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**SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Lent and Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isabella Froshiesar, 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 March 13, 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 Fifth Order of Business.

### Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

#### SCR 125

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION TO REDUCE THE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCES FOR LEGISLATORS SERVING IN THE SIXTY-NINTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE SO THAT LEGISLATORS SHARE IN THE BURDENS BEING IMPOSED ON THE CITIZENS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, in response to falling state revenue projections and in anticipation of the estimated \$175 million cost to the State of Idaho conforming to the federal tax bill in 2027, Idaho is proposing across-the-board state agency budget cuts and no increase in state employee salaries; and

WHEREAS, the executive budget recommended by Governor Brad Little for fiscal year 2027 includes an across-the-board 3% budget cut to state agency budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee voted to include an additional across-the-board budget cut of

2% to state agency budgets, for a total 5% cut to state agency budgets; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these budget reductions and General Fund spending authority reductions on the citizens and employees of the State of Idaho are severe; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation is given the authority under section 23, article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho to establish the rate of compensation and expense allowances for services to be rendered by members of the Idaho Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the committee will meet prior to the commencement of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-ninth Idaho Legislature to set legislative compensation and expense allowances for 2027 and 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation is encouraged to reduce the compensation and expense allowances for legislators serving in the Sixty-ninth Idaho Legislature so that legislators share in the burdens being imposed on the citizens and employees of the State of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation.

#### SR 121

#### BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

#### A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67-5291, Idaho Code, standing committees of the Legislature shall review any temporary or pending rule that is germane to its committee and has been published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Transportation Committee reviewed pending rules adopted by the Idaho Transportation Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, that all pending rules adopted by the Idaho Transportation Department, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and submitted through the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator to the Legislature for review during the 2026 legislative session have been reviewed and approved by the Senate Transportation Committee.

[SCR 125](#) and [SR 121](#) were introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

### Reports of Standing Committees

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Senate amendments to [H 494](#), [S 1294](#), [S 1299](#), [H 728](#), [H 703](#), [S 1335](#), [S 1330](#), [S 1359](#), and [S 1348](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1294](#), as amended, [S 1299](#), as amended, [S 1335](#), as amended, [S 1330](#), as amended, [S 1359](#), as amended, and [S 1348](#), as amended, have been correctly engrossed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1294](#), as amended, [S 1299](#), as amended, [S 1335](#), as amended, [S 1330](#), as amended, [S 1359](#), as amended, and [S 1348](#), as amended, were filed for first reading.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1361](#) has been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1361](#) and ordered it transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

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The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 561](#), as amended, [H 573](#), [H 637](#), and [HCR 31](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 561](#), as amended, [H 573](#), and [H 637](#) were filed for second reading.

[HCR 31](#) was 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 STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 542](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 542](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

### Messages from the House

March 13, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 866](#), [H 867](#), [H 868](#), [H 869](#), [H 870](#), [H 871](#), and [H 835](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 866](#), [H 867](#), [H 868](#), [H 869](#), [H 870](#), [H 871](#), and [H 835](#) 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 1387

#### BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### S 1388

#### BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT ON COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

#### S 1389

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO POLLING PLACES; AMENDING SECTION 34-302, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR OWNERS OF PROPERTY USED AS A POLLING PLACE; AMENDING SECTION 63-602, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### S 1390

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM REPORTING; AMENDING SECTION 41-351, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM REPORTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### S 1391

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 18-7108, IDAHO CODE, AS ADDED IN SECTION 1 OF SENATE BILL NO. 1326, AS AMENDED, IF ENACTED BY THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

#### S 1392

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO MORTICIANS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, AND EMBALMERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1143, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DEFINITIVE IDENTIFICATION AND TO MAKE A

TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1393**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY; AMENDING SECTION 32-717C, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND INVESTIGATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 32, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 32-717F, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY AND EX PARTE ORDERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1394**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY; AMENDING SECTION 32-717E, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SUPERVISED VISITATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1395**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 32-717, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CHILD CUSTODY; AMENDING SECTION 32-717B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRESUMPTION OF EQUAL CUSTODY ALLOCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 32, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 32-721, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 32-1705, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1396**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PACIFIC FISHERIES LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPEALING SECTION 67-452, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE PACIFIC FISHERIES LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1387](#), [S 1388](#), [S 1389](#), [S 1390](#), [S 1391](#), [S 1392](#), [S 1393](#), [S 1394](#), [S 1395](#), and [S 1396](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 494](#), as amended in the Senate, by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[H 728](#), as amended in the Senate, by Education Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[H 703](#), as amended in the Senate, by Business Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1294](#), as amended, by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1299](#), as amended, and [S 1335](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, were read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1330](#), as amended, by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1359](#), as amended, and [S 1348](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, were read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[H 866](#), [H 867](#), [H 868](#), [H 869](#), [H 870](#), and [H 871](#), by Appropriations Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Finance Committee.

[H 835](#), by Appropriations Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Senators Lent and Ruchti were recorded present at this order of business.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

**Second Reading of Bills**

[H 593](#) and [H 714](#), by Environment, Energy and Technology Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 724](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1227](#), as amended in the House, by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

**Third Reading of Bills**

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1264](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for Friday, March 20, 2026.

On request by Senator Adams, granted by unanimous consent, [SJR 103](#) was recommitted to the State Affairs Committee.

On request by Senator Burtenshaw, granted by unanimous consent, [H 678](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1362](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1347](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Galloway 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 29.

NAYS—Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe). Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1347](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1380](#), [S 1381](#), [S 1382](#), [S 1383](#), [S 1384](#), and [S 1385](#) retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1369](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Hart 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1369](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1358](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Harris 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1358](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1386](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1379](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Woodward 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward. Total - 28.

NAYS—Carlson, Hart, Kohl, Lenney, Shippy, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 7.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1379](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 635](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Carlson 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—Wintrow. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 635](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 532](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Kohl 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 532](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 520](#) 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 520](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 541](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 541](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

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

#### **Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials**

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

### Reports of Standing Committees

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 11:59 a.m. until the hour of 3 p.m. of this day.

### RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 3 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Harris and Hart, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Sixth Order of Business, Reports of Standing Committees.

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The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 507](#), [HCR 29](#), [S 1356](#), and [S 1376](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 507](#), [S 1356](#), and [S 1376](#) were filed for second reading.

[HCR 29](#) was 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 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [H 789](#) and [S 1378](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[H 789](#) and [S 1378](#) were filed for second reading.

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

### Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

#### SCR 126

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, DECLARING THAT THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL STRATEGY IS A PROVEN, LOCALLY DRIVEN APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES, AND ENCOURAGING CONTINUED COLLABORATION AMONG SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO EXPAND AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN WAYS THAT REFLECT THE VALUES OF THE STATE AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Coalition for Community Schools is a cross-sector network of educators, nonprofits, and community leaders committed to strengthening and expanding community schools in Idaho, with United Way of Treasure Valley providing backbone support and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the community school strategy transforms schools into neighborhood hubs, partnering with families and community members to provide integrated health and social services and enhanced learning opportunities. It reduces barriers to learning through four key pillars: integrated student supports,

expanded learning, family engagement, and collaborative leadership; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's strength and long-term prosperity depend on the success of its children and the vitality of its families and communities; and

WHEREAS, when students are healthy, supported, and engaged, they are better prepared to learn, graduate, and contribute to Idaho's workforce and civic life; and

WHEREAS, schools serve as trusted centers of community life and are uniquely positioned to partner with families, nonprofits, businesses, faith communities, and local organizations to help remove barriers to learning; and

WHEREAS, the community school strategy is a voluntary, locally driven approach that empowers schools to design partnerships that reflect the unique needs and values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, for more than ten years, Idaho educators, families, and community partners have advanced this work across the state; and

WHEREAS, today, 65 schools across 25 districts, representing every Idaho education region, are engaged in community school efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature recognizes the community school strategy as a proven, community-based framework for strengthening student success and supporting families across Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages continued collaboration among schools, families, and community partners to expand and sustain community school efforts throughout the state in ways that reflect the values of the state and local leadership.

[SCR 126](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

Senator Harris was recorded present at this order of business.

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

### Messages from the House

March 16, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 576](#), [H 731](#), [H 591](#), [H 663](#), [H 543](#), [H 563](#), and [H 652](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 576](#), [H 731](#), [H 591](#), [H 663](#), [H 543](#), [H 563](#), and [H 652](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

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Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1261](#), [S 1232](#), as amended, [S 1226](#), [S 1239](#), [S 1240](#), [S 1291](#), [S 1273](#), [S 1274](#), [S 1275](#), [S 1276](#), and [S 1363](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1261](#), [S 1232](#), as amended, [S 1226](#), [S 1239](#), [S 1240](#), [S 1291](#), [S 1273](#), [S 1274](#), [S 1275](#), [S 1276](#), and [S 1363](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

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Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SCR 116](#), [SCR 117](#), and [SCR 118](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SCR 116](#), [SCR 117](#), and [SCR 118](#) were 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 1397**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**AN ACT**

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 61, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 61-126, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE "WASTEWATER SYSTEM"; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 61, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 61-127, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE "WASTEWATER SERVICE CONNECTION"; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 61, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 61-128, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE "WASTEWATER CORPORATION"; AMENDING SECTION 61-129, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1398**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**AN ACT**

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 33-2715, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN ELECTION DATE; AMENDING SECTION 34-102, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 34-106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING LIMITATION ON ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-601, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN ELECTION DATE; AMENDING SECTION 34-606, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT; AMENDING SECTION 34-703, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING NOMINATION AT PRIMARY; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-718, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES; AMENDING SECTION 34-1214, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO A CERTAIN FEDERAL OFFICE; AMENDING SECTION 39-1330, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN ELECTION DATE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 40-1305, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN ELECTION DATE; AMENDING SECTION 42-3211, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN ELECTION DATE; AMENDING SECTION 50-405, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE ELECTION DATES; AMENDING SECTION 67-4911, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE

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

[S 1397](#) and [S 1398](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

Senator Hart was recorded present at this order of business.

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

**Third Reading of Bills**

[H 581](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 29.

NAYS—Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe). Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 581](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 599](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Woodward 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 599](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 544](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 544](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 642](#) 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 642](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 723](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 603](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[H 560](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Hart 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 560](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 697](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Bernt 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 697](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 698](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Bernt 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 698](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 503](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator

Harris 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 503](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 676](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 676](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 737](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Den Hartog arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

NAYS—Wintrow, Woller (Rabe). Total - 2.

Absent and excused—Anthon, Ruchti, VanOrden. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 737](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 777](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[H 540](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ricks 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), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 540](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 556](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 30.

NAYS—Blaylock, Den Hartog, Lenney. Total - 3.

Absent and excused—Anthon, VanOrden. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 556](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 688](#), [H 645](#), and [H 738](#) retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[H 623](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 18.

NAYS—Bernt, Blaylock, Den Hartog, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Lenney, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward. Total - 15.

Absent and excused—Anthon, VanOrden. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 623](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 751](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Galloway arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Anthon. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 751](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 686](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Burtenshaw arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woller (Rabe), Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Anthon. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 686](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, all Senate bills were placed at the head of the Third Reading Calendar, followed by House bills.

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 4:46 p.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary