

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 27, 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:** Representative Rubel

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

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the February 25, 2026 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Skaug turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Alfieri**.

H 685: **Chairman Skaug** presented **H 685** regarding sentencing enhancement.

Captain Lawrence Skoglund, Nampa Police Department, **Daniel Murphy**, Chief **Steve England**, Hailey Police Department, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, **Anthony Oxsen**, and **Dan Berger** testified in support.

Committee inquired regarding number of times mask sentencing enhancement would be used, effectiveness as deterrent, application to baggy-hooded sweatshirts, and concerns regarding masked law enforcement.

MOTION: **Rep. Stone** made a motion to send **H 685** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mathias** and **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded voting **NAY**. **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Alfieri turned the gavel over to **Chairman Skaug**.

H 668: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 668** regarding child custody interference.

Courtney Kriss, **Terry McLaughlin**, **David Maydole**, **Robert Youngberg**, **Veronica Baiz**, **Christopher Lewis**, **Shane Bytheway**, **Robert Mast**, **Steven Houser**, **Robert Garza**, **Briana Lamb**, and **Herb Lewis**, testified in support.

Committee inquired regarding the fiscal impact, and implications if a parent takes a child out of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Hawkins** made a motion to send **H 668** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Chairman Skaug put the committee at ease at 2:59pm.

Chairman Skaug reconvened the meeting at 3:06pm.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to send **H 668** to General Orders. **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 696: **Rep. Erickson** presented **H 696** regarding clarification of the definition of sexual contact between prison guards and female prisoners.

Dr. Mary Mosley, Idaho American Association of University Women, **Audrey Numbers**, **Bonnie Pfaff**, **Andrea Mae Weiskircher**, testified in support.

Committee inquired regarding interviews with women impacted by contact, and clarification of definition.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 696** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary