

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 12, 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 (Schubin)

**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 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025, February 6, 2025, and February 7, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32150C2:** **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 32150C2** which expands on current code where foreign governments are prohibited from purchasing any Idaho forest land, in addition to the already prohibition in purchasing agricultural land, water rights, mining claims or mineral rights. Any foreign adversary is also under the same prohibitions, but under this legislation, the foreign adversary that owns any of these agricultural lands, mining claims or mineral rights must sell within 180 days of notice. If they do not sell, the land or mining claims or mineral rights will be sold by judicial foreclosure. Also, no foreign adversary may purchase or lease any property within the certain geographic boundaries to establish secure military operations areas.

Committee members asked questions around the previous changes to the bill, foreign adversaries, farm land seizures, Rule 80, sanitize - purchasing farmland, whistle blower definition, foreigner owned business protection, Owyhee initiatives, Chinese, why not expand 140 miles farther North, and is the RS prepared to go forward.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 32150C2**. **Motion is carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32292:** **Rep. Mickelsen** presented **RS 32292** which addresses filing fees or signatures required to run for public office. This proposed legislation will help to weed out people filing to run for office to game the system, pushing out competition. Raising the filing fees ensures real candidates file to run for political office.

Committee members had questions around raising filing fees and how it would help to curb fake candidates. Comments were also brought up about opposing raising the signature count and filing fee increases.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to introduce **RS 32292**.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a substitute motion to return **RS 32292** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32328:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32328**. The proposed bill makes administrative rules and policies more transparent for citizens. The language requires state departments and constitutional officers who that have an online presence to publish their current administrative rules and policies online. These documents must be reviewed and updated at least annually for accuracy.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32328**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 96:** **Rep. Scott** presented **H 96**. This legislation would allow government entities to only display certain types of flags. This bill maintains respect for the State of Idaho and does not restrict individuals to fly their own preferences. This legislation is a good opportunity to unite the country and state.

**Lynn Bradescu**, District 19 GOP; **Thad Butterworth**, Self; spoke **in support** of **H 96**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 96** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Achilles** and **Rep. Shuban** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary