

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, April 04, 2025

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott (Dotson), 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 9:03 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1210aa:** **Rep. Tanner (14)** presented **S 1210aa** which relates to the Idaho Medical Freedom Act; amending the heading for Idaho Code, to revise provisions regarding prohibited medical mandates. This legislation renames and modifies the Coronavirus Stop Act. **Rep. Tanner (14)** called attention to a few issues within the bill, and suggested it be sent to the amending order, around private, public, and religious schools, daycares, and state agencies adoption on specific sections of the bill.

**Rep. Mickelsen** asked for a point of order to place the committee at ease to retrieve committee amendments for a better understanding and pointed out a technical error in the legislation.

**Sen. Foreman** spoke to the bill amendments and provisions regarding medical mandates around the rights for one to decide what is best for their body, parents option to opt out of vaccinations for their children according to the requirements of federal law, no business shall require a medical intervention, no change to the public vaccination requirements for schools, medical intervention descriptions, and does not apply to personal equipment.

Committee members had questions regarding daycare, preschool, and K-12 schools' ability to send ill children home, definition of parochial school, state courts interpretation of federal law and/or federal regulations, the difference between **H 472** verses **H 1210aa**, and General Order changes.

**Chairman Crane (13)** commented on the meeting between him, **Sen. Foreman**, **Governor Little**, and the Catholic Schools and reported they were in agreement with the amendment on the school issue.

Committee members had additional questions around business liabilities, loopholes for schools or business' to mandate vaccines, private business refusal and required medical intervention, requiring employees to get a flu shot, industry conventional practices, employers requiring employees to wear a mask or go to a medical clinic, employers termination of employees due to illness, are teachers allowed to ask parents to give anti-biotics to children, and would the Governor sign this bill.

**David Pettinger**, Self; **Brian Festa**, Self; spoke **in support** of the bill.

**Grace Howat**, Idaho Family Policy Center; **Kathy Dawes**, Self; **Miste Gardener**, Health Freedom Idaho;

Committee members asked the following questions, to **David Pettinger**, do you like the bill, **Grace Howat**, what is the definition of a parochial school.

**Rep. Beiswenger** made comments around cleaning up some language in this current legislation, definition of schools, and not being forced to take medication against ones will.

Committee members asked for consideration to change provisions such as the daycare argument and the definition of parochial school.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **S 1210aa** to General Orders.

A committee member made a comment around the business entity in the public and private sector, preschools and the definition, giving more privileges to religious preschools rather than all preschools to have exemptions, daycares verses preschools, exemption around industry standards, healthcare innovations, rewrite and narrow the scope of medical intervention, change the title of the legislation, **President Trump's** Operation Warp Speed, protection of students, employees, neighbors and to be careful around pregnant woman, newborns, and those with cancer.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Achilles** made a substitute motion to lay **S 1210aa** on the table.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** requested a roll call vote on **S 1210aa**. **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), Dotson, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Pohanka.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 15 AYE and 0 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Dotson, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Mickelsen, Pohanka, 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 9:55 AM.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary