

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Cornilles, Representatives Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Hostetler, Marmon, Berch, Church

**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.

Vice Chairman Cornilles called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33076: **Rep. Beiswenger** introduced **RS 33076**, which requires mosquito abatement districts to obtain permission before spraying chemicals on a private property. This provides property owners the option to not have their property sprayed through a request to the county commissioners, and establishes penalties against the county if it does not abide by the proposed legislation.

When answering questions, **Rep. Beiswenger** clarified **RS 33076** will allow property owners within a mosquito abatement district will need to make the request with the county in order not to have their property sprayed. He said county commissioners will need to declare a state of emergency in order to conduct aerial spraying. He stated abatement levies will not be affected, and stated the chemicals mosquito abatement districts spray are often toxic.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33076**. Speaking to the motion, he stated the public is more aware of how chemicals used to control mosquito populations affect the surrounding environment, and the importance of consent.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Cornilles** called for the vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33076**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Cornilles turned the gavel over to **Chairman Ehardt**.

RS 33014: **Rep. Weber** presented **RS 33014**, which consolidates Idaho statute regarding solid waste. He stated he serves with the East Idaho Waste District. Current Idaho statute has dual regulations of solid waste with health districts and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The proposed legislation condenses Idaho code regarding solid waste by placing regulatory responsibility of managing solid waste with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to introduce **RS 33014**.

Rep. Cayler spoke in support of the motion. He stated he had concerns regarding federal regulation and some of the language in **RS 33014**.

When answering questions, **Rep. Weber** clarified on the language in **RS 33014** regarding duties and powers of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality director. The proposed legislation will affect land fills and not solid waste haulers, which are under a separate section of Idaho statute.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for the vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33014. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32909C2: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 32909C2**, which addresses the reimbursement rate the Idaho Board of Corrections pays counties for housing state-committed inmates and parole violators in county jails prior to transferring to state correctional facilities. The rate has not been readdressed in four years, and is currently \$55 for the first seven days, and \$75 a day thereafter. The proposed legislation would increase the reimbursement rate to \$85 a day.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32909C2. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32985: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 32985**, which prevents local government entities from enacting antidiscrimination ordinances which impose antidiscrimination requirements beyond those already in Idaho statute. The proposed legislation brings these antidiscrimination ordinances into alignment with state law, protects religious freedom, and removes unnecessary red tape for businesses and employers. Idaho code currently prohibits forms of discrimination in employment, housing, education, and public accommodations under the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, and national origin.

MOTION: **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to introduce **RS 32985.**

Rep. Berch spoke in opposition to the motion. He stated each community is different, and he believes **RS 32985** is an overreach of state legislative power over cities and communities.

When answering questions, **Rep. Skaug** clarified **RS 32985** does not conflict with federal court due to what discrimination Idaho statute prohibits, and Idaho government is able to restrict or increase the powers of local government entities. He stated this would address more than LGBTQ issues, such as source of income and familial status for housing.

Rep. Alfieri requested a roll call vote on the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a roll call vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32985. Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Ehardt, Cornilles, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Hawkins, Price, Cayler, Rasor, Wheeler, Hostetler, and Marmon. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Reps. Berch and Church.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary