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**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Bernt, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amanda Olson, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

### Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of February 5, 2026, was read and approved as corrected.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, the report was adopted and ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

### Reports of Standing Committees

February 6, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SJR 103](#), [S 1258](#), [S 1259](#), and [S 1260](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SJR 103](#) and [S 1258](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1259](#) and [S 1260](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

February 5, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Representative Jon Weber to the State Insurance Fund Board, term to expire November 30, 2026;

Robert Cuoio to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2029.

FOREMAN, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

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The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 559](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 559](#) was filed for second reading.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

### Messages from the House

February 5, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 24](#) and [H 557](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[HCR 24](#) and [H 557](#) were filed for first reading.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

### Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills, House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

**S 1261**

**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 59-1356, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1262**

**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURER INVESTMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 41-735, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1263**

**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING; AMENDING SECTION 67-6539, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LIMITATIONS ON THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND VACATION RENTALS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL

CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1264**

**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION; AMENDING TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 25, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE IDAHO RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND AND TO ESTABLISH THE RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**S 1265**

**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PETROLEUM CLEAN WATER TRUST FUND ACT; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 41-4904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PETROLEUM CLEAN WATER TRUST FUND; AMENDING SECTION 41-4910, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OUTDATED PROVISIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF FUND MONEYS; REPEALING SECTION 41-4910A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO APPORTIONMENT OF MONEYS; AMENDING SECTION 41-4911, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE CODE REFERENCES; REPEALING SECTION 41-4925, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR TRUST REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 41-4925A, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 41-4930, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1266**

**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 16-1622, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PARENTAL RIGHTS AND EXTENDED FOSTER CARE ORDERS; AMENDING SECTION 16-2002, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 39-1202, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 39-1211A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1267**

**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-276, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING POLICY OPTIONS FOR MEDICAID FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES AND HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**S 1268**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AMENDING SECTION 23-509B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A FORM OF APPLICATION AND TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT FEE; AMENDING SECTION 23-904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1004, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1005A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1007A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PERMIT FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1014, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1309A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING REGISTRATION FEES, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PERMIT FEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1315, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1317, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1336, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PERMIT FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1261](#), [S 1262](#), [S 1263](#), [S 1264](#), [S 1265](#), [S 1266](#), [S 1267](#), and [S 1268](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 24](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 557](#), by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

**Second Reading of Bills**

[S 1239](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1234](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

**Motion to Suspend Rules**

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Harris, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate passage of [H 559](#) be suspended; that the portions of Section 15, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho requiring all bills to be read on three several days be dispensed with, this being a case of urgency, and that [H 559](#) be read the second time by title and the third time at length, section by section, and be put upon its final passage. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols,



shortfall and ongoing service cuts. For these reasons, we respectfully dissent from the committee's decision to advance House Bill 559 with a do-pass recommendation and urge the full Senate to carefully reconsider whether this legislation reflects responsible governance, sound budgeting, and fairness to Idaho taxpayers.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Senator Ali Rabe  
/s/ Senator Ron Taylor

Pursuant to Senate Rule 21(B), the President Pro Tempore ordered the Minority Report filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and spread upon the pages of the Journal.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

**Miscellaneous Business**

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:54 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2026.

KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary