

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 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:** 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.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes for March 7, 2025 and March 10, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32634: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 32634** on behalf of the bill sponsor **Rep. Moyle** stating Idaho's lobbying laws, also known as the sunshine laws, were originally enacted in 1974 by a citizen initiative to increase transparency regarding money spent by lobbyists and on political campaigns. This proposed legislation updates these laws by separating lobbying reporting from campaign finance reporting and increases the frequency of reporting by registered lobbyists during and outside legislative sessions. This proposed legislation updates the definition of lobbying to indicate clearly that both direct and indirect efforts to influence policy-making are considered lobbying.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 32634**.
A committee member commented on including lobbyist's employers.
Rep. Holtzclaw declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

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

RS 32636: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 32636** on behalf of the bill sponsor **Rep. Moyle**. This proposed legislation updates and reorganizes the campaign finance laws to increase transparency, simplify reporting, and improve enforcement to better align with increased spending and modern practices in political campaigns. The proposed legislation makes several changes designed to increase the frequency of reporting, adjust the campaign finance limitations, and improve enforcement by creating an improved fine structure.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32636**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32578: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 32578**. The purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to stand together as the 68th Idaho Legislature in denouncing acts of political violence and intimidation in the strongest possible terms and commits to fostering a culture of respect, civility, and lawful engagement in the democratic process.

MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to introduce **RS 32578** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

A committee member commented about targeted legislators on social media and suggested to hold the proposed bill until there is language addressing the social media aspect.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Redman will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 32640:

Rep. Ehlers presented **RS 32640**. The purpose of this House Resolution is to clarify House Rule 40 to reflect the current way business is done on the House floor.

MOTION:

Rep. Pohanka moved to introduce **RS 32640**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Green made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32640** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

A committee member asked about additional tobacco products on the House floor.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Substitute motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Palmer and **Rep. Barbieri** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 378:

Rep. Mickelsen presented **H 378**. The legislation proposes legislators and nominees to the legislature self-disclose any state or out-of-state travel related to legislative or governmental purposes not paid for by themselves to promote public confidence in government and transparency.

MOTION:

Rep Achilles made a motion to send **H 378** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mickelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 379:

Rep. Mickelsen presented **H 379** which proposes statewide elected officials and nominees to self-disclose any state or out-of-state travel related to their role or governmental purposes not paid for by themselves to promote public confidence in government and transparency

A member of the committee asked about state wide elected officials having to self-disclose but not staff employees.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane (13) made a motion to send **H 379** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Mickelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 377:

Rep. Tanner (13) presented **H 377**. This legislation will require the establishment of districts when an Idaho city reaches a population greater than 100,000, with one candidate being elected to the city council residing within the district. This legislation establishes a recall process by petition of twenty percent (20%) of registered electors in the district from the last election.

A committee member questioned why the number was set at 100K inhabitants and district wide elections changes. Another committee member commented around the larger cities statutes, recall process, and election requirements.

Rick Hogaboam, Canyon County Clerk; spoke **in support** of **H 377**.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 377** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Tanner (13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Representative Scott
Vice Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary