

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane(12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday January 19, 2026 and Tuesday January 20, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32866: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32866**. This bill repeals the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs by removing its statutory authority from Idaho Code, ending all commission operations, positions, and associated costs.

Committee members asked questions regarding how soon the agency would close and the district of the agency.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 32866**. **Chairman Crane (13)** was in doubt, he requested a roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Skaug, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

RS 32921: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32921**. This proposed legislation will remove Idaho from the Pacific Northwest Economic Region cooperation agreement by repealing Idaho Code Chapter 78 of Title 67.

Committee members asked questions around how often the commission meets, economic benefit numbers, cross border identification, and is the problem around spending or the cooperation with the regional partners.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 32921**.

Committee members expressed concern of needing more detailed information.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32922: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32922** which repeals Idaho Code § 67-452, which requires the Legislative Council to appoint two senators and two representatives to represent Idaho on the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force.

Committee members had comments and asked questions around what specifically the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force does along with examples, waters issues around neighboring states, Idaho needs a voice, fiscal note, concerns about getting rid of things that actually serve the State of Idaho, removal of dams, and clarification of states involved.

MOTION: Rep. Alfieri made a motion to introduce **RS 32922. Motion failed by voice vote.**

RS 32951: Rep. Price presented **RS 32951.** The purpose of this joint resolution is to put a question to the citizens of Idaho if they want to repeal Article IX Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho (Also known as "The Blaine Amendment").

MOTION: Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 32951.**

Committee members had questions and comments around contradictions of The Blaine Amendment and The Constitution, discrimination around Christians, and informing Idahoans of The Constitution and The Blaine Amendment.

MOTION: Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary