

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Redman (Zaken), Vice Chairman Wheeler, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Cornilles, Crane(12), Ehlers, Monks, Cannon, Harris, Marmon, Rasor, Thompson, Cheatum, Veile, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Wheeler, Monks, Green

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 Redman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 18-0405-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Self-Funded Health Care Plans Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0405-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0406-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Governmental Self-Funded Employee Health Care Plans Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

Committee inquired regarding the difference between bonding and honesty insurance.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0406-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0411-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Long-Term Care Insurance Minimum Standards Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

Committee inquired regarding stricken language and the rule change process.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0411-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0412-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Small Employer Health Insurance and Availability Act Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

Committee inquired regarding impact if Affordable Care Act is repealed.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0412-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0413-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented The Individual Health Insurance Availability Act Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

Committee inquired regarding definition change.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0413-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0414-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Coordination of Benefits Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0414-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0415-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Rules Governing Short-Term Health Insurance Coverage Adoption of Temporary Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

Committee inquired regarding minimum covered benefits language, generic prescriptions, short-term insurance vs. COBRA coverage, and coverage complaints.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No: 18-0415-2501** effective upon sine die of the Idaho State Legislature's 2026 session. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 18-0605-2501: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance presented Managing General Agents Rule, explaining the changes and the negotiated rule making process.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 18-0605-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Redman and **Rep. Cornilles** declared a Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest for all the dockets heard today.

H 563: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 563**, explaining the legislation modifies Idaho's accounting licensure laws to adapt to today's professional environment. It reduces the educational requirements to become licensed as a certified public accountant in order to address a workforce shortage caused by increased education requirements enacted in 1993. It also aligns Idaho law with the laws of other states to facilitate the interstate practice of accounting by removing barriers that have not proved to be in the public's interest.

Committee inquired regarding pathways to licensure, reciprocity, Idaho-specific knowledge, residency language and continuing education, alternate language, testifier's concern, online CPAs, previous statute, mobility privileges,

Testifying **in support** of **H 563**, **Kenneth McClure**, Givens Pursley on behalf of Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants and **Laura Lance**, Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants shared their experiences demonstrating their support of the legislation.

Testifying **in opposition** to **H 563**, **Rachel Misnick** shared her concern about being unable to have work supervised as a State of Idaho employee.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 563** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Speaking to the motion, **Rep. Berch** noted the importance of debate and will now support the motion,

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Representative Redman (Zaken)
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary