

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Redman, Vice Chairman Wheeler, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Cornilles, Crane(12), Ehlers, Monks, Cannon, Harris, Marmon, Rasor, Thompson, Cheatum, Veile, Berch, Green

**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 Redman called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Chairman Redman introduced **Vice Chair Wheeler**.

RS 33072: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 33072**, explaining the proposed legislation addresses non-renewal notices for Idaho property insurance policyholders. He shared the problem has been occurring increasingly in rural areas and where urban expansion meets wildland areas. Rep. Sauter explained the proposed legislation strengthens consumer protections for commercial and homeowner policyholders by extending the required notice periods for policy non-renewals and cancellations (excluding non-payment situations). The non-renewal and cancellation notice requirement is extended from 30-45 days to a standardized 60 days. This change allows policy holders additional time to find alternative insurance coverage and to reduce their risk of coverage gaps.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to introduce **RS 33072**.

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the legislation noting the high numbers of insurance cancellations for Idahoans.

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

RS 33048: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 33048**, explaining the proposed legislation modifies Idaho's accounting licensure laws to adapt to today's professional environment. It reduces the educational requirements to become licensed as a certified public accountant in order to address a workforce shortage caused by increased education requirements enacted in 1993. It also aligns Idaho law with the laws of other states to facilitate the interstate practice of accounting by removing barriers that have not proved to be in the public interest.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Ehlers** explained the legislation does not address equivalent certificates or demonstrations of competencies.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 33048**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33003: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 33003**, explaining the proposed legislation streamlines the permitting process for school facilities by eliminating the requirement that districts obtain plan approval before advertising for bids and by requiring permitting authorities to complete an initial plan review within 30 days of submission.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Crane (13)** explained the initial review process and shared there are no exceptions or penalties.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33003**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Representative Redman
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary