

MINUTES
SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 15, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Foreman, Vice Chairman Lenney, Senators Guthrie, Zito, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Lakey, Nichols, Bernt, and Ruchti

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CONVENED: **Chairman Foreman** called the meeting of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME: **Chairman Foreman** welcomed the Senators to the Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PAGE: **Chairman Foreman** introduced the new Committee Page, Amanda Olson. He stated that Ms. Olson enjoyed tennis, swimming, and traveling. **Chairman Foreman** asked Ms. Olson to tell the Committee about herself. **Ms. Olson** stated she was from Rathdrum and was interested in government and politics. She planned to major in political science at Boise State University (BSU).

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PAGE: **Chairman Foreman** introduced the new Committee Page, Cooper Smith and asked him to tell the Committee about himself. **Mr. Smith** stated he was from Nampa and was passionate about weightlifting and was interested in politics. He planned to study global management in France. He lived in Europe for the past two years.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Ward-Engelking** queried where he had lived in Europe. **Mr. Smith** replied he lived in Spain.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Foreman passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Lenney.

RULES REVIEW: **Vice Chairman Lenney** referred to the upcoming rules and asked all Committee members to read all of the rules. He emphasized that each Committee member should review the rules independently and noted all Committee members were responsible. He asked the Committee Secretary to explain the technical issues with the rules that caused delays.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Lenney passed the gavel back to Chairman Foreman.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Foreman** adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Senator Foreman
Chair

Linda Kambeitz
Secretary