

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 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:** Representative Dygert

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 Friday March 6, 2026.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS33658: **Rep. Pohanka** presented **RS 33658**. This proposed legislation amends Idaho's Uniform Controlled Substance Act to classify alkaloids found or derived from *Mitragyna Speciosa* (commonly known as Kratom) as Schedule 1 controlled substances.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to introduce **RS 33658**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made a unanimous consent request to place **RS 33645** at the bottom of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 831: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 831**. This legislation clarifies when public school buildings are used as polling places to ensure student safety. This bill takes effect on January 1, 2028.

Trent Tripple, Ada County Clerk; spoke **in support** of **H 831**.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to send **H 831** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member commented on the motion with appreciation of the hard work in crafting the legislation as it gives all the entities involved a great deal of flexibility to make voting happen especially in the rural areas.

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

H 798: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 798**. This bill is a clean up bill to ensure that state laws are streamlined, up-to-date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho, while best serving public health, safety, and welfare. This bill repeals the state's ability to invest in securities lending agreements.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 798** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- H 799:** **Rep. Scott** presented **H 799**. This bill repeals three sections of Idaho Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages - a prohibition era law pertaining to individuals who had been convicted of a crime prior to the Liquor Act of 1939, a provision on price lists furnished by sellers, and a provision that requires contact information for attorneys that represent businesses interested in the sale of liquors or wines be filed with the State Liquor Division.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to send **H 799** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 33645:** **Rep. Garner** presented **RS 33645**. This proposed legislation relates to the Public Utilities Commission and establishes provisions regarding certain ex parte communications. It also revises a provision regarding gifts to public servants by persons subject to their jurisdiction and declaring an emergency and providing an effective date.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to introduce **RS 33645**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary