

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 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

**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.

H 376: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **H 376**. This legislation concerns the right to carry a firearm on certain public property in the State of Idaho. The changes proposed in the legislation concern the people's right to carry firearms on property owned by the state and its political subdivisions that is normally and habitually open to the public but is being leased, rented, or provided by contract to private people, organizations, or groups.

Committee members asked about 'no weapon' signs at college campuses and bringing firearms into local fairgrounds or garden shows.

MOTION: **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to send **H 376** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members asked if it was legal to bring a firearm onto schools grounds while picking up children, and reversal of the 2023 decision of **S 1374**, rights to put up a 'no weapon' sign at a private event, and Gun Free Zones in schools.

Scott Herndon, Self; spoke in support of **H 376**.

Committee members asked questions around Ford Idaho Center contracted events, overturning the 2023 decision of bill **S 1374**, Ford Idaho Center private events, licenses and contract agreements, city park weapon free zones, state-wide firearms laws, and the definitions of 'normally' and 'habitually'.

A committee member commented the current good legislation in place is being unwound and commented on the public's lack of confidence around weapons at events.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Achilles** and **Rep. Schubin** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HJR 6: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **HJR 6**. This legislation would add a new section to the Idaho Constitution, designating English as the official language of the state. It mandates that English would be used in all public proceedings, public documents, public instruction, and other public acts of any public institutions in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **HJR 6** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Achilles** and **Rep. Schubin** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 113: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 113**. The purpose of this legislation is to make Codifier and technical corrections to the Idaho Code. Codifier and technical corrections are not substantive in nature and will not change the meaning or effect of any section or chapter being amended. This is "cleanup" legislation, intended to provide clarity to readers of the Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary