

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 20, 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.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made a unanimous consent request to **Hold RS 32712** to the call of chair. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**S 1141aa:** **Rep. Skaug and Rep. Galloway** presented **S 1141aa** which bans public camping or sleeping on public property in large Idaho cities. It provides exceptions for designated recreational areas, certain state lands, and temporary event specific camping.

**Chairman Crane (13)** put the committee at ease at 9:07 AM.

**Chairman Crane (13)** called the meeting back to order at 9:13 AM.

Committee members had questions around the language of the bill, the objective definition of 'prolonged amount of time', criminalizing private citizens, bill violation, wide highway district, enforcement powers and responsibilities, and managing ACHD. Another member commented on the accountability to what one can not control.

**Kathy Griesmyer**, City of Boise; **Jodi Peterson-Stigers**, Interfaith Sanctuary; **Christopher Dennison**, Boise Police Department; **Jenna Damron**, Self; **Elinor Chehey**, United Women in Faith; **Morgan Bernal**, Director of Interfaith Sanctuary; spoke **in opposition** of the bill.

**Bill Roscoe**, Self; **Katy Decker**, Veterans Association; **Lucinda Willits**, Self (city council woman district 1); spoke **in support** of the bill.

Committee members had questions for **Kathy Griesmyer** to include enforcement and arrests, removal of tents and automobiles, responsibility of the city, cities budget for enforcement, city garages and parking spaces, enforcement of city garages, condition on code compliance, inspection and maintenance, work in conjunction of code compliance, law enforcement to arrest, code compliance responses verses criminalization, public camping today, city clean up, Valerpoint low income building, and project funding and impact.

Committee members had questions for **Jodi Peterson-Stigers** to include solving facility issues, shelter interviews, analysis of loss of income, seniors, and mental illness. Other committee members had questions around the homeless who do not wish to leave, and the unhoused population vote.

Committee members had questions for **Christopher Dennison** to include whether he was currently on duty, law enforcement process for homeless, Tuscan, Arizona's process, percentage of drugs and mental health issues, refusal of assistance, final solutions, arresting language within the bill, asking people to move instead of arrests, interface mitigation with code enforcement, and environment issues around responsibility for clean up and protection.

Committee members had questions for **Bill Roscoe** to include space available for the homeless during the day, cooling shelter resources, how many homeless people are in Boise, how many beds in all facility shelters, turning people away, homeless solution, community and resources to assist people, refusal to come out of tent camps, families to stay together in shelter, specific religion, the bill interface with Boise ordinance, would this legislation prevent over growth and destruction of the community, and why encampments if the shelters are never full.

A committee member asked **Lucinda Willits** why has the city not taken responsibility to solve this instead of the state.

**Sen. Galloway** made comments around no one seeking shelter is going to jail because of this bill, managing population challenges and helping those in need into shelters.

A member of the committee asked questions around fiscal responsibility and the need for a budget to address the issues.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **S 1141aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had questions regarding the city population. Other committee members had comments around keeping people off the streets, over-writing city policies, vague language, enforcement, root problems of homelessness, failing housing market, and compassion around families needing resources of shelter.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE and 2 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Mickelsen, Pohanka.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Achilles and Green.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary