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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Okuniewicz, Toews, and Ward-Engelking, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chayse Van Eps, 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 12, 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 13, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1222](#) and [SJM 108](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1222](#) and [SJM 108](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

February 12, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1261](#), [S 1262](#), and [S 1265](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[S 1261](#), [S 1262](#), and [S 1265](#) were filed for second reading.

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The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1266](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[S 1266](#) was filed for second reading.

February 13, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 504](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 504](#) 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 12, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 520](#), [H 579](#), [H 580](#), [H 581](#), and [H 583](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 520](#), [H 579](#), [H 580](#), [H 581](#), and [H 583](#) were filed for first reading.

February 12, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1225](#), as amended, which has passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[S 1225](#), as amended, was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

February 12, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HJM 10](#) for the signature of the President.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [HJM 10](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

February 12, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SJM 107](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SJM 107](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of State.

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 1282

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO KRATOM; AMENDING TITLE 37, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 31,

TITLE 37, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1283

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; AMENDING TITLE 37, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 2, TITLE 37, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER COMMERCE ACT; AMENDING SECTION 22-703, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE SALE OF GRADED AND UNGRADED PRODUCTS; AMENDING SECTION 22-801, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FRUIT PACKAGING; AMENDING SECTION 22-901, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATION; AMENDING SECTION 37-118, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO THE TAGGING AND DETENTION OF ARTICLES OR PRODUCTS SUSPECTED OF BEING ADULTERATED OR MISBRANDED AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 37-133, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF ESTABLISHMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 37-1520, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 37-1523A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO ASSESSMENTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-1602, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 74-107, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1284

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO DIETITIANS; AMENDING CHAPTER 35, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-3508A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1285

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING CHAPTER 94, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-9419, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR HOME SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING; AMENDING SECTION 54-606, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1112, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-1113, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1606, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR

GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL; AMENDING SECTION 54-2012, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2409, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2916, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL; AMENDING SECTION 54-2916A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL; AMENDING SECTION 54-2916B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL; AMENDING SECTION 54-3108, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3109, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-4009, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-4307, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5406, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL; AMENDING SECTION 54-5802, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5810, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR GRADUATION FROM AN IDAHO HOME SCHOOL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1286

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION OF VETERANS BENEFITS; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 48-603H, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING VETERANS BENEFITS CONSUMER PROTECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1287

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS; AMENDING SECTION 40-202, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AMENDING SECTION 40-203, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF COUNTY AND HIGHWAY DISTRICT SYSTEM HIGHWAYS OR PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AMENDING SECTION 40-203A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING VALIDATION OF COUNTY OR HIGHWAY DISTRICT SYSTEM HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1288**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1016, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO HIGH-NEEDS STUDENT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1289**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 37, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-3717D, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CERTAIN STUDENT ATHLETES AT IDAHO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1290**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-512E, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A PUBLIC SCHOOL SOCIAL ACCESS PASS PROGRAM FOR HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1291**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPEALING SECTION 33-117, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING SECTION 33-125B, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PAY FOR SUCCESS CONTRACTING AND DUTIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; REPEALING SECTION 33-140, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO A REPORT OF HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS; REPEALING SECTION 33-356, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL BUILDING DESIGN AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY; REPEALING SECTION 33-1010, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO APPORTIONMENTS WHEN MINES NET PROFITS ARE CONSIDERED; REPEALING SECTION 33-1011, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO TAXES TO BE LEVIED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; REPEALING SECTION 33-1012, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO TRANSMITTAL OF COUNTY SCHOOL MONEYS; REPEALING SECTION 33-1624, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO RULES; REPEALING SECTION 33-2007, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO COST OF INSTRUCTION AND POSTAGE SUBJECT REIMBURSEMENT; REPEALING SECTION 33-2213, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE INDUSTRY PARTNER FUND; REPEALING SECTION 33-3305, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO APPROPRIATION FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND BUILDING DEMOLITION OF ALL ALBION STATE NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS NOT OF PRACTICAL VALUE TO THE CITY OF ALBION; REPEALING SECTION 33-4605, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP;

AMENDING SECTION 33-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 33-3304, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1292**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER PARENT TRAINING; AMENDING SECTION 39-1211C, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FOSTER PARENT TRAINING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1293**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 67-7903, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXCEPTIONS TO VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1294**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO HEARING LOSS SCREENING; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-905A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING HEARING LOSS SCREENING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1295**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC OFFENSES; AMENDING SECTION 19-202, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RESISTANCE BY A THREATENED PARTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1296**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS; AMENDING SECTION 18-7008, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A CHURCH AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1297**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONVERSATIONAL AI SAFETY ACT; AMENDING TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 21, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1282](#), [S 1283](#), [S 1284](#), [S 1285](#), [S 1286](#), [S 1287](#), [S 1288](#), [S 1289](#), [S 1290](#), [S 1291](#), [S 1292](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1294](#), [S 1295](#), [S 1296](#), and [S 1297](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 520](#), [H 579](#), [H 580](#), and [H 581](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 583](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1250](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1236](#) and [S 1247](#), by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1254](#), [S 1255](#), [S 1256](#), and [S 1264](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1240](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ruchti arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Bjerke (Keyser), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Okuniewicz, Toews, Ward-Engelking. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1240](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1248](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Bjerke (Keyser), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Okuniewicz, Toews, Ward-Engelking. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1248](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1249](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Bjerke (Keyser), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Okuniewicz, Toews, Ward-Engelking. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1249](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1251](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Bjerke (Keyser), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 30.

NAYS—Rabe, Taylor, Wintrow. Total - 3.

Absent and excused—Okuniewicz, Toews. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1251](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

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 11:51 a.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Monday, February 16, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary