

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 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:** Representative Skaug, Representative Church

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday February 4, 2026, Thursday February 5, 2026, and Friday February 6, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32965C1: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 32965C1**. The primary objective of this proposed legislation is to safeguard the Second Amendment rights of Idaho's citizens. This clarifies that in such instances, prohibiting individuals from carrying firearms within a courtroom will be allowed. Nevertheless, the citizens should be permitted to carry firearms when entering city or county buildings.

Committee members asked about the courthouse set up, additional costs, multiple guards outside every courtroom, metal detectors, re-configuring older buildings, and what the problem is to be solved with this potential legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 32965C1**.

Committee members expressed concern around the cost and logistics while another committee member commented on how this could save money and could solve many problems including night meetings.

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

H 573: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **H 573** which allows enhanced concealed carry training to be delivered in a more adaptable instructional format. This legislation recognizes experienced, nationally certified firearms instructors with extensive enhanced concealed carry teaching backgrounds as individuals authorized to provide instruction on Idaho firearms law.

A committee member asked how this affects the current conceal carry laws and would it require additional training.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 573** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Aoibheann Cline, State Director of the NRA; **Dale Hawkins**, Legislative Representative for the State of Idaho District 2 and NRA Instructor; spoke in **support of H 573**.

Committee members asked questions in regards to lowering the cost of training and the training process with or without an attorney present.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Shepherd will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 510:

Rep. Manwaring presented **H 510**. This legislation strengthens government transparency and protects public employees who communicate with the Idaho Legislature, legislative committees, or legislative staff, including responding to legislative requests or participating in hearings. The bill also requires executive branch agencies to respond in good faith and within defined time lines to public records requests from legislators or legislative staff acting on behalf of the Legislature.

Rep. Manwaring explained the technical corrections and clarifying language on **H 510** transferring to **RS 33245**. **Chairman Crane (13)** asked if the Sponsor would be open to shorten the time frame from (15) working days to (5) working days.

MOTION:

Rep. Scott made a motion to **HOLD H 510** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33245:

Rep. Manwaring presented **RS 33245**. This legislation strengthens government transparency and protects public employees who communicate with the Idaho Legislature, legislative committees, or legislative staff, including responding to legislative requests or participating in hearings. The bill also requires executive branch agencies to respond in good faith and within defined time lines to public records requests from legislators or legislative staff acting on behalf of the Legislature.

MOTION:

Rep Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 33245** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Mickelsen made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33245** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar with the following changes: anywhere it references 15 working days would be reduced to 10 workings days. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary