

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 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 33178: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33178**. The purpose of this Joint Resolution is to amend Article IX, Section 8 of the Idaho Constitution to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The Amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. The Amendment continues to allow the sale or exchange of these lands, but reduces pressure on the state to sell them solely because of their high value and also includes language for adopting similar land management practices if the federal government transfers new public lands to Idaho. Such transfers would be subject to valid and existing rights and obligations. The Amendment also supports the recognition of future rights and obligations as identified by state law. This resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or its beneficiaries.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33178**.
Committee members asked questions around an example of the proposed bill, stranded and small track land issues, provision of sold and newly acquired lands, the quality of the land and limitations, discussions with tribes and how the changes affect their treaty rights, small property land owners and federal land transfers to the state, value of public access and recreational fire damaged land, management of state lands and the transfer process of US land to the state. Other questions were around restoration and maintenance practices for public lands after a wild fire, existing state rights and informed decisions made by the Legislature, process for trading parcels of land, land protections under the new Amendment, changes to the Constitution, and appraised land value of a burned wilderness.

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

H 542: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 542**. This legislation requires Social Media Platforms to implement, monitor, and enforce the Stop Harms from Addictive Social Media Act (SHASM). The goal is to protect minors from addictive design features and exploitative data practices while preserving First Amendment protections and parental authority.

Chelsey Youman, Senior Council of Alliance Defending Freedom; spoke on behalf of protecting the youth in Idaho from addiction from social media and the harms that flow from that. Some sub component of stress caused by using social media include: availability stress, approval, anxiety, fear of missing out, connection overload, and online vigilance and the results include: harmful body image, dissatisfaction, increase suicide, self harm, and disruptive sleep quality. Children's private data is monetized and the information is used for products and is gone forever with no parental control. The steps to take are to have kids off social media, shut down a minors account automatically, parents to take back control, remove addictive features, and stop personal targeting advertising.

Committee members asked question around the reconciliation of previous lawsuits, AI information and process, accurate user age, addictive feature identification, inserting new progress development technologies in the bill, parental controls on the devices, and a broader scale approach for internet providers. Other committee members asked about the expense of litigation, the cost of lawsuits by parents, companies that utilize this technology potentially can open themselves up for lawsuits, and the explanation of a one billion dollar threshold.

Edward Clark, Idaho Family Policy Center; spoke **in support** of **H 542**.

Aodhan Downey, Computer and Communications Industry Association; spoke **in opposition** of **H 542**.

Chairman Crane (13) asked a question regarding the violation of Amendment rights in the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 542** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members discussed the Private Right of Action with no lawsuits, responsibilities to protect children's mental health, parental control for every application that goes on their children's devices, impose a duty of care on social media companies, not calling out specific technologies but to operate under a particularize standard when it comes to children, and cost consideration as a state. Other committee members stated companies being unapologetic about their actions, company transparency and the duty to protect children.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion is carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary