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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026**

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 9 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Foreman, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Lent, Rabe, and Shippy, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Drew Brown, 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 31, 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

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1449](#) and [S 1450](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1449](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1450](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1432](#), [S 1433](#), [S 1434](#), and [S 1437](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1432](#), [S 1433](#), [S 1434](#), and [S 1437](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 31, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1396](#) was delivered to the Office of the Governor at 3:10 p.m., March 31, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 31, 2026

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 706](#), [H 959](#), and [H 967](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 706](#), [H 959](#), and [H 967](#) were filed for second reading.

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1448](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1448](#) was filed for second reading.

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

### Messages from the Governor

March 31, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 31, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

[S 1326](#), as amended

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:42 a.m. on March 25, 2026.

This legislation represents a meaningful reaffirmation of the Fourth Amendment and a reflection of what many Idahoans describe as "the Idaho way" - a governance philosophy grounded in limited intrusion, personal liberty, and clear constitutional boundaries. The bill's emphasis on warrant requirements and constraints on investigatory overreach aligns with long-standing principles of privacy and due process sought by property owners and Idaho's agricultural producers for many years.

It is important to candidly acknowledge the operational realities this measure introduces for state and local agencies tasked with enforcement and compliance. Agencies across Idaho will now be required to reassess and, in many cases, significantly adjust how they carry out routine functions. This includes revisiting investigative protocols, evidence collection procedures, interagency coordination, and the use of evolving technologies. While the policy intent is clear and principled, implementation could present real challenges. Ensuring law enforcement and other impacted personnel are adequately supported with clear

statutory language, training resources, and legal guidance will be essential to the successful implementation of this law.

Senate Bill I326aa is a principled step toward reinforcing constitutional protections in Idaho. Its success, however, will depend not only on its intent but on its implementation. Continued dialogue between policymakers, agency leadership, and frontline officers will be critical to achieving both compliance and effectiveness.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

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

March 31, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 31, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

[S 1288](#), [S 1236](#), [S 1320](#), [S 1376](#), [S 1412](#),  
[S 1335](#), as amended, [S 1270](#), as amended,  
[S 1299](#), as amended, [S 1297](#), as amended,  
[S 1427](#), [S 1426](#), [S 1416](#), [S 1417](#), [S 1350](#),  
[S 1322](#), [S 1348](#), as amended, [S 1294](#), as  
amended, [S 1354](#), as amended, and [S 1352](#),  
as amended

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

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

Senator Shippy was recorded present at this order of business.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

### Messages from the House

March 31, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 968](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 968](#) was 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

[H 968](#), by Appropriations Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

### Second Reading of Bills

[H 964](#), [H 965](#), and [H 966](#), by Appropriations Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1446](#) and [S 1447](#), by Finance Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1445](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 666](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 957](#), by Ways and Means 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 1362](#), [S 1356](#), and [S 1408](#), all having been held, retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1411](#) was recommitted to the State Affairs Committee.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1422](#), [S 1438](#), both having been held, and [H 940](#) retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

[H 930](#) 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 19.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Carlson, Den Hartog, Galloway, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 14.

Absent and excused—Foreman, Lent. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 930](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 949](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ward-Engelking 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman, Lent. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 949](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 950](#) 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 24.

NAYS—Kohl, Lenney, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 950](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 896](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[H 952](#) 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), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—Blaylock. Total - 1.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 952](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[S 1444](#) 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 25.

NAYS—Kohl, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 9.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1444](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 940](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 940](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

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

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 940](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1438](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1438](#), having been held, 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

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

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1438](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 670](#), as amended in the Senate, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

[H 516](#), as amended in the Senate, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lenney 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, Carlson, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 20.

NAYS—Anthon, Burtenshaw, Cook, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 14.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 516](#), as amended in the Senate, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House for possible concurrence.

[H 897](#), as amended in the Senate, 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, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 897](#), as amended in the Senate, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House for possible concurrence.

[S 1336](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. President Pro Tempore Anthon 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

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

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1336](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1442](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. President Pro Tempore Anthon 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

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

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1442](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

President Pro Tempore Anthon assumed the Chair.

### Motion to Suspend Rules

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate passage of [S 1446](#) 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 [S 1446](#) be read 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, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President Pro Tempore declared the rules suspended.

[S 1446](#) 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 23.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Galloway, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 11.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1446](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1447](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President Pro Tempore declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1447](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1447](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ward-Engelking 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 29.

NAYS—Carlson, Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 4.

Absent and excused—Foreman, Keyser. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1447](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1445](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President Pro Tempore declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1445](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1445](#) 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito. Total - 31.

NAYS—Harris, Zuiderveld. Total - 2.

Absent and excused—Foreman, Keyser. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1445](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 666](#) was recommitted to the Transportation Committee.

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

#### Messages from the House

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 772](#), [H 879](#), [H 926](#), [H 934](#), [H 894](#), [H 932](#), [H 887](#), [H 895](#), [H 730](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 758](#), as amended in the Senate, and [H 928](#), as amended in the Senate, for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [H 772](#), [H 879](#), [H 926](#), [H 934](#), [H 894](#), [H 932](#), [H 887](#), [H 895](#), [H 730](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 758](#), as amended in the Senate, and [H 928](#), as amended in the Senate, and ordered them returned to the House.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1435](#), [S 1429](#), [S 1431](#), [S 1389](#), [S 1391](#), [S 1432](#), [S 1433](#), [S 1434](#), and [S 1437](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1435](#), [S 1429](#), [S 1431](#), [S 1389](#), [S 1391](#), [S 1432](#), [S 1433](#), [S 1434](#), and [S 1437](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SJM 114](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SJM 114](#) 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 returned 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 12:33 p.m. until the hour of 1:30 p.m. of this day.

### RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Bedke returned to the Chair.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Woodward, absent and excused.

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

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1435](#), [S 1429](#), [S 1431](#), [S 1389](#), [S 1391](#), [S 1432](#), [S 1433](#), [S 1434](#), and [S 1437](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 1:24 p.m., April 1, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [SJM 114](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 1:27 p.m., April 1, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

April 1, 2026

The FINANCE Committee reports out [H 968](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[H 968](#) 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

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), [S 1439](#), and [SCR 127](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), [S 1439](#), and [SCR 127](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

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

### Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1362](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1362](#), 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), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 21.

NAYS—Blaylock, Foreman, Guthrie, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Rabe, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 13.

Absent and excused—Ruchti. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1362](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1356](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1356](#), having been held, 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—Anthon, Bernt, Carlson, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 19.

NAYS—Adams, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Foreman, Guthrie, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 16.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1356](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1408](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1408](#), 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, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 21.

NAYS—Foreman, Guthrie, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1408](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

### Motion to Suspend Rules

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate passage of [H 964](#) 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 964](#) be read 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, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended.

[H 964](#) 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, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 21.

NAYS—Bernt, Blaylock, Foreman, Guthrie, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Semmelroth, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 964](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [H 965](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [H 965](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[H 965](#) 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols,

Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward. Total - 30.

NAYS—Foreman, Kohl, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 5.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 965](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [H 966](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [H 966](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[H 966](#) 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 966](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [H 957](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [H 957](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[H 957](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Acting Senator Bjerke 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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 957](#) 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 Twelfth Order of Business.

### Second Reading of Bills

#### Motion to Suspend Rules

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate passage of [H 706](#) 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 706](#) 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

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

Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended.

[H 706](#) was read the second time by title and the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Rabe arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), President Pro Tempore Anthon and Senator Hart disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Bernt, Blaylock, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Hart, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 18.

NAYS—Adams, Anthon, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Ruchti, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Woodward. Total - 17.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 706](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [H 967](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [H 967](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[H 967](#) was read the second time by title and 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), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 26.

NAYS—Blaylock, Hart, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 9.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 967](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1448](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1448](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1448](#) was read the second time by title and 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, 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 - 28.

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

Absent and excused—Bernt. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1448](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [H 968](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [H 968](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[H 968](#) was read the second time by title and the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Grow 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, 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 - 28.

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

Absent and excused—Bernt. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 968](#) 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 Sixth Order of Business.

### Reports of Standing Committees

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), [S 1439](#), and [SCR 127](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), [S 1439](#), and [SCR 127](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

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 1451

#### BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1203, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE COUNTING OF BALLOTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1203A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING POSTELECTION AUDIT OF SELECTED BALLOTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-2313, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING RECOUNT PROCEDURES FOR AUTOMATED TABULATION SYSTEMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

#### S 1452

#### BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF THE IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY; AMENDING SECTION 22 OF SENATE BILL NO. 1362, IF ENACTED BY THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### S 1453

#### BY FINANCE 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; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT ON SCOPE OF PRACTICE REFORMS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

#### S 1454

#### BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY FOR

FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; REQUIRING A REPORT FOR THE IDAHO HOME VISITING PROGRAM; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION BETWEEN PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY AND SOUTHWEST IDAHO TREATMENT CENTER PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY AND SOUTHWEST IDAHO TREATMENT CENTER PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[S 1451](#), [S 1452](#), [S 1453](#), and [S 1454](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

#### Reports of Standing Committees

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1451](#), [S 1452](#), [S 1453](#), and [S 1454](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1451](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1452](#), [S 1453](#), and [S 1454](#) were referred to the Finance Committee.

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

#### Messages from the Governor

April 1, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby advise you that I have signed on April 1, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

#### [S 1300](#)

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:48 p.m. on March 26, 2026.

Our ability to manage our parks, wildlife, and roads properly and sustainably are paramount to all Idahoans. Article IV, Section 6 of the Idaho Constitution provides for the standard

process of gubernatorial appointment and senate confirmation. The confirmation process and the separation of powers provided therein ensure that agency directors are selected on the basis of merit to carry out the mission of their respective agency.

While each of these agencies has a unique origin, it's important to highlight that the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, which was established by voter initiative. The will of the people was to provide professional oversight for a public use. These professional qualifications are not only an expectation but statutory requirements, not just for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game but all agencies. Senate Bill 1300 does nothing to alter the statutory qualifications; it simply amends the appointment process.

Those same requirements are included for these agencies' board members and commissioners. Moreover, statute includes additional requirements for regional representation and bipartisan membership for these boards and commission to ensure these agencies operate with all Idahoans in mind. These board members and commissioners provide invaluable insight to the Governor and the agencies they oversee, and I look forward to working with them in evaluating agency leadership.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

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

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

#### Messages from the House

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 971](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 971](#) was filed for first reading.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1446](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1446](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1436](#), which has failed to pass the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1436](#) was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 939](#), [H 508](#), [H 913](#), [H 935](#), [HCR 34](#), [HCR 36](#), [HJM 21](#), [HCR 35](#), and [H 822](#), as amended in the Senate, for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 939](#), [H 508](#), [H 913](#), [H 935](#), [HCR 34](#), [HCR 36](#), [HJM 21](#), [HCR 35](#), and [H 822](#), as amended in the Senate, and ordered them returned to the House.

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**

[H 971](#), by Appropriations Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Finance Committee.

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

#### **Motions and Resolutions**

The President announced that [HCR 29](#), having been held, was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lenney, seconded by Senator Keyser, [HCR 29](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

The President announced that [HJM 20](#), having been held, was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lenney, seconded by Senator Keyser, [HJM 20](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 128](#), having been held, retained its place on the calendar.

The President announced that [HJM 22](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by President Pro Tempore Anthon, [HJM 22](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered returned to the House.

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

#### **Reports of Standing Committees**

April 1, 2026

The FINANCE Committee reports out [H 971](#), [S 1452](#), [S 1453](#), and [S 1454](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[H 971](#), [S 1452](#), [S 1453](#), and [S 1454](#) were 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**

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 930](#), [H 949](#), [H 950](#), [H 952](#), and [H 940](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 930](#), [H 949](#), [H 950](#), [H 952](#), and [H 940](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), and [S 1439](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), and [S 1439](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SCR 127](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SCR 127](#) 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 Twelfth Order of Business.

#### **Second Reading of Bills**

##### **Motion to Suspend Rules**

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate passage of [H 971](#) 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 971](#) be read the second time by title and 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, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended.

[H 971](#) was read the second time by title and 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, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 27.

NAYS—Guthrie, Harris, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 8.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 971](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1452](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1452](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1452](#) was read the second time by title and 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--Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1452](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1453](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1453](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1453](#) was read the second time by title and 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), Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 20.

NAYS--Blaylock, Carlson, Foreman, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Semmelroth, Toews, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 15.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1453](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Harris, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1454](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1454](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1454](#) was read the second time by title and 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, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 27.

NAYS--Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Shippy, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 8.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1454](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

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

### Reports of Standing Committees

April 1, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1430](#), [S 1359](#), as amended, [S 1410](#), and [S 1439](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 6:50 p.m., April 1, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was 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 Fifteenth Order of Business.

**Miscellaneous Business**

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Winrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 7:29 p.m. until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary