

MINUTES
HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Alfieri, Representatives Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Hall (Stone), Gannon, Mathias, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Hostetler

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 Skaug called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Chairman Skaug turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Alfieri**.

H 556: **Chairman Skaug** presented **H 556** regarding county jail per diem.

Rod Beck, Ada County Commissioner, **Kelli Brassfield**, Idaho Association of Counties, **Randy Rieken**, **Sheriff Kieran Donahue**, Canyon County Sheriffs Association, **Sheriff Matt Clifford**, Ada County Sheriffs Association, testified in support.

Committee inquired regarding missed inmate programs due to county jail incarceration, any mutual financial benefits to jails and prisons, lack of bed space, cost of daily prisoner housing in out-of-state facilities, clarification of administrative fees, impact of budget reductions, sources of funding, and identification of party responsible for inmate costs.

MOTION: **Rep. Handy** made a motion to send **H 556** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 556** in committee until time certain, February 25, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Vice Chairman Alfieri** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 8 NAY, 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Scott, Ehardt, Garner, Hawkins, Gannon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Alfieri, Erickson, Handy, Hill, Pohanka, Shirts, Mathias. Reps. Hostetler, Stone, and Rubel** were absent/excused.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Vice Chairman Alfieri** requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE, 0 NAY, 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Alfieri, Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Mathias. Reps. Hostetler, Stone, and Rubel** were absent/excused. **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Alfieri turned the gavel over to **Chairman Skaug**.

H 602: **Rep. Moyle** and **Rep. Tanner (13)** presented **H 602** regarding Idaho courts and foreign law.

Committee inquired regarding application to treaties with foreign countries.

MOTION: **Rep. Hawkins** made a motion to introduce **H 602**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. Hawkins made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion. There being no objection the request was granted.

MOTION:

Rep. Hawkins made a motion to send **H 602** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Caleb Pirc, Idaho Family Policy Center, testified **in support**.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

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

H 654:

Rep. Veile presented **H 654** regarding electronic storage detection dogs.

Lauren Lane, Investigator, Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and **Chief Deputy Jeff Nye**, Criminal Investigation, Idaho Office of the Attorney General, testified **in support**.

MOTION:

Rep. Stone made a motion to send **H 654** 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 2:28pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary