

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 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. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday February 19, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 637: **Rep. Miller** presented **H 637** which declares gold and silver coin shall be legal tender in the State of Idaho. No person or entity may compel another person or entity to tender or accept gold or silver coin unless agreed upon by both parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to send **H 637** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 560: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 560**. This legislation allows registered voters the option of serving as a poll worker in lieu of jury duty and would allow county clerks to request from the jury commission prospective jurors excused from service to serve as poll workers in an upcoming election.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 560** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding how jury duty is assigned to people, the options people have to serve, the Constitutional requirement of jury duty, and federal obligation verses local desire to work at the polls.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, spoke of the national issues to find poll workers, poll workers safety, the Constitutional requirement to be a juror, the U.S. Constitution related to federal jury duty rather than state jury duty, and courts working within the bounds of the legislation due to the necessity for poll workers.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary