

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 05, 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:** Rep. Thompson

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 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Redman turned the gavel over to **Vice-Chair Wheeler**.

DOCKET NO. 24-3950-2501: **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL, presented temporary rule **Docket No. 24-3950-2501** Rules of the Public Works Contractors License Board, explaining the changes therein as well as explaining the negotiated rule making process.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bernard** explained how the fee reduction was determined.

Reps. Crane (13), Crane (12), Harris, and Wheeler declared a rule 80.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to extend temporary rule **Docket No. 24-3950-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried with a voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3950-2501: **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL, presented pending rule **Docket No. 24-3950-2501** Rules of the Public Works Contractors License Board, explaining the changes therein as well as explaining the negotiated rule making process.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bernard** explained the Class D license type was eliminated and will need to be adjusted in the upcoming negotiated rule making. He stated with a conflict regarding a class license type between rule and statute, the statute would prevail.

Reps. Crane (13), Crane (12), Harris, Wheeler, and Monks declared a rule 80.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve pending rule **Docket No. 24-3950-2501** effective July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3201-2501: **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL, presented pending rule **Docket No. 24-3201-2501**, Rules of the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, explaining the changes therein, as well as explaining the negotiated rule making process.

In response to committee questions, Mr. Bernard explained as the pending legislation was not in effect during the negotiated rule making, however the board has a healthy cash balance of \$3,037,319 which should sustain any additional need.

Rep. Veile declared a rule 80.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3201-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 24-3930-2501:** **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL, presented temporary rule **Docket No. 24-3930-2501**, Rules of Building Safety (Building Code Rules), explaining the changes therein, as well as explaining the negotiated rule making process.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bernard** explained the board has had a high cash balance since the consolidation of the Division of Building Safety into DOPL. He further shared the balance is derived from permit fees and continues to grow with the steady increase of building projects in Idaho. Mr. Bernard stated the current cash balance is \$6,460,827 which is 447% of the 5-year rolling average of annual expenses. He explained the board decided to make the suggested changes to see how that impacts the board's cash balance. He also shared looking as far as fiscal year 2032, if Idaho stays on the same growth trajectory, the cash balance continues to increase. Mr. Bernard explained the permit fees are used to pay for the inspection and permitting costs. He stated the expenditures for fiscal year 2025 was \$1,850,637. Mr. Bernard explained the difficulty experienced in hiring inspectors.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to extend temporary rule **Docket No. 24-3930-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motioned carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 24-3930-2501:** **Ryan Bernard** Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL presented pending rule **Docket No. 24-3930-2501**, Rules of Building Safety (Building Code Rules), explaining the changes therein.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve pending rule **Docket No. 24-3930-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 24-3931-2501:** **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL presented temporary rule **Docket No. 24-3931-2501**, Rules for Factory Built Structures, explaining the changes therein, as well as explaining the negotiated rule making process.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bernard** stated the board's fund balance at the end of FY2025 is \$2,640,636 which equates to 378% of the board's 5 year rolling average expenditures. He explained the funds are earning interest which is reverted to the General Fund. He shared **H 152** went into effect July 1, 2025.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to extend temporary rule **Docket No. 24-3931-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 24-3931-2501:** **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL presented pending rule **Docket No. 24-3931-2501**, Rules for Factory Built Structures, explaining the changes therein.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve pending rule **Docket No. 24-3931-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Vice Chair Wheeler** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Redman**.
- MOTION:** **Rep Berch** made a motion to approve minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Representative Wheeler
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary