

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 13, 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 Alfieri

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.

Chairman Crane (13) asked to be able to reorganize the agenda due to representatives scheduling conflicts.

RS 33255: **Rep. Hill** is absent to **present RS 33255**.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to **HOLD RS 33255** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 598: **Rep. McCann** presented **H 598**. This legislation is relating to Campaign Finance and will require all political candidates to open a separate bank account for the purpose of collecting contributions and paying expenses of one's campaign and will require a candidate who loans personal funds to his own campaign to certify to the Idaho Secretary of State within seven days.

A committee member had a comment about a competing bill from the Secretary of State's office. **Chairman Crane (13)** stated he was not aware of any other competing bill. Another committee member asked about amounts and sufficient documentation.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 598** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33374: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33374**. This proposed legislation clarifies the requirement that a candidate be physically present in a legislative district to qualify for the Idaho House and Senate. Candidates must be registered electors for one year prior to the general election and physically live in the declared primary residence for at least 120 days in the year prior to the candidate filing date.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33374**.

A committee member had questions regarding 120 nights a year, multiple properties and proof of in-district residency.

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

- RS 33105:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 33105**. This proposed legislation updates Idaho law governing the discontinuance of telephone service by clarifying when the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will recognize and rely on Federal Communications Commission authorization for service withdrawal and reducing duplicative regulatory processes. It modernizes state requirements to provide greater regulatory clarity and efficiency for providers while preserving existing protections for affected customers and communities.
- A committee member had a comment regarding the wordage on the Statement of Purpose.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33105**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33106:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 33106** which established expedited local permitting time lines to address delays in broadband expansion. This proposed legislation refines and expands the statutory definition of “broadband” to encompass additional critical communications facilities, including private enterprise fiber networks, back-haul, and other wire-line and wireless infrastructure. It provides greater clarity and uniformity, supporting timely infrastructure deployment, economic development, enhanced public safety, and reliable connectivity across the state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to introduce **RS 33106**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33270:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33270**. This proposed legislation prohibits the inclusion of logos, motto's or slogans in the executive budget document, except for the state seal and the Governor's official logo.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 33270**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33295:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33295**. This would prohibit the use of tax dollars by public officers, public employees and subdivisions of government for membership fees or dues to any organization unless certain conditions are met. This language would only affect the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative branches of government.
- Committee members had questions regarding an exemption for a subscription to access the Attorney General's database, data-sharing exemption, the Attorney General court cases around law enforcement, consequences and impact of multiple groups, meaning of subdivision, public officer, public employees, the State Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, and public money around legislative travel. Other representatives asked questions regarding reimbursement for legislative travel, processes for the approval of membership fees and dues, reducing unnecessary spending, annual cost of seven million dollars, dues, fees, and subscriptions, consistent standards as in the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, dropping national and international chamber dues, lack of revenue for the State, return on investment, enforcement mechanisms, agency cost benefit analysis, penalty clause for violating the law, and agency budgets and allocations.
- Due to the lack of a motion, **RS 33295** was returned to the sponsor.
- RS 33302:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 33302**. This proposed resolution asks Idahoan's to fast and pray on March 1, 2026 for Divine guidance and to help leaders find honorable and virtuous solutions for the problems facing the country and the state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33302** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.
- Committee members made comments of thanksgiving, prayer for snow, and a question regarding the idea of bringing all faiths together for a day of fasting and prayer. Another committee member commented on the importance of being proactive in policy making around water supply and snow pack.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

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

H 501:

Rep. Skaug presented **H 501**. This legislation amends Idaho Code 34-1807 to require paid signature gatherers, on certain petitions, to wear a badge with their name and the name of persons or entities that are providing payment to those persons, if any. This legislation increases transparency to the petition process.

MOTION:

Rep. Dygert made a motion to send **H 501** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary