

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 01, 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 9:02 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025 and March 27, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1171aa: **Rep. Skaug** presented **S 1171aa** which amends the private civil cause of action section regarding abortions. It notes that the current standard for compliance is contained in the Defense of Life Act. This legislation provides an opportunity for the court to review the litigation early in the process to determine if the case is merittess. The amendments largely follow the language used in 'anti-slapp' legislation adopted by the Legislature in the public engagement and expression context.

A committee member made an objection to keep from speaking in general assumptions and to keep the comments specific to the bill.

A committee member asked questions regarding the heart beat of an unborn baby and the treatment of the mother, a mothers eminent danger before doctors can do a medical intervention and save her life if a heartbeat still exists.

David Ripley, Executive Director of Idaho Chooses Life; **Erin Barnard**, Self; spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **S 1171aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members made comments of support of the bill in allowing doctors to be able to provide critical care to women and the improvements to provide a positive legal process of patients and doctors.

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

S 1157: **Rep. Achilles** presented **S 1157** which aligns the filing by independent candidates who have qualified for ballot status for the office of President with the Vice-Presidential candidate and the electors for the Electoral College, as is the requirements for recognized political parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **S 1157** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Achilles** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1117: **Rep. Scott** presented **S 1117** which requires an updated fiscal impact statement for proposed ballot measures that have reached the signature threshold and changes the deadline dates. This helps the Secretary of State to have time to make sure the information is current, accurate, ready to be published.

Jason Mercier, VP for the Mountain States Policy Center; spoke **in support** of the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **S 1117** to floor with **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:23 AM.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting back to order at 9:32 AM.

RS 32793: **Rep. Tanner** presented **RS 32793**. This proposed legislation relates to the Idaho Medical Freedom Act. It amends the heading to revise provisions regarding prohibited medical mandates. It renames and modifies the Coronavirus Stop Act. This refers to the sections of Idaho Code that already allow schools to send sick children home and points out how this proposed legislation does nothing to affect these existing provisions of code and states that businesses can not force medical intervention on any person.

Committee members had questions around how this works for business, a business refusal of services, medical prevention, business and employer incentives, what an employer can and can not do, daycare outbreak process, private business not allowed to stipulate specific vaccines, denial of employment, employers responsibility for injuries, and workers compensation issues.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32793** with a definition change of medical intervention.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32793**.

A committee member made comments around addressing the core of the issues and moving forward with the substitute motion.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Green** made an amended substitute motion to return **RS 32793** to sponsor with comments regarding concerns around daycare issues.

A committee member had concerns around people's rights for medical freedom at the expense of the responsibility of businesses taking on the burden of costs and the protection of businesses.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** requested a roll call vote. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE and 12 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Mickelsen, Achilles, Green. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Pohanka.**

A committee member asked about the sequence of motions before the committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 4 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Pohanka. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Barbieri, Mickelsen, Achilles, Green. Rep. Beiswenger** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary