

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 02, 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 A.M.

RS 33112: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33112** which prohibits the State of Idaho from including any logo, motto, or slogan belonging to an elected state official on state documents, presentations, or correspondence. It will also ensure that government communications remain neutral and focused on state business, rather than promoting ideas or candidates.

Committee members asked for an example of a slogan used in reference to the proposed bill, clarity around the language, and motto's and state seal logo's on emails and letters to constituents.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to return **RS 33112** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33140: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33140**. This proposed bill creates a new duty for the State Controller which includes the following: to store, maintain, and publish a current list of asset forfeitures. The state and local law enforcement agencies will include the State Controller's office when reporting their information to the local prosecutors.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33140** with the following changes: on page 9 line 22; strike the word February and insert the word April.

A committee members asked questions around assets, physical location for storage, state and local costs, fiscal budget, state system process, and types of assets.

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

RS 33141: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33141** which clarifies and expands existing reporting obligations by adding a penalty for reporters who violate the law.

Committee members asked for an example of an agency agreement violating the law, enforcement of the law, appropriated contract money, penalties/violations, and a time provision before penalties.

Other committee members had questions and comments around quasi government entities, enforcement of penalties and legislative actions, non-reported contract examples, ambiguity of stated language, and law suits over agency contracts.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to return **RS 33141** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 504: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 504** which requests implementation of Idaho Code modifications designed to detect and prevent bulk Lottery ticket purchases conducted by organized groups, and to preserve the integrity, fairness, and lawful operation of the Idaho Lottery. These controls are intended to ensure that all lottery participants have equal and lawful access to ticket purchases, to deter exploitative or coordinated purchasing practices, and to maintain the public trust in the fairness and legality of the lottery system.

Committee members asked questions related to other states buying bulk lottery tickets, purchases out of state vs in-state groups, and disqualification of in-state syndicate Idaho LLC's,

Andrew Arulanandam, Director of The Idaho State Lottery and **Tony Pitz**, Director of Security for The Idaho State Lottery, answered questions around in-state syndicates forming LLC's, number watching, agency transparency, non published ticket sales, public transparency, enforcement at the establishment, counter clerk responsibility, and violation of transactions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 504** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member had concern around the bill not deterring organized groups to send out multiple people to purchase in bulk.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary