

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 02, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane(12), Hill

**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 Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26 and 28, 2026 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33089:** **Rep. Veile**, District 35, stated this proposed legislation would eliminate the requirement to replace license plates every 10 years, and no longer have a required replacement period as long as the plate remains readable and legible.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33089**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Palmer** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Mitchell**.

**RS 33080:** **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this proposed legislation clarifies in the Idaho Consumer Asset Recovery Fund (ICAR), a person must be an Idaho resident, or a resident at the time of a vehicle purchase, in order to file a claim for loss or damages in connection with the purchase of a vehicle, by reason of any fraud in the transaction.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33080**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
39-0260-2501:** **Brendan Floyd**, Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), stated changes to this Docket include; removing several definitions that weren't used elsewhere in the Rule, replacing the term "proof of registration" with the more current "plate on order document" term, the Dealer and Manufacturer Plate Section was edited to be less prescriptive, and they better clarified the mechanism for determining when a special plate program may be subject to cancellation.

In response to a question about removal of language related to plates, **Mr. Floyd** stated the same language is found in statute so is redundant and not needed in Rule.

Discussion on the Docket was held. Committee members expressed concern regarding removal of the entire Section 012.03, found on page 6. The concern was focused on removal of language regarding using the manual system for registration transactions when the automated system was not available. Many felt without this language in Rule, local offices would turn people away if the automated system was down, rather than complete the business transaction using the manual system.

**DOCKET NO. 39-0349-2501:** **Brendan Floyd**, stated changes to this Docket were relatively minor clean up changes, with the only significant change being removal of the "ethanol" reference in the definition of Breath Alcohol Concentration. The reason for removal of "ethanol" is because Idaho State Patrol informed ITD there is no device on the market that specifically measures ethanol as distinguishable from methanol and isopropanol.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0260-2501**, with the exception of **Section 012.03. Issuance of Manually Completed Temporary Registrations When Automated System is Unavailable**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0349-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

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Representative Mitchell  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary