

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 20, 2025

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane(12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Achilles, Green (Morley)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Vice-Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

DOCKET NO. 31-2101-2401: **Stephen Goodson**, Public Utilities Commission, presented this docket explaining that in the last session's committee hearing, it was requested for Idaho Public Utilities Commission to make a change in IDAPA 31.21.01.304.02 (Rule 304) for this Legislature's review; change the word "may" to "shall" in Rule 304. The Committee asked questions around termination of services and serious health risks or danger if termination occurs.

MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-2101-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 31-4101-2401: **Stephen Goodson**, Public Utilities Commission, presented this docket on behalf of the PUC's Telecom Customer Relation Rules. The first edits are uniform edits made across all PUC rule chapters. The current rule does incorporate by reference federal code for clarity. The rule provides fair, reasonable and non discriminatory rules to adjust rate client areas between local exchange companies and other telephone companies and customers.

The Committee had concerns around the clarity of the language, approving the entire docket except for section 205.02. Other members in the committee had concerns around inconsistencies and definitions (sections 307 & 308). There were additional questions from the committee around the striking of residential services, financial assistance programs, and forms. The Committee also asked about rules relating to the majority of phone calls that are carried over the IP infrastructure, quality of service, modernizing the way Idahoans are using there phone services, and how to protect consumers.

The Committee is concerned about the PUC's over-management of one's ability to maintain their own equipment and the PUC's overseeing IT Broadband and Cellular providers. It was brought to the Committees attention the lack of cell service with land-lines being the only service to more remote places of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-4101-2401** with the exception of section 205.02.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mickelson** made a substitution motion to approve **Docket No. 31-4101-2401.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. Mickelson asked unanimous consent to withdraw her substitute motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION:

Rep. Achilles made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION:

Rep. Dygert made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Representative Scott
Vice-Chairman

Liaza Richardson
Secretary