

MINUTES

## HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Bingham, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

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

**Chairman Barbieri** introduced the committee's new page, **Leighton Parker**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve minutes from February 10, 2026 and February 16, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
24-0501-2501:** **Jessica Spoja**, Executive Officer, State of Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), explained fee rule changes for the Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals and requested rule approval consistent with the Senate.

**Ms. Spoja** addressed committee questions as to why the Senate did not approve Section 400; and DOPL location move costs.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0501-2501** with the exception of Section 400. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 593:** **Rep. Scott** presented **H 593**, regarding code language cleanup for the Department of Environmental Quality repealing or updating references to outdated definitions and plans, including the Big Payette Lake Water Quality Act.

Committee questions included money availability in the fund referred to; DEQ's involvement and approval of the changes; the need for committee formation or legislative changes; further comments were discussed regarding the code changes and potential conflict with **H 714**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 593** to the floor with **DO PASS** recommendation.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Rep. Redman** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw the original motion. There being no objection the request was granted.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to **HOLD H 593** in committee at the call of the chair for clarification of the bill language. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Barbieri** removed **H 714** from the agenda and held it in committee.

**H 687:** **Rep. Shirts** presented **H 687**, explaining this legislation ensures artificial intelligence (AI) systems used by state government operate as neutral, accurate and reliable tools that serve the public interest.

Questions from the committee included what length of time the State has been paying Recidiviz; what is the possibility of an agency buyout, legal terminology and contract language; monitoring and verification; guarantee of contract neutrality and industry standards; usage by public safety officers and IDOC support; and the review process of similar contracts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 687** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shirts** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Representative Barbieri  
Chair

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Michele Coburn  
Secretary