

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 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:** Rep. Boyle

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.

H 14: **House Speaker Moyle** presented **H 14** which would require the incoming federal administration to create the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to examine ways to cut unnecessary bureaucracy and inefficient spending and regulations at the federal level. It will require state agencies to go through the same kind of review of Idaho Code that has been performed with administrative rules. It requires state agencies to review their titles and chapters of Idaho Code for unnecessary, obsolete, and outdated provisions, and to report to the Legislature by September 1, 2025. The Legislature will then consider these and any other proposals for removing unnecessary complexities and bureaucratic processes from Idaho Code in 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 14** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee member raised a concern around continuity in its policy without binding future legislatures but allowing them the opportunity to continue this work.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. House Speaker Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31857: **Rep. Beinswenger** presented **RS 31857** for the purpose to prevent the State of Idaho, its political subdivisions, or any state officers from mandating the use of face masks, face shields, or other face coverings as a means to prevent or slow the spread of a contagious or infectious disease. This bill does exempt health care workers, welders, or those who work with concrete that need mask protection. This does not apply to them.

Committee member asked if this is an identical resolution from a previous bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31857**.

Committee member had concerns around outright prohibition, would like to see health care professionals for testimony.

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

RS 31961: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 31961** which is proposed legislation allowing for electronic publication on the State Controller's website for public notices (including public works projects) and other publications required by law. It directs the state controller to facilitate electronic publications in a staggered implementation schedule. It also directs the State Controller to create the ability for users to subscribe and receive push notifications – including those filtered to a geographic location.

Committee members raised concerns around printed notices, the fiscal note, developing legislative software, the ease of process for the average citizen, and the ability to carry this on utility bills.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 31961**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary