

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 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), Petzke

**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. Green** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33212:** **Rep. Mendive**, District 7, stated this proposed legislation will allow parents statewide to teach their children to drive. It also fixes an issue regarding costs associated with the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA), which was brought to his attention after introducing **RS 32869**. As a result, IDLA was removed from the legislation as a recommended source and is now included as one of several state-approved online driver's training courses available to complete the required 30 hour classroom training.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 33212**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

**RS 33221:** **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this proposed legislation will provide an option for an electronic format of a vehicle registration to be used in place of a paper card.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33221**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 576:** **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation clarifies in the Idaho Consumer Asset Recovery Fund 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.

**Vice Chair Mitchell** requested the record reflect none of the individuals signed up came forward to testify.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to send **H 576** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

**H 577:** **Rep. Veile**, District 35, stated this legislation eliminates the requirement to replace license plates every 10 years as long as the plates are readable.

In response to a committee question regarding who determines when a license plate is unreadable, **Rep. Veile** stated it is addressed in **Idaho Code, Section 49-428(2)**. The statute reads in part, "maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible." He indicated he spoke with a representative from the Idaho State Police and they confirmed this has been the standard in place and is the statute they reference.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 577** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Veile** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary