations.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30563**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30559: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30559**, proposed legislation allowing the State Board of Education be elected to represent seven zones across the state and allowing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to serve as chairman of the board.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30559**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 259: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 259**, legislation prohibiting the distribution of absentee ballots or applications unless they are an election official.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 259** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Kendal Shaber testified in **opposition** of **H 259**, stating she has a lot of experience distributing absentee ballots through the League of Women voters and her county's elections office. Ms. Shaber remarked there are citizens who don't have the ability to request a ballot because of health or living conditions and the League of Women voters assists them.

Jason Lehosit, Deputy Policy Director, Idaho Secretary of State, testified in **opposition** of **H 259**, stating this legislation establishes unneeded red tape and regulation and the Secretary of State's office is confident in the existing process.

Kathy Dawes testified in **opposition** of **H 259**, stating she has participated in many events to assist students in voting and college students are especially in need of voting assistance and obtaining an absentee ballot.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** stated something needs to be done but he doesn't believe **H 259** addresses the correct concerns. **Rep. Gannon** stated this legislation restricts access to a form.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Crane (13)** stated, the Legislature shouldn't wait until there are multiple instances of fraud and instead look at others states and learn from the problems they are experiencing because a strong potential of fraud exists in the absentee ballot process. **Rep. Alfieri** remarked he had multiple constituents inform him they were unable to vote because they were told at the polls they had already voted via absentee ballot and those constituents were left not knowing what their options for voting were.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Young called for a vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Barbieri, Skaug** and **Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

Representative Young
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 08, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30587	Firearms, Merchant Codes	Rep. Hill
RS 30573	Bond/Levy Advertising	Rep. Andrus
RS 30564	Idaho Energy Conservation Code	Rep. Dixon (1)
H 240	EDUCATION - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding elections for a school board of trustees.	Rep. Pickett
H 273	PROPERTY TAX BUDGETS - Amends existing law to provide that a property tax budget may be reduced by initiative or referendum.	Rep. Andrus

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 08, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30587: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 30587**, proposed legislation prohibiting credit card companies from assigning a unique credit card code to firearms purchases in Idaho. Rep. Hill stated **RS 30587** allows the Attorney General to investigate and pursue an injunction which may end in a civil penalty.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30587**.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Crane (12)** asked unanimous consent to withdraw his original motion to introduce **RS 30587**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 30587** with the following change: On Page 4, Line 15, change "for" to "from". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30573: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 30573**, proposed legislation ensuring necessary and factual information is included for bond and levy advertising.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30573**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30564: **Ken Burgess**, Idaho Association of Home Builders, presented **RS 30564**, proposed legislation clarifying the intent of the Legislature to prohibit local jurisdictions from adopting energy conservation codes that differ from or are more extensive than those in Idaho Code 39-9701.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30564**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 240: **Rep. Picket** presented **H 240**, legislation to allow any duly elected school district trustee to serve out their remaining term even though a change in the trustee's zone boundaries occurred after they were elected.

Hailie Johnson, testified in support of **H 240**.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 240** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Picket** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 273: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 273**, legislation giving citizens another option to address their rising property taxes by allowing them the ability to use the referendum process to address local budgets.

Kelley Packer, Association of Idaho Cities, testified **in opposition** of **H 273**, stating cities hold multiple meetings a year, publish two notices and hold a budget hearing to inform residents and address their concerns. Ms. Packer stated this legislation does not address several items and is not needed.

Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, testified **in support** of **H 273** stating a new and different approach is needed to address property taxes. Mr. Hendricks stated this legislation levels the playing field by empowering taxpayers to use the referendum process at the local level when needed and will lead to greater collaboration between residents and their local government.

Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties, testified **in opposition** of **H 273**. Mr. Grigg cited a court case that ruled it is not lawful to apply the referendum process to the county budget. The referendum process is given to citizens to address laws. The budget process is not law and, therefore, it is not appropriate to apply to the county budget process.

Michael Hon testified **in support** of **H 273**, stating citizens have very little control over taxes and this legislation adds a tool for citizens to use when disputing and challenging budgets.

Rep. Andrus presented closing testimony on **H 273**, stating this legislation allows the referendum process to be statutorily provided for, thereby making it a legal process to challenge budgets.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 273** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** stated statutorily empowering tax payers to leverage their concerns is powerful. **Rep. Skaug** remarked the state's budget should be looked at as closely as counties' and cities' budgets because the state's budget is increasing at a faster rate. **Rep. Young** clarified the state only has a few options available to address property taxes and this legislation empowers residents.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Allgood** expressed his concern that emergency services will be affected if budgets are reduced and indicated the shift between commercial and residential property tax needs to be addressed.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 273** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 09, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30602	State Board of Education, Election	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30567	Crimes, Trafficking, Prostituion	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 30601	School Library Protection Act	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 30465	China, Contracts, Public Entities	Rep. Hill
H 221	ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT - Adds to existing law to prohibit the name of any public official or any electioneering message from appearing on tax commission correspondence or county property tax correspondence.	Rep. Necochea
SJR 101aa	REFERENDA AND INITIATIVES - Proposes a state constitutional amendment to require any referendum petition or initiative petition to be signed by at least 6% of legal voters at the last general election in each legislative district.	Senator Okuniewicz

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 09, 2023

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Crane (13)** asked unanimous consent to remove **RS 30601** from the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 30602: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30602**, proposed legislation allowing for the election of the State Board of Education. Rep. Alfieri stated **RS 30602** also allows for a petition in lieu of the \$500 filing fee.

Chairman Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young**.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30602**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30567: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 30567**, proposed legislation closing a legal loophole to give law enforcement and prosecutors the necessary changes to existing Idaho Code to prosecute human sex trafficking.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30567** with the following changes: On Page 2, Line 22, after "shall" insert, "deliver a report to the germane committees of the Idaho Legislature". On Page 2, Line 5, after "parts" insert "of another person". On Page 2, Line 31, remove "on and after July 1, 2023" and replace with "thirty days following signature of the Governor". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Young turned the gavel over to **Chairman Crane (13)**.

RS 30465: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 30465**, proposed legislation prohibiting Idaho entities from entering into certain contracts with companies owned or operated by the People's Republic of China.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30465**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 221: **Rep. Necochea** presented **H 221**, legislation prohibiting the Executive branch and county commissioners from disseminating electioneering messages via the State Tax Commission and property tax correspondence.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 221** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Necochea** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SJR 101aa: **Sen. Okuniewicz** presented **SJR 101AA**, a Joint Resolution requiring signatures from 6% of registered voters from every legislative district in Idaho in order to put an initiative on a ballot. If passed by the Legislature, the Joint Resolution will be placed on the November 2024 General Election ballot.

Matthew Dane; Hollie Conde, Conservation Voters for Idaho; **Scott Tate; Elizabeth Noonan; Dr. Graham Wetherley; Kayla Dodson; Yvonne Sandmire; Tracy Olson; Bonnie Shuster; Jonathan Oppenheimer**, Idaho Conservation League; **Bron Roberts; Jody Brostrom; Kathy Clees; Melanie Edwards; Sheri Hughes; Karen Hansen** and **Nicholas Miller** testified in opposition of **SJR 101aa**, stating this legislation is taking away the voice of the people by making it impossible to gather enough signatures to put a referendum or initiative on the ballot.

Luke Mayville, Reclaim Idaho, testified in opposition of **SJR 101aa**, stating the referendum process is different from the initiative process and it's important to understand the differences. Mr. Mayville remarked this legislation eliminates the citizen's right to the referendum process and it's wrong to ask citizens to give up their rights. Mr. Mayville reminded committee members of the Idaho Supreme Court's ruling regarding the prior changes the Legislature attempted to make to the initiative process. Responding to questions from the committee, Mr. Mayville stated he believes if **SJR 101aa** is put on the ballot, it will be defeated by a large margin in all 44 counties.

Tina Hilding testified in opposition of **SJR 101aa**, stating this legislation is taking away the voice of the people by making it impossible to gather enough signatures to put a referendum or initiative on the ballot.

Chairman Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young**.

Kenneth Burchell testified in opposition of **SJR 101aa**, stating this legislation is taking away the voice of the people by making it impossible to gather enough signatures to put a referendum or initiative on the ballot and citizens from rural areas are not being deprived from the initiative process.

Vice Chairman Young turned the gavel over to **Chairman Crane (13)**.

Louise Brannon and **Heather Stout**, testified in opposition of **SR 101aa**, stating this legislation is taking away the voice of the people by making it impossible to gather enough signatures to put a referendum or initiative on the ballot and the existing initiative requirements are extremely difficult.

Sen. Okuniewicz presented closing testimony on **SJR101aa** stating, the US Constitution reigns supreme, and as a result, the state does not have the authority to take the freedoms of speech or religion away from citizens. Sen. Okuniewicz clarified the referendum/initiative process does not exist in a majority of states and the current Attorney General and the prior Attorney General reviewed this resolution and verified it is likely to withstand legal challenges.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to **HOLD SJR 101aa** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 13, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30563	Sectarian Appropriations, Repeal	Rep. Price
H 286	BONDS AND LEVIES - Amends existing law to require that a taxing district include certain information when communicating with voters regarding a bond or levy proposal.	Rep. Andrus
H 239	VOTING - Amends existing law regarding the unlawfulness of an alien voting in Idaho.	Rep. Hawkins

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2023 and March 8, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30563: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 30563** and requested it be returned to sponsor, due to deadlines not being met.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to return **RS 30563** to sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:03 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 9:07 A.M.

H 286: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 286**, legislation clarifying the content and disclosures for bond and levy advertising. Rep. Andrus stated schools should be neutral and only present facts regarding levy and bond information.

Brian Stuzman, testified in support of **H 286**, stating only factual and accurate information on bond and levy information should be disseminated to tax payers.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 286** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 239: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **H 239**, legislation clarifying foreign nationals may not vote in any election

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 239** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
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AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30601C2	School and Library Protection Act	Rep. Crane (12)
H 293	ELECTIONS - Amends and adds to existing law to provide for State Board of Education member elections.	Rep. Alfieri
S 1046	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding issuance of a liquor license to a golf course.	Brody Aston
S 1047	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Amends existing law to authorize the issuance of a license to certain establishments in a resort city.	Brody Aston

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2023 and March 13, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30601C2: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 30601C2**, proposed legislation requiring public schools and community libraries to take reasonable steps to restrict children's access to obscene or harmful material. **Rep. Crane (12)** stated several stakeholders came together to give their feedback and, as a result, there are a few changes to **RS 30601C2** reflecting the group's suggestions.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30601C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 293: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 293**, legislation establishing members of the State Board of Education be elected by zones. **Rep. Alfieri** stated approximately half of the state's budget is spent by this board and it is not demographically representative of the entire state.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Gannon** expressed his concerns of changing the board to partisan and elected positions, could result in special interest groups being involved and also more money to influence voters. **Rep. Green** stated she concurs with **Rep. Gannon's** opinions regarding a partisan election and she believes representation needs may be met using alternative methods.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Alfieri** stated it has been over 20 years since Kootenai County was represented on this board and 20 years since Canyon County was represented.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1046: **Brody Aston** presented **S 1046**, legislation clarifying a clubhouse be considered contiguous of the golf course if it is located on a lake and within .5 miles of the course for the purpose of the sale of liquor by the drink. **Mr. Aston** stated the language is very specific to ensure there is no impact to other license holders.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion send **S 1046** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1047: **Brody Aston**, Westerberg and Associates, presented **S 1047**, legislation allowing for a historic liquor license for a structure that has been in existence for at least 110 years and considered as contributing to the historic district within the city limits of a resort city. Mr. Aston clarified this legislation is limited to one license per resort city and is nontransferable.

Ron Nate testified **in opposition** to **S 1047**, stating this legislation is a very specific carve out to allow a particular business be issued a liquor license. Mr. Nate remarked there should not be laws written so specific they only apply to individuals but instead, laws should be broader to include more citizens.

Brody Aston presented closing testimony on **S 1047**, stating this legislation was limited to resort cities, since their population varies greatly because of visitors.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1047** to the floor with no recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Green** stated this legislation would provide an economic value to these communities and may lead to refurbishing historical buildings in some of our smaller communities. Rep. Green also acknowledged the way the licensing structure stands is a disservice to our communities. **Reps. Holtzclaw, Scott, Alfieri** and **Gannon** remarked there is a problem with licenses which should be examined more closely and not just a carve out for very specific individuals.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Andrus** stated simply owning a business in historic a building does not mean they should be able to have a liquor license. **Rep. Young** remarked this legislation is too specific and the license should be obtained through the regular process.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1047** to the floor with no recommendation. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30654	St. Patrick's Day Resolution	Rep. Gannon
H 188	REVISED UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT - Repeals and adds to existing law to enact the Revised Unclaimed Property Act.	Julie Ellsworth, State Treasurer

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw

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.

RS 30654: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 30654**, proposed legislation to honor St. Patrick's Day and to promote trade and tourism relationships between Idaho and Ireland.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30654** 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.

H 188: **Julie Ellsworth**, Idaho State Treasurer, presented **H 188**, stating the existing Unclaimed Property Law was very difficult for citizens to locate items and did not allow for the use of electronic mail, because of this, it was necessary to make multiple changes to the law. Ms. Ellsworth stated **H 188** adds the use of electronic mail and defines in-store credit, gift cards, loyalty cards and exempts those from the Unclaimed Property Law. Ms. Ellsworth remarked virtual currency is defined and game related digital content has been added.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 188** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 16, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1120	ALCOHOL - Amends existing law to provide that retail liquor by the drink licenses issued on or after July 1, 2023, may not be sold, leased, or transferred and to provide that retail liquor by the drink licenses issued before July 1, 2023, may be sold or transferred only once.	Senator Guthrie
H 314	MINORS - Adds to and amends existing law to prohibit certain materials from being promoted, given, or made available to a minor by a school or public library and to provide a cause of action.	Rep. Crane (12)

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve minutes from March 14, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 314: **Rep. Crane (12), Senator Cindy Carlson and Blaine Conzatti**, Idaho Family Policy Center, presented **H 314**. Rep. Crane (12) stated **H 314** requires public schools and community libraries take reasonable steps to prevent minors from harmful, obscene material. Rep. Crane (12) clarified this legislation uses common law and the employee is not held liable, however, the library board of trustees or the school board is held liable.

Senator Cindy Carlson stated library literary works, or books of scientific value are not prohibited. Sen. Carlson remarked schools are a constitutional institution and students should be protected while in our care and reasonable steps should be taken to keep obscene material from students. Sen. Carlson clarified what obscene material does to a child's mind and the long-term effects.

Blaine Conzatti, Idaho Family Policy Center, stated this legislation establishes a duty of care and is defensible in a court of law because it uses the Miller Test. Mr. Conzatti remarked 30 cities in Idaho have at least one library that makes this type of obscene material available to children. Responding to committee questions, Mr. Conzatti stated lawsuits would be filed against public entities and follows the tort claim process which allows for a conversation to occur between the parties.

Chandler Hadraba testified in support of **H 314** and displayed material he obtained from the Meridian library and the Hustler store in Boise, in order to demonstrate their similarities and the differences in the steps he took to obtain the material.

Lance McGrath, Idaho Library Association, testified in opposition of **H 314**, stating librarians care about children and they do not provide material harmful to minors. Mr. McGrath clarified libraries follow board approved selection policies to ensure quality materials are included in the collection and his association believes parents have a responsibility to guide their children's use of libraries. Responding to committee questions, Mr. McGrath stated his association believes this should be a local issue and libraries do not contain obscene material. Libraries use the Miller Test to analyze literature in order to determine if it meets standards. Mr. McGrath remarked libraries are public institutions and serve all needs within their communities and that is why they have segregated areas such as children, young adult and adult sections.

Rep. Hill testified in support of **H 314**, stating he consulted with Emmett and Eagle Library Trustees and they felt this legislation will not impose a significant burden to libraries and the penalties are fair.

Erin Kennedy, Intellectual Freedom Chair, Idaho Library Association, testified in opposition of **H 314**, stating libraries do not provide obscene materials and libraries offer materials featuring a wide range of views and ideas to meet the needs of the public. Ms. Kennedy clarified in order to consider the literary work as a whole, all the materials in libraries pass the Miller Test and it is not up to the librarian or the Legislature to decide what children should or should not read.

Conrad Woodall, Parents Rights in Education, testified in support of **H 314**, stating pornography is harmful and should never have a place in sex education.

Patrick Riceci, Boise Public Library Association, testified in opposition of **H 314**, stating this is a parental control issue and Idaho allows parental control regarding several controversial issues.

Michael Hon, testified in support of **H 314**, stating taxpayers have been requesting library trustees remove obscene material but trustees and librarians state there are no obscene materials, even though documentation was provided to the contrary. Mr. Hon remarked he was told by the library to monitor his children in the library to avoid them seeing material he did not approve of.

Molly Nota, testified in opposition of **H 314**, stating she has worked in public libraries for almost a decade and trusts librarians, library trustees and school boards to build great library collections. Ms. Nota remarked this legislation takes away liberty from parents to determine what their children read and a lot of empathy can be found in books to make a child feel less alone.

Ron Nate, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified in support of **H 314**, stating based on the testimony he has heard today, he is even more concerned because librarians don't believe the material is harmful. Mr. Nate remarked librarians are entrusted to be good community members and assist parents to protect children and he considers the penalty is not great enough.

Chris Parri, Idaho Education Association, testified in opposition of **H 314**

Rebecca Lemmons, Boise Public Library Trustee, testified in opposition of **H 314**, stating this legislation is based on subjectivity and there are policies and procedures in place to select materials for a library. Ms. Lemmons remarked, if an individual doesn't like a book, they don't need to check it out.

Nina Beesley testified in support of **H 314**, citing the protections established for citizens in the US Constitution and Idaho's Constitution and the Legislature has a responsibility to ensure those protections. Ms. Beesley remarked Kootenai County has done nothing to prevent obscene materials from being distributed.

Bonnie Shuster testified in opposition of **H 314**, stating this legislation is a reward for parents to not pay attention to what their children are reading. Ms. Shuster remarked the cost to the library will be great and damages and fees will ultimately be born by taxpayers.

Rep. Crane (12) presented closing testimony, stating existing law has been incorporated into the bill and many of the previous concerns have been addressed. Rep. Crane remarked he met with librarians and feedback was received from librarians and others, however, librarians do not agree with the penalty included in **H 314**.

MOTION:

Rep. Holtzclaw made a motion to send **H 314** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Holtzclaw** stated he views this legislation as a protection bill for children. **Rep. Alfieri** stated the lack of community action is why this bill exists.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Green** stated several of the issues addressed in **H 314** currently exist in statute and she has some concerns regarding the definitions included in the legislation. Rep. Green expressed librarians do a good job to restrict access to minors and she fears this may entice more threats against librarians. **Rep. Gannon** disagrees with the penalties included in this legislation and believes, in order to avoid legal fees, a grievance process should be included.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Gannon made a substitute motion to send **H 314** to General Orders.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 11 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Gannon and Green. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood and Crane (12).**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Roll call vote was requested. **Original Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood and Crane (12). Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Gannon and Green.**

S 1120:

Sen. Guthrie presented **S 1120**, legislation to regulate liquor-by-the-drink licenses. Sen. Guthrie stated, Idaho uses the "quota system" to regulate the density of this type of liquor license to adhere to the principals in the Idaho Constitution. Sen. Guthrie gave an overview of the problems unintentionally created by the current system, such as a speculative market for licenses, resulting in a \$750 license becoming worth \$250K - \$350K. Sen. Guthrie stated this legislation will end the speculative opportunity for licenses issued after July 1, 2023, because the transfer option will no longer be available. Since license holders may have a significant investment in their license, **S 1120** will allow the owner to sell their license one time and thereafter, those licenses will also become non-transferable.

Matt Baker testified **in opposition** of **S 1120**, stating as a business owner and developer in Eagle, he has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars acquiring liquor licenses for business development and this legislation will severely harm existing license holders economically.

Roger Batt, FARE Idaho, testified **in opposition** of **S 1120**, stating their members view this legislation negatively because it would be significantly harming their businesses. Mr. Batt stated they agree with this legislation except for a small portion and would like to offer an amendment to **S 1120**. Mr. Batt remarked there has not been enough studies completed to determine what the ramifications will be.

Jeremy Pisca's, Hagadon Corporation and Idaho Beer and Wine Distributors Association, testimony was neutral. Mr. Pisca testified the quota system is not evil, alcohol should be regulated and connecting licenses to a city's population make sense. Mr. Pisca remarked the unfortunate by-product of the existing license process has been the speculative market with some permits selling for as high as \$500K.

Sen. Guthrie presented closing testimony on **S 1120**, stating a liquor license is not an asset and courts have ruled licenses may be removed at any time. Sen. Guthrie remarked most banks do not recognize a liquor license as an asset. Responding to committee questions, Sen. Guthrie stated by eliminating the leases, it will make more licenses available to small businesses and additional reform needs to take place.

MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a motion to send **S 1120** to General Orders.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** stated a portion of the problem is because the state has treated these licenses as an asset and it is necessary to add an amendment to allow the property owners additional time to work through the leases. **Rep. Gannon** stated government set up this program and the Legislature has the responsibility to clean up the process, but to also be fair to the current license holders.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Green** stated this problem needs to be addressed now and not in 20 years as the amendment suggests.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Young made a substitute motion to send **S 1120** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Young** stated now is the time to make changes to the liquor licensing laws and waiting 20 years will only continue to worsen the problem.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman Crane (13) called for a vote on the Substitute Motion to send **S 1120** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 17, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30709	Attorney General Opinions	Rep. Mickelsen
RS 30696	Immigration, Political Subdivisions	Rep. Boyle
H 125	CANDIDATES - Amends existing law to revise the date by which a write-in candidate shall file a declaration of intent.	Rep. Mitchell
H 126	VOTING - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding voter registration and voter identification.	Rep. Mitchell
H 294	STATE GOVERNMENT - Adds to existing law to prohibit a public entity from entering into certain contracts with companies owned or operated by the government of China.	Rep. Hill
H 295	FIREARMS - Adds to existing law to prohibit the use of merchant firearms codes.	Rep. Hill
H 137	VOTERS - Amends and repeals existing law regarding a voter's affidavit in lieu of identification.	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30709: **Rep. Mickelson** presented **RS 30709**, proposed legislation stating the Attorney General must issue statutorily required opinions within three business days during the legislative session and within five business days when the Legislature is not in session. Responding to committee questions, Rep. Mickelson stated she had not spoken to the Attorney General's office regarding this proposed legislation, however, adding a time line to when opinions should be issued is reasonable and because the prior Attorney General regularly issued opinions, there should not be additional costs to the Attorney General's office.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 30709**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30709** with the following changes: on Page 1, Line 39, change "three" to "ten" and change "(3)" to "(10)".

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to return **RS 30709** to sponsor.

In opposition to both the Substitute Motion and the Amended Substitute Motion, **Rep. Green** stated ten days is too late and three days is too tight but would like to see opinions in a timely manner. Rep. Green remarked it appears the opinions being issued are selective and everyone should be equal in receiving opinions. **Rep. Young** stated she is disturbed by the narrative being discussed regarding the Attorney General and, if she is supportive to the motion to print **RS 30709**, it is to allow the Attorney General to defend himself.

In support of the Amended Substitute Motion, **Rep. Barbieri** clarified statute does not say the Attorney General gives opinions on pending legislation, rather, he gives opinions on the Legislature's processes and offices. Rep. Barbieri remarked the separation of powers is paramount and the Legislature should have their own attorney, so when they receive an opinion, it is from the Legislative Branch. When the Attorney General issues an opinion on pending legislation he disagrees with, it becomes very difficult for the Attorney General to defend the legislation in court.

Responding to committee questions, **Rep. Barbieri** gave examples of when it is proper for the Legislature to ask for an opinion from the Attorney General and stated the Legislature is abdicating their responsibility to the Executive Branch when they rely on them to advise on pending legislation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Scott requested a roll call vote. **Amended Substitute Motion carried by a vote of 7 AYE and 6 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri and Crane (12). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Holtzclaw, Allgood, Gannon and Green.**

RS 30696:

Rep. Boyle presented **RS 30696**, proposed legislation prohibiting local governments from enacting any ordinance or policy limiting or prohibiting law enforcement from complying with federal immigration law.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to introduce **RS 30696. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 125:

Rep. Mitchell presented **H 125**, legislation to give county clerks additional time between the withdrawal of candidates and the time to send out absentee ballots.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to send **H 125** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 126:

Rep. Mitchell and Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, presented **H 126**, legislation clarifying and creating uniformity in voter registration requirements. Rep. Mitchell provided examples when there is confusion regarding residency and identification at the polls. This legislation also provides a free identification card because **H 126** removes the use of student identification. **Phil McGrane** stated, currently there are two different standards of photo identification, one to register to vote and one for identification to vote and those differences present problems to poll workers. Mr. McGrane remarked the free identification component is very important to this legislation.

Sam Sandmire, testified **in opposition** to **H 126**, stating volunteers would need to verify residency and this legislation will make their duties extremely difficult.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 8:56 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) reconvened the meeting at 9:09 A.M.

MOTION:

Rep. Young made a motion to send **H 126** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Chairman Crane (13) made an unanimous consent request to adjust the agenda by moving **H 137** on the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 137:

Rep. Alfieri presented **H 137**, legislation removing the ability to complete an affidavit in lieu of showing personal identification at the polls.

David Dalby testified **in support** of **H 137**, stating he has worked as a poll worker and became aware of loop holes in the voter identification laws.

Sam Sandmire testified **in opposition** of **H 137**, stating citizens forget their identification and the ability to complete an affidavit makes it possible for them to vote. The penalties for completing an affidavit are severe enough to prevent fraud.

Rep. Alfieri presented closing testimony, stating the Secretary of State is fully supporting this legislation.

MOTION:

Rep. Palmer made a motion to send **H 137** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Gannon** reviewed the penalties of falsely signing an affidavit and stated those penalties and the current processes are working well.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Young** stated the free identification card was not available when the affidavit process was initiated.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Crane (13) called for a vote on the motion to send **H 137** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 294:

Rep. Hill presented **H 294**, legislation preventing an Idaho public entity from entering into certain contracts with companies owned or operated by the People's Republic of China. **Rep. Hill** stated the Chinese government is a threat to our nation's security and they are placing surveillance technology in their products. **Rep. Hill** remarked there is not a penalty clause in **H 294**.

MOTION:

Rep. Holtzclaw made a motion to send **H 294** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 295:

Rep. Hill presented **H 295**, legislation prohibiting credit card companies from assigning a unique credit card code to firearm and ammunition sales in Idaho. **Rep. Hill** stated companies are tracking firearm sales and it is a Second Amendment violation.

MOTION:

Rep. Young made a motion to send **H 295** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Aoibheann Cline, testified **in support** of **H 295**, stating the anti-gun groups are loudly pushing on the private sector to track the sales of guns, in the hope of preventing mass shootings and this legislation supports our Second Amendment right.

Nathan Guy, testified **in support** of **H 295**, stating he is an owner of a gun store and his transaction rates are higher than other retailers using credit card purchases. **Mr. Guy** remarked his customers are expressing their concerns regarding using brick and mortar stores to purchase firearms because of the tracking of their purchases.

Hal Scoggins, GoWest Credit Union Association, testified **in opposition** of **H 295**, stating his association is supportive of Second Amendment rights, however, this legislation would create difficulties for Credit Unions to maintain that data and encourages amendments on the bill to remove penalties for doing what they are required to do by federal regulations.

Trent Wright, Idaho Bankers Association, testified **in opposition** of **H 295**, stating his association would support a recommendation to send **H 295** to General Orders. **Mr. Wright** remarked his association supports the Second Amendment and doesn't like codes directed at gun owners and sales.

Rep. Hill presented closing testimony, stating he is not concerned about the banks and will side with the National Rifle Association. **Rep. Hill** remarked he is not interested in sending this legislation to General Orders.

Responding to committee questions, **Ms. Cline** reviewed the tiered penalties contained in **H 295** and explained why they are necessary.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Crane (13) called for a vote on the motion to send **H 295** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 20, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30721	Voter Identification Documents	Rep. Mitchell
RS 30724	Crimes, Traffiking, Prostitution	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 30723	Criminal Abortion	Rep. Blanksma
H 174	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT - Adds to existing law to provide that agency policy statements and guidance documents shall not have the force and effect of law.	Rep. Boyle
H 338	IMMIGRATION - Adds to existing law to prohibit certain limitations on immigration enforcement by a political subdivision of this state, to provide for a cause of action in certain instances, and to provide for the withholding of sales and use tax revenue in certain instances.	Rep. Boyle
H 279	ELECTIONS - Amends existing law to revise provisions prohibiting electioneering activities at polling places.	Rep. Sauter

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Barbieri

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 8:00 A.M.

RS 30721: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 30721**, proposed legislation clarifying and creating uniformity in voter registration requirements. Rep. Mitchell stated out of state identifications have been removed as acceptable identification documents.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30721** and have it sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30724: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 30724**, proposed legislation closing a legal gap to give law enforcement and prosecutors the necessary changes to existing Idaho Code in order to prosecute human sex trafficking in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30724** and have it sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30723: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 30723**, proposed legislation to refine the Trigger Law and change the affirmative defense structure of the law into an objective standard. Rep. Blanksma remarked there is an update to the definitions and title and there is an exception provided to treat a physical condition of a woman, which if left untreated would be life-threatening.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30723. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 174: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 174**, legislation clarifying agency policies and guidance shall not have the force and effect of law.

David Lehman, Agriculture Aviation Association, testified **in support of H 174**, stating this legislation forces an action to remove penalties currently serving as guidance in policy and places them in rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 174** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 8:12 A.M.

Chairman Crane (13) reconvened the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

H 338: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 338**, legislation prohibiting local governments from enacting any ordinance or policy limiting or prohibiting law enforcement from complying with federal immigration law.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 338** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 279: **Rep. Sauter** presented **H 279**, legislation eliminating electioneering messages within 40 feet from property lines and ensuring voters may enter polling places without encumbrance and from being approached by individuals with electioneering messages.

Chris Troupis, testified in opposition of **H 279**, stating he believes this legislation violates the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the US Constitution, and therefore, may cost the state legal expenses. Mr. Troupis remarked some reasonable time, manner and place restrictions may be put in place, however, restrictions can not be imposed regarding signs on private property.

Dorothy Moon, testified in opposition, of **H 279**, stating several examples of a polling place in Custer County which would pose problems if this legislation is passed. Ms. Moon remarked no one is aware of where the boundary lines are and may need to hire a company to mark them.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State of Idaho, testified in support of **H 279**, stating every election his office receives complaints regarding electioneering messages, exit polling, and petition signature gathering at polling places. Mr. McGrane remarked there is existing code, however, it needs clarifying.

Rep. Sauter presented closing testimony, stating signs on private property are allowed in this legislation and the Legislature has a duty to provide citizens safe passage to and from the polling place.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 279** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Young** stated there is a problem with the definition of electioneering in this legislation. **Rep. Alfieri** stated enforcement is difficult and this legislation complicates enforcement by requiring the County Clerk to know where the property lines are. **Rep. Scott** remarked the polling place is sacred but there is confusion in this bill and it is not ready.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a tie vote of 6 AYE and 6 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Holtzclaw, Allgood, Crane (12), and Green.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Young, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri and Gannon.** **Rep. Barbieri was absent/excused.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1127</u>	STATE SYMBOLS - Adds to existing law to designate Oryctodromeus as the state dinosaur.	Senator Cook
<u>SJR 101aa</u>	REFERENDA AND INITIATIVES - Proposes a state constitutional amendment to require any referendum petition or initiative petition to be signed by at least 6% of legal voters at the last general election in each legislative district.	Senator Okuniewicz
<u>S 1083</u>	PURCHASING BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding procuring services or personal property.	Senator Anthon

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Barbieri

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 8:30 A.M.

S 1127: **Sen. Cook** presented **S 1127**, legislation designating the Oryctodromeus (Ory) as the State Dinosaur of Idaho. Sen. Cook remarked this dinosaur has only been found in Idaho and was discovered in Bonneville County. Sen. Cook stated this legislation was brought to him by Fourth Graders in Eastern Idaho and these students have used their handwriting skills and knowledge in English and Science to prepare this legislation. This legislation is important to Fourth Graders and they are important to our future.

Jedidiah Wheeler, Harper Lehman, Elliot Bybee, Ephraim Mund, Sophie Tobera and Levi Herway, testified in support of **S 1127**, all Fourth Grade students focusing on Idaho History this year. These students did a wonderful job educating the committee on the Oryctodromeus Dinosaur. They shared it is unlike any other dinosaur because it was a great mother who worked hard to keep her family safe by burrowing holes to hide in. The dinosaur was the size of a Golden Retriever and was fast running.

Dr. L.J. Krumenacker, Palentologist and Teacher, testified in support of **S 1127**, stating it has been his experience most individuals' first love in science began with an interest in dinosaurs which eventually led them to other careers.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1127** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SJR 101aa: **Kolby Reddish**, Legislative Staff Offices Legal Counsel, stood to respond to committee questions and gave a history regarding constitutional amendments and when they may be required.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **SJR 101aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Ganon** stated this legislation puts an enormous burden on the citizens of Idaho who may want to place an Initiative on the ballot.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote to send **SJR 101aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon and Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1083: **Sen. Anthon** presented **S 1083**, legislation making adjustments for inflation in the personal property procurement process, in order to account for inflation and scarcity. Sen Anthon stated inflation in Idaho has been outpacing the nation's average inflation rate and because of that and the scarcity of some equipment, it is necessary to raise some of the purchasing limits contained in Idaho Code.

Reps. Green, Gannon and Crane (13) invoked Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest but that they would not be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1083** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1044	CODIFIER'S CORRECTIONS - Amends existing law to make codifier's corrections.	Rep. Scott Elizabeth Bowen
S 1030	IMMIGRATION - Adds to existing law to provide for the enforcement of federal immigration law by governmental entities in this state.	Senator Foreman
H 342	CRIMES - Amends existing law to revise the definition of "abortion" and to provide that certain actions and attempts shall not be considered criminal abortions.	Rep. Blanksma

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Rep Gannon

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Crane (12)

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 8:00 A.M.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made an unanimous consent request to remove **H 342** from the agenda and **HOLD H 342** in committee subject to call of the chair. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1044: **Rep. Scott** presented **S1044**, legislation making codifier and technical corrections to Idaho Code. Codifier and technical corrections are not substantive in nature and will not change the meaning or effect of any section or chapter being amended.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1044** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1030: **Sen. Foreman** presented **S 1030**, legislation allowing enforcement of federal immigration law and provides procedures for the Idaho Attorney General to seek equitable relief from a government entity found in violation. Sen. Foreman stated this legislation is codifying a respect for the law and does not address sanctuary cities.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1030** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:00 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 27, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1173aa	PREVENTION OF PUBLIC OFFENSES - Amends existing law to provide for the defensive display or declaration of a firearm and to provide that the defensive display or declaration of a firearm shall not be required in certain instances.	Rep. Boyle
S 1194	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Amends existing law to provide an exemption from a certain requirement and to provide a requirement for a license issued to a theater.	Senator Anthon
RS 30769C1	Abortion	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 27, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Barbieri

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 1:00 P.M.

S 1194: **Sen. Anthon** presented **S 1194**, legislation allowing cities three years from the time they acquire a liquor license to the time they are required to use it. Sen. Anthon stated **S 1194** also allows historic theatres to be compliant with liquor license requirements if the theatre sells alcohol at least twice a year.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1194** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Scott and Alfieri** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1173aa: **Rep. Boyle** presented **S 1173aa**, legislation protecting the right of a person to declare or show that they possess a firearm to reasonably defend and protect themselves.

Dianna David, Lynne Schneider, Marsha Bravo, Tara Adams, Nicole Brown and Alice Arambarri, testified in **opposition** of **S 1173aa**, stating current law is sufficient and this legislation adds confusion to the current law. They remarked communication should be used more as a de-escalation tool instead of firearms.

David Taylor, Idaho State Rifle and Pistol Association, testified in **support** of **S 1173aa**, stating the appearance of a firearm may be used to de-escalate situations and this legislation also protects an individual's Second Amendment rights.

Christy Zito, Second Amendment Alliance, testified in **opposition** of **S 1173aa**, stating her organization is in full support of the intent of this legislation, however, they believe more research needs to be done for clarification purposes.

Aoibheann Cline, National Rifle Association, testified in **support** of **S 1173aa**, stating this legislation provides needed clarification and is a de-escalation tool. Responding to committee questions, Ms. Cline stated she has not been contacted by other interested organizations to make any amendments and much research has gone into **S 1173aa**.

Rep. Boyle presented closing testimony on **S 1173aa**, stating **Sen. Lakey** is very knowledgeable on this topic and has been very involved in this legislation. Responding to committee questions, Rep. Boyle stated law enforcement agencies and prosecutors are neutral on this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1173aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 2 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood and Crane (12).** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Gannon and Green. Rep. Barbieri was absent/excused. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30769C1: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 30769C1**, proposed legislation adding definitions and providing additional clarifying language to Idaho Code relating to abortion. Rep. Blanksma stated this proposed legislation eliminates the trigger provision and affirmative defense.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30769C1**.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Gannon** stated this proposed legislation will not fix the serious problems existing among OB-GYN providers in Idaho and will give any doctor serious concerns when contemplating whether to practice medicine in Idaho. **Rep. Green** expressed her disappointment in this proposed legislation and stated it does nothing to address concerns pertaining to hospitals or the health of the mother.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Young** stated this proposed legislation defines pregnancy and clarifies the court's ruling on the state's current abortion law for the public and doctors. **Rep. Alfieri** stated there is some clarification contained in the proposed legislation and it is worthy of a discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 30769C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2023 and March 20, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:00 P.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 374	Abortion	Rep. Blanksma
11-0401-2201	Idaho State Racing Commission (New ZBR Chapter, Fee Rule)	Lt. Colonel Bill Gardiner, ISP
11-0402-2201	Simulcasting (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0403-2201	Licensing and Fees (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0404-2201	Disciplinary Hearings and Appeals (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0405-2201	Advanced Deposit Wagering (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0406-2201	Racing Officials (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0407-2201	Racing Associations (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0408-2201	Pari-Mutuel Wagering (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0409-2201	Claiming Races (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0410-2201	Live Horse Races (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0411-2201	Equine Veterinary Practices (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0413-2201	Idaho State Racing Commission (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0414-2201	Owners, Trainers, Authorized Agents, Jockeys, Apprentice Jockeys, and Jockey Agents (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	
11-0415-2201	Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing of Licensees and Applicants (ZBR Chapter Repeal)	

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2023, March 22, 2023 and March 27, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 374: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **H 374**, legislation clarifying Idaho's abortion law by including the definition of an abortion, removing the affirmative defense language and adds language regarding the reporting standard on rape and incest.

Dr. John Werdel, Medical Director, St. Luke's Women's Health Care Services, testified **in support** of **H 374** stating, he can only express lukewarm support of **H 374** and it provides a small step forward to providing safe care for citizens. Dr. Werdel remarked there are many medical professionals impacted by the current abortion law and they are frightened at the prospect of providing care to pregnant patients. Dr. Werdel commented further by adding, that while this legislation is a step to improving the law, it does not go far enough to reassure physicians and stabilize the workforce.

Kenneth McClure, Idaho Medical Association, testified **in support** of **H 374**, however, his association is supporting this legislation reluctantly because they believe there is more good that can be done. Mr. McClure remarked their view is to examine the health and life of the mother versus the health and life of the fetus and the unfortunate fact is sometimes a choice must be made between the two. Mr. McClure stated the removal of the affirmative defense puts doctors in a much better position and they will continue to participate in conversations to improve this legislation. Responding to committee questions, Mr. McClure stated his organization was not at the table to negotiate the language in **H 374**.

Dr. Megan Kasper testified **in support** of **H 374**, stating this legislation is a step in the right direction to provide health care providers more clarity.

Kayla Dodson, testified **in opposition** of **H 374**, stating this legislation is confusing and may have dangerous consequences for patients. Ms. Dodson remarked criminal consequences should be removed and exceptions for women's health and incest and rape conditions should be included.

Cindy Thorngren, Southwest Idaho National Organization For Women, testified **in opposition**, of **H 374**, stating legislation is needed to allow a woman an abortion to save her life and protect her ability to have additional children.

Jennifer Beazer testified in opposition of **H 374**, stating she works in rare diseases and is a member of a genetics team examining genetic conditions affecting pregnancy outcomes and those genetic compositions are endless. Ms. Beazer remarked a patient should decide if it is healthy for them to carry a non-viable pregnancy and the life of the mother and baby should be valued equally.

Dr. Emily Corrigan, OB-GYN, testified in support of **H 374**, stating she has seen multiple patients who have been searching for doctors to treat them because many doctors are fearful of and confused by the current law. Dr. Corrigan remarked multiple doctors are leaving the state because of the current abortion law and doctors are trained to determine what the best options are for their patients. Dr. Corrigan agreed there is still work to be done regarding Idaho's abortion laws.

David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life, testified in support, of **H 374**, stating this legislation is a pro-life bill, it clarifies the initial intent of the legislature and is an improvement to the current law. Mr. Ripley remarked it was always the intent that life-threatening conditions be included in current law and this legislation provides that clarification. Mr. Ripley affirmed the value of the pre-born child is not meant to demean the value of the mother's life. If possible, Mr. Ripley would clarify that language at a future date.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 374** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Palmer** stated if other items need to be added, that's another bill for another day but testimonies have been heard in support of the legislation before them today.

Ken McClure clarified he was kept informed of this legislation but was not included to every negotiation. Mr. McClure stated he was able to give input during the drafting process.

Rep. Blanksma presented closing testimony of **H 374**, stating the language included in this legislation is a cumulation of topics everyone involved in the drafting of **H 374** could agree on.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to send **H 374** to General Orders.

In support of the substitute motion, **Rep. Gannon** stated after hearing the testimonies, it is apparent there are several items that could be added to this legislation and he would like to see some of the language of **H 342** added to **H 374**. **Rep. Green** stated this legislation needs to protect a mother's future health and fertility and these decisions should only be between the patient and their doctor.

In opposition to the substitute motion, **Rep. Crane (12)** thanked everyone for their work on this legislation and he will be supporting the original motion. **Rep. Young** stated the individuals who worked on this legislation wanted the life of the mother and the life of the baby protected and attempted to create language to provide guidelines to make those difficult decisions but more work needs to be done. **Chairman Crane (13)** stated this is not the bill he wanted and it has been easy to say someone is pro-life but now the work begins. Chairman Crane (13) remarked a "post-Roe" decision is a much different discussion and this legislation is a first step in the right direction.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Green** requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 11 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Gannon and Green. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood and Crane (12).**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Green requested a roll call vote on the original motion. **Original motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood and Crane (12). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Gannon and Green. Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION:

Rep. Palmer made a motion to hold the dockets on the agenda 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 2:16 P.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 30, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1141</u>	LIQUOR - Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding licenses for waterfront resorts.	Rep. Furniss Jim Addis Brody Aston
<u>S 1186</u>	ELECTIONS - Amends House Bill 138 to revise provisions regarding primary elections at which presidential candidates are nominated.	Rep. Manwaring

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 30, 2023

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

S 1186: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **S 1186**, legislation consolidating the March Presidential Primary with the May Primary Election date and clarifying the purpose of a Primary Election. Rep. Manwaring stated this legislation is a trailer bill to **H 138**, which has passed both bodies. Rep. Manwaring remarked this legislation provides the filing requirements and certification process from the Secretary of State to the state chair of each political party. In response to committee questions, Rep. Manwaring stated he has not consulted with the Central Committees regarding this change to the election date.

Dorothy Moon, Chairman, Idaho Republican Party, testified **in opposition** of **S 1186**, stating the primary stakeholder, the Idaho Republican Party, was not consulted regarding this legislation. Ms. Moon remarked they would like to move the Presidential Primary to February to draw more attention to Idaho.

Maria Nate, Idaho Republican Committee Secretary, testified **in opposition** of **S 1186**, stating the Idaho Republican Party did not receive an opportunity to provide input on this legislation.

Ron Nate and **Rod Beck**, testified **in opposition** of **S 1186** and provided a brief history of the caucus and primary systems in Idaho and stated this is a party decision.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, testified **in support** of **S 1186** and reminded the committee **S 1186** is simply a trailer bill to **H 138** which has passed both legislative bodies by a large margin and uses language currently in statute to clarify the entire process. Responding to committee questions, Mr. McGrane stated he and **Chairman Moon** discussed **H 138** and Chairman Moon expressed her desire to move the Republican Presidential Primary to February, however, funding was not appropriated for the Presidential Primary election.

Rep. Manwaring, presented closing testimony and reiterated what **S 1186** does and reminded the committee the political parties will be opted out unless they inform the Secretary of State that they would like to participate in the May Primary. Rep. Manwaring stated the Legislature has done a lot of work this session consolidating elections by removing the option of a March election date and this legislation continues the consolidation work.

Chairman Crane (13) stated **S 1186** died for lack of a motion.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Chairman Crane (13) made an unanimous consent request to hold **S 1141** for one legislative day. There being no objection, consent was granted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary