

MINUTES  
**HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 23, 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:** 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.

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

**Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Jason Slade Spillman**, Legal Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts, introduced the Court presentations.

**Imelda Lopez**, Deputy Trial Court Administrator, 4th Judicial District, presented information regarding Court Assistance Services.

**Chris Paulsen**, Deputy Trial Court Administrator, 3rd Judicial District, presented information regarding Family Court Services.

**Chairman Skaug** put the committee at ease at 1:45pm.

**Chairman Skaug** reconvened the meeting at 1:49pm.

**Israel Enriquez**, Treatment Court District Manager, 5th Judicial District, presented information regarding Treatment Courts.

Committee inquired regarding statewide program application, origin of treatment courts, recidivism metric, and clarification of sanctions.

**H 692:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 692** regarding child protection hearings and attendance.

**Christine Tiddens**, Director, Idaho Voices for Children, and **Ivy Walker**, Idaho Voices for Children, testified **in support.**

Committee inquired regarding the desired minimum age for a child to attend hearings, appropriateness of repeatedly exposing children to traumatic accounts, presumption of the admittance of others to hearings, language of legislation, and witness exclusion provisions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 692** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a substitute motion to send **H 692** to General Orders.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Chairman Skaug** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 15 AYE, 1 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Stone, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep Alfieri. Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**HR 23:** **Rep. Dygert** presented **HR 23** regarding Call of the House.  
Committee inquired regarding clarification of the problem to be solved.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shirts** made a motion to send **HR 23** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dygert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 683:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 683** regarding residences of sex offenders.  
**Sheriff Matt Thomas**, Idaho Sheriffs' Association, testified **in support.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shirts** made a motion to send **H 683** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 684:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 684** regarding county sheriffs and recapture costs.  
**Sheriff Andy Creech**, Idaho Sheriffs' Association, testified **in support.**  
Committee inquired regarding clarification of where collected money originates, number of prisoners lost, and application to county jails.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 684** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**Chairman Skaug** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Alfieri.**

**H 615:** **Chairman Skaug** presented **H 615** regarding disturbing the peace and churches.  
**Keith Graves**, Christian Warrior Training, **Edward Clark**, Idaho Family Policy Center, and **Justin Buchholz**, testified **in support.**  
**Heather Stout** testified **in opposition.**  
Committee inquired regarding application to other assembled groups, collision of rights, vagueness of language, necessity of legislation, and clarification regarding locations of religious gatherings.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 615** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 2 NAY, 5 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Alfieri, Ehardt, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Stone, Gannon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Mathias, Rubel. Reps. Scott, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, were absent/excused.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

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Representative Skaug  
Chair

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Nancy Conrad  
Secretary