

MINUTES
HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Cannon, Vice Chairman Weber, Representatives Shepherd, Cheatum, Cornilles, Ehlers, Monks, Raymond, Hill, Raybould, Shirts, Barbieri, Rasor, Gannon, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Weber

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 Cannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Shirts** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33462: **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 33462**, concerns Idaho's intent to participate in the Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit by establishing the appropriate accounting mechanism and designating scholarship-granting organizations. It proposes a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$1700 per year for donors. During the discussion, committee members expressed concerns about the potential impact of the bill on the state's General Fund and requested clarification on how the program would avoid creating a financial burden for Idaho. The sponsor clarified that the measure pertains solely to a federal tax credit and merely declares Idaho's readiness to participate, without any direct effect on the General Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33462** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33462**.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Cannon** called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE, 10 NAY and 2 Absent/Exused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Shepherd, Barbieri, Berch. Voting in opposition to the motion: Chairman Cannon, Reps. Cheatum, Cornilles, Ehlers, Monks, Raymond, Hill, Raybould, Shirts, Rasor. Rep. Weber and Gannon was absent/exused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Cannon** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 33462** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Shepherd, Barbieri and Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33002: **Rep. Cornilles** presented **RS 33002**, concerns a potential adjustment to The Salvation Army's tax status to ensure the proper application of sales tax deductions/exemptions. Consideration was deferred to allow for revisions to the fiscal note and alignment of exemption criteria, in order to avoid impacts on the General Funds and the creation precedents.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 33002**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 33398:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 33398**, concerns implementing in Idaho a partnership-level audit procedure, aligned with the federal IRS model, to improve audit efficiency. The bill establishes a mandatory framework for partnerships with 100 or more partners and provides an optional election for smaller partnerships.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to introduce **RS 33398**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33417C1:** **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **RS 33417C1**, which provides a technical adjustment to the method of distributing tax revenues derived from geothermal and wind energy facilities among taxing districts. The changes are intended to ensure that school districts without an active supplemental levy rate can still participate in the allocation of these revenues. It proposes using the county levy rate by default if a school district has not adopted a supplemental levy.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 33417C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Representative Cannon
Chair

Iryna Moskvina
Secretary