

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 06, 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 (Casner)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Skaug, 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 9:00 AM.

Chairman Crane (13) removed **H 98** from the agenda and rescheduled it for Monday February 10, 2025 with no objections from the committee.

RS 32227: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 32227** which revises the unclaimed property code to provide clarity on the renewal period, pre-escheat notice, and transitional period for property presumed to be abandoned. It adds no new authority for the governing agency.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 32227**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32235: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 32235** which allows 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 staggers the rollout, with only stage agencies initially using the website for electronic notices. Beginning in 2027, local governments and all other entities and individuals may use the website for electronic notices. In the interim, local governments may use a condensed notice with a link to their website for the full notice. This proposed legislation also directs the state controller to create the ability for users to subscribe and receive push notifications – including those filtered to a geographic location. Finally, it clarifies that notices sent through mail may be included in a regular mailing such as a utility billing.

A committee member had a question around condensed notices with a link to the website as well as printed in the newspaper.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 32235**.

A committee member had a question around the requirement to publish in the newspaper verses 'may' publish in the newspaper.

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

RS 32218C1: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 32218C1** which states that Idaho imports around 40% of its energy from outside of its borders according to the Governors Idaho Energy Landscape publication. As energy sources are developed in Idaho it has become apparent that other areas such as California desire Idaho generated electricity and are promoting the development of projects that are not supported by Idahoans.

Chairman Crane (13) declined **Rep. Gannon's** request to have **Rep. Leavitt** present as it is a RS hearing.

Committee members had questions around transmission lines across multiple states and tempering constitutional mandates.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 32218C1**.

A committee member made comments around distribution lines verses transmission lines and calculation analysis on existing transmission lines.

Rep. Gannon made closing comments around the goal to keep Idaho's energy here in Idaho.

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

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary