

MINUTES  
**HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Redman, Vice Chairman Wheeler, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Cornilles, Crane(12), Ehlers, Monks, Cannon, Harris, Marmon, Rasor, Thompson, Cheatum, Veile, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Palmer

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

**H 702:** **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **H 702**, explaining the legislation is to return the control of certain types of assets to the owner.

**Don Grandy** explained digital securities and the creation of new terminology.

Committee inquired regarding current law, examples of loss, intent, contracts, dynamics of ownership, customer protection, securities, legislation in other states, collateral, dispute jurisdiction.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a motion to **HOLD H 702** in committee subject to the call of the chair.

Speaking to the motion, **Rep. Berch** expressed the need for more understanding to make an informed decision.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a substitute motion to send **H 702** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking to the substitute motion, members noted most of the committee questions were about the existing statute, others expressed concern the objective of the legislation is not being addressed in the new language and would like to learn more about the legislation.

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** A roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by vote of 7 AYE, 8 NAY, and 3 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Barbieri, Monks, Harris, Marmon, Rason, Thompson.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Chairman Redman, Reps. Wheeler, Cornilles, Ehlers, Cannon, Cheatum, Veile, Berch.** **Reps. Palmer, Crane (12), Green were absent/excused.**

During discussion, **Chairman Redman** explained his intent would be to bring **H 702** back to the committee. Members shared information they would like to learn.

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.**

**H 562:** **Rep. Sauter** presented **H 562**, explaining the legislation addresses a current problem for Idaho property insurance policyholders, non-renewal notices. This problem has been occurring increasingly in rural areas and where urban expansion meets wildland areas. This legislation strengthens consumer protections for commercial and homeowner policyholders by extending the required notice periods for policy non-renewals and cancellations (excluding non-payment situations). The non-renewal and cancellation notice requirement is extended from 30-45 days to a uniform 60 days.

Committee inquired regarding contracts, risk of insurance companies discontinuing operations in Idaho, and advance notice.

**Chairman Redman** declared a Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to send **H 562** to General Orders to change the implementation date to 1/1/2027. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 585:** **Rep. Wheeler** presented **H 585**, explaining the legislation addresses a current problem for Idaho property insurance policyholders, non-renewal notices. This problem has been occurring increasingly in rural areas and where urban expansion meets wildland areas. This legislation strengthens consumer protections for commercial and homeowner policyholders by extending the required notice periods for policy non-renewals and cancellations (excluding non-payment situations). The non-renewal and cancellation notice requirement is extended from 30-45 days to a uniform 60 days.

Committee inquired regarding number of 3rd party inspectors, and timeliness of DOPL service.

Testifying **in support** of **H 585**, **Craig Hansen** and **Sean Schupack** explained experiences demonstrating their support for the legislation.

**Rep. Crane (13)**, **Rep. Crane (12)**, **Rep. Wheeler** and **Chairman Redman**, declared a Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **H 585** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried with a voice vote.** **Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 545:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 545** explaining the legislation addresses a current problem for Idaho property insurance policyholders, non-renewal notices. This problem has been occurring increasingly in rural areas and where urban expansion meets wildland areas. This legislation strengthens consumer protections for commercial and homeowner policyholders by extending the required notice periods for policy non-renewals and cancellations (excluding non-payment situations). The non-renewal and cancellation notice requirement is extended from 30-45 days to a uniform 60 days.

Committee inquired regarding suicide training, number of chaplains impacted by this legislation, testing, clinical treatment planning and assessments, theories of counseling, chaplain training across military branches, difference between pastors and counselors, examination, licensing, misdiagnosis, testing, MDIV compared to MA, psychopharmacology, amendments, and licensure tiers.

**Jarod Gifford**, explained the roll of military chaplains as counselors in the military, shared their education and continuing education requirements. He explained chaplains are already allowed to charge for clients. This legislation would allow them to bill insurance.

Testifying **in support** of **H 545**, **Mike Porter**, explained experiences demonstrating his support for the legislation.

Testifying **in opposition** to **H 545**, **Monique Barber**, Idaho Counseling Association, **Brian Smith**, Idaho Counseling Association, and **Kristi Weismann**, Idaho Counseling Association, explained experiences demonstrating their opposition to the legislation.

**Reps. Thompson** and **Green** declared a Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to send **H 545** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During deliberation, committee members discussed the value chaplains bring to the community, compared chaplains' education to that of civilian counselors, and noted the chaplains are already able to practice. Members also expressed another option may be to allow pastoral counselors to bill insurance, rather than add them to the same licensure as counselors.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Wheeler, Thompson, Cheatum and Veile** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Representative Redman  
Chair

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Michelle A Anderson  
Secretary