

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2026

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Guthrie, Vice Chairman Bernt, Senators Anthon, Harris, Toews, Den Hartog, Shippy, and Ruchti

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Adams

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CONVENED: **Chairman Guthrie** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Ruchti** moved to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2026. **Senator Shippy** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bernt.

DOCKET NO 15-0601-2501 **Rules Governing the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission-Temporary and Pending Rule.** **Andy Creech** introduced himself as the Payette County Sheriff and the Chair of the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission. **Mr. Creech** explained that the change would reduce the administrative burden and save significant costs through the ability to execute long term contracts for emergency communications equipment and services. **Mr. Creech** provided the Committee with several examples of hindrances to daily operations to demonstrate the necessity of the changes and said that the current administrative rules that only allowed two year contracts made acquisition fiscally unattainable.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Den Hartog** noted that these changes would allow this rule to go into effect permanently.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to approve **Docket No. 15-0601-2501**. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASS THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Bernt passed the gavel back to Chairman Guthrie.

RS 32996 **Liquor, Established Caterers.** **Senator Shippy** explained that this legislation would essentially create a new liquor licensing procedure for established caterers. **Senator Shippy** clarified for the Committee that this would only apply to caterers with a publicly accessible address that cater no fewer than 50 events per year.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **RS 32996** to print. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Guthrie** adjourned the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

Senator Guthrie
Chair

Abby Rowe
Secretary