

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

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

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

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman Palmer, Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Veile, 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 Mitchell** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**Chairman Mitchell** had the committee's new Page, **Colin Chou**, introduce himself.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 665:** **Rep. McCann**, District 6, stated this legislation revises provisions regarding the Appaloosa Horse license plate. First, all fees collected for the Appaloosa Horse license plate will no longer go directly to the Appaloosa Horse Club because they moved out of state. Fees will now go directly to the Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center Foundation. Second, the purpose of the funding will now be for funding education and programming related to any horse in the state of Idaho. And, finally, to accommodate larger pickup trucks and trailers hauling horses, this legislation allows vehicles, with a registered maximum gross weight up to 26,000 pounds (up from the current 16,000 pounds), the ability to also purchase this license plate.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 665** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 666:** **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this legislation requires a person to apply for an Idaho driver's license and register their vehicles within 30 days of becoming an Idaho resident. He remarked, **H 666** also corrected the definition of "resident."

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 666** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mitchell** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD H 716** until the next committee meeting, February 26, 2026, due to the absence of the bill sponsor. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:39pm.

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Representative Mitchell  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary