

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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 (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. 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 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10th, 2024 and January 11th, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30909: **Rep. Gallagher** presented **RS 30909** explaining this proposed legislation prohibits state entities or public subdivisions from mandating masks.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30909**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30945: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 30945** explaining the previous version of this proposed legislation was drafted with the expectation the definition fetus was consistent throughout state statute. However, there is a discrepancy in code which uses the terms 'fetus' as well as 'fetus and embryo' to describe the same developmental span. This proposed legislation includes both 'fetus' and 'fetus and embryo' as terms to be replaced with the term 'preborn child.' In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified this proposed legislation is policy neutral meaning there is no change in the definitions of these terms, nor should this law affect any enforcement of existing law.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30945** with the following change: on page 22 line 47 what is stricken 'fetal or skeletal' will be retained and what was added, 'identifiable' will be struck. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary