

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 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:** None

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. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday February 11, 2026 and Thursday February 12, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33275C1: **Rep. Marmon** presented **RS 33275C1**. This proposed legislation refers to the Board of Dentistry to have the ability to voluntarily raise their fees so costs of operations can be met. This would include shared charges assessed against DOPL operations. There are 25 licensed Denturists in the State of Idaho and increasing the caps will allow flexibility in fund planning to remain solvent as a Board.

A committee member asked regarding control of who can or can not raise fees and asked about the current balance.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33275C1**.

A committee member had concerns supporting the bill but will support the introduction. Another committee member had questions regarding why people need a license and how many seats are required.

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

RS 33380: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 33380**. This proposed legislation prohibits foreign contributions to elections and adds out of state contributions and expenditures to the list of prohibited categories. Contribution should come from Idaho citizens not from people out of state.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding why changes were made to remove the language defining foreign nationals as individuals who are not citizens of the U.S. and not lawfully admitted as permanent residence, entities forming an Idaho corporation, out of state influence from independent expenditures, and Citizen Alliance of Idaho. Another committee member gave the process of how this proposed legislation came about.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33380**.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding legal residency language, Supreme Court ruling for out of state US citizen contribution elections, First Amendment rights, donations for individual as they relate to family and the impact of out of state contribution, out of state corporations doing business in Idaho, and other state influences in Idaho.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 33385:

Rep. Alfieri presented **RS 33385**. This proposed legislation requires that cities with populations greater than 25,000 conduct district wide elections for its city council elections.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 33385**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Chairman Crane (13) asked for unanimous consent that **RS 33373** be placed at the bottom of the agenda.

HJR 8:

Rep. Raybould presented **HJR 8**. The purpose of this Joint Resolution is to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. The amendment continues to allow the sale or exchange of these lands, but reduces pressure on the state to sell them solely because of their high value. The amendment also includes language for adopting similar land management practices if the federal government transfers new public lands to Idaho. Such transfers would be subject to valid and existing rights and obligations. The amendment also supports the recognition of future rights and obligations as identified by state law. This resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or its beneficiaries.

Rep. Raybould commented that the remainder of the hearing will be focusing on the language of **RS 33415** and answered questions around traditional uses, revenue-generated activities as in timber sales, mining, and grazing, preserving and promoting public access to recreate, hunt, fish and trap, generating on-going revenue sales of public lands, and protection from having to sell lands.

Rep. Petszkey spoke regarding the Endowment Fund Investment Board process and history.

Committee members asked questions regarding annual percentages and distributions, if data centers and nuclear power plants can be built on the land, priority for revenue and secondary for recreation and activities that do not impede revenue activities.

Rep. Boyle had a point of order and questioned if the public understood **HJR 8** and **RS 33415** were going to be heard together sending the RS to the floor. **Chairman Crane (13)** explained the options for the committee.

Erik Weiseth, Executive Director Outfitter Guide Associations; **Anne Long**, Self; spoke **in support of HJR 8**.

Rep. Raybould made an amendment on **RS 33415**; page 2 line 14, strike the words, "the beneficial use of the beneficiary and public" and insert, "ongoing revenue generation followed by public access".

MOTION:

Rep. Pohanka made a motion to **HOLD HJR 8** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33415: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33415**. The purpose of this proposed Joint Resolution is to amend Article IX, Section 8 of the Idaho Constitution to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, including but not limited to timber sales, mining, and grazing, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. The amendment continues to allow the sale or exchange of these lands while reducing pressure on the state to sell them solely because of their high value. This proposed resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or the Endowment's beneficiaries.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33415** with the following changes: page 2 line 14 strike the words, " the beneficial use of the beneficiary and public" and insert, "ongoing revenue generation followed by public access" and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

A committee member made a comment regarding maintaining good management of lands for the beneficial use of our future 150 years from now.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33415** with the following changes: page 2 line 14 strike the words, " the beneficial use of the beneficiary and public?" and insert, "ongoing revenue generation followed by public access". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

A committee member commented that 62% of Idaho is federal lands and a full hearing should be heard as this bill is a constitutional amendment and should have more public in-put into the changes.

Chairman Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Rep. Scott**.

RS 33373: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 33373**. This proposed legislation streamlines the permitting process for school facilities by eliminating the requirement that school districts obtain plan approval before advertising for bids and by requiring permitting authorities to complete an initial plan review within 30 days of submission for all public works projects.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33373**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Crane (12) and **Rep. Crane (13)** declared a Rule 80.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary