

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 14, 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:** Representative(s) Barbieri

**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. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** asked unanimous consent to re-organize the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**Chairman Crane (13)** turned the gavel over to **Rep. Dygert.**

**DOCKET NO.  
11-0501-2402:** **Lt. Colonel Russ Wheatly** presented **Docket No. 11-0501-2402** for the Idaho State Police beverage control to provide clarification which will serve Idaho's liquor licensee's and industry in navigating Title 23 and providing the ability to make informative business decisions when selling or transferring a liquor license in the future.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0501-2402.**

Committee members asked questions around the percentages of 40% and 60% - food verses alcohol, clarity in understanding the written code language, resort cities verses regular cities, and individuals who own alcohol licenses.

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

**DOCKET NO.  
11-0501-2403:** **Lt. Colonel Russ Wheatly** presented **Docket No. 11-0501-2403** for the Idaho State Police as the department is striving to prevent the accumulation of costly, ineffective, and outdated regulations and reduce the regulatory burden and enhance operational efficiency as stated under the Executive Order 2020-01-Zero Based Regulation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0501-2403. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
24-0201-2401:** **John Price**, Bureau Chief of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses presented **Docket No. 24-0201-2401.** During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Idaho Legislature did not hear the Idaho Athletic Commission's pending rules docket, therefore not approving the pending rules adopted by the board. Pursuant to state law, the rules expired upon sine die. These temporary rules reauthorize the expired provisions.

**MOTION:** Rep. Achilles made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0201-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-0201-2402:** John Price, Bureau Chief of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses presented **Docket No. 24-0201-2402**. Under Executive Order 2020-01, Zero-Based Regulation, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing is striving to prevent the accumulation of costly, ineffective, and outdated regulations and reduce regulatory burden to achieve a more efficient operation of government.

Committee members pointed out an incomplete sentence on Page 20 and Section .03, and suggested adding the word 'biological' before male combatant on Page 20 Section .01 before the 2026 legislative session. Committee members had questions around the amount of grease or foreign substances used in a boxing ring, fees, and the definition of noncombatant,

**MOTION:** Chairman Crane (13) made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0201-2402**.

A committee member had a question around charity events, differences of the pending legislation around fee issues, and The College of Southern Idaho charity event.

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

**RS 32647:** Rep. Handy presented **RS 32647** which proposes to protect local property taxpayers from special taxing districts taking advantage of statutes that allow for pay and benefits for individuals serving on boards. The purpose of this bill will be to bring consistency to special taxing districts.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mickelsen made a motion to introduce **RS 32647** with the addition of drafting language added to the end. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32602:** Rep. Alfieri presented **RS 32602**. This proposed legislation eliminates the position of health and social services Ombudsman.

A committee member asked a question around the original intent of the Ombudsman role and removing the budget of the Ombudsman.

Committee members commented just because a role is unfunded, does not mean it should not be there and confusion around the removal of the Ombudsman role as it is support for foster parents to be heard when social workers are not stepping in.

**MOTION:** Chairman Crane (13) made a motion to introduce **RS 32602**.

A committee member confirmed the position was funded last year; sparking comments to return the proposed legislation to the sponsor.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Mickelsen made a substitute motion to return **RS 32602** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.

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Representative Dygert  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary