

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 17, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Dygert, Barbieri, Green

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 13, 2025.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 32400: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 32400** which adds a new section of Idaho Code to allow responsible motorcycle lane filtering which permits motorcycles to travel between traffic lanes, wherein said lanes are traveling the same direction. The allowance only applies on roadways with a speed limit of over 50 m.p.h. and with speed limitations on the motorcycles passing between lanes. All other traffic codes still apply should a motorcycle operator lane filter, in an unsafe manner.

A committee member had a question around motorcycle damage payments.

Due to the lack of a motion, RS 32400 was returned to the sponsor.

H 48: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **H 48** with its purpose to maintain the ability of retired law enforcement officers to continue to instruct after they are no longer employed by a department. Currently after instructors retire, they are not legally able to continue teaching firearm safety and instruction on enhanced concealed carry certifications.

MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to send **H 48** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member had a question around additional training certifications and law enforcement officer training.

Amy Gorges, and **Jim Gorges**, American Freedom Defense; spoke **in favor** of **H 48**.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Shepherd will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 32370: **Rep. Healey** presented **RS 32370** which requires the disclosure of party affiliation on all election-related communications. By clearly identifying the political affiliation behind a message, this reform enhances voter awareness, reduces misinformation, and prevents deceptive practices designed to mislead the public. It ensures candidates, campaigns, and organizations are held to a higher standard of honesty and transparency. By providing voters with essential context, it strengthens election integrity and security therefore upholding the trust Idahoans place in the elections process.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 32370**.

Committee members had questions around legislative findings and intent, party affiliation logo's, types and sizes of logos, the impact of independent candidates and running as an independent.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 32369:

Rep. Alfieri presented **RS 32369** which says the State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision and governance of Idaho's public educational institutions, agencies and school system, and sets policy for public schools throughout the state. This proposed legislation establishes that five of the seven members of the State Board of Education be elected by the region, establishing equal representation across the state. The Governor will appoint the remaining two members.

Committee members had a questions regarding reimbursable vs salary costs and running on party lines.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 32369**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (13) clarified committee members should make the 'motion' and then ask to speak to it. It is easier for a chairman to understand and to also have a motion maker lined up or it will be called for lack of motion. He stated the importance for people to learn how the process works.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary