MINUTES

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Thursday, March 12, 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:	Representatives Skaug, Church
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.

RS 33495: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 33495.** This proposed legislation expands the area for certain waterskiing activities on public bodies of water. Waterskiing regulations were last amended in 2011. Fourteen other states have similar regulations.

MOTION: **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to introduce **RS 33495**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33556C1: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 33556C1**. This proposed legislation places information technology procurement within the Office of Information Technology Services ("ITS"). ITS houses the experts for IT services for the State of Idaho and under this legislation, ITS will be required to consult with an agency head about the needs of the department, conduct an analysis of the IT equipment or service needed, and then procure the IT product or service for the department.

MOTION: **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to introduce **RS 33556C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 795: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 795**. This bill would prohibit public schools and libraries from making available to minors any material containing erotic depictions of nudity, depictions of sexual conduct, or explicit descriptions of sexual conduct. It would maintain the law's current enforcement scheme entailing civil penalties enforced by private parties, county prosecutors, and the Attorney General.

A committee member asked questions regarding the reason for making the change of striking language in the bill, the changes meant to heighten the standard of review for one sentence or one word leading the books to be taken off the library shelves, and considering the context work as a whole.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 795** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Dr. Lance McGrath, Idaho Library Association; spoke **remaining neutral** to **H 795**.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Haws** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 819: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 819.** This bill responds to the Ninth Circuit's opinion, as well as a recent decision from the U.S. Supreme Court addressing Texas's age-verification law for pornographic websites. The bill recognizes that the State of Idaho has more latitude to select the content of educational materials in public schools and libraries than in private schools.

Michael Zarian, Attorney Generals Office; **Micheal Hon**, Self; spoke **in support** to **H 819.**

Committee members had concerns and questions regarding the Standard Miller Test as the law of the land, conflicts with law changes and the Supreme Court, and definitions of the word 'sexually explicit' and 'harmful to minors'.

Kathy Griesmyer, City of Boise; **Lance McGrath**, Idaho Library Association; **Bonnie Shuster,** Self; **Vickie Fadness,** Self; **Jenny Emery Davidson,** Community Library; **Heather Stout**, Self; **Theresa Birkett,** Self; **Michelle Lippert**, Library Alliance of North Idaho; spoke **in opposition** to **H 819**.

A committee member asked **Kathy Griesmyer** to read specific code sections.

Michel Zarian commented around private speech, public libraries and schools, parents to choose materials for their children, banning books from the State and availability for public books and the Standard Miller Test.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 819** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member made comments regarding trusting individuals to choose for themselves what they do in their own homes, trusting parents to do the right thing for their children, imposing different standards on libraries and public schools verses private schools, encouraged the committee to think about what libraries do in our community, standards for our curriculum, and Idaho kids to have the ability through their parents to explore and learn.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 819** in committee.

A committee member expressed concern about parents rights and kids having all kinds of access through digital devices.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 1 AYE and 11 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Rep. Mickelsen**. **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham, Haws. Reps. Skaug and Church were absent/excused**.

A committee member had concerns regarding the testimony of the community is not changing the way the committee is thinking, codifying laws, and possibly litigation.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** requested a roll call vote. **Original motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 2 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Mickelsen, Haws**. **Reps. Skaug and Church were absent/excused**. **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33650: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33650**. This proposed legislation clarifies the state procurement processes for purchases made under the Idaho State Procurement Act and through the Division of Purchasing.

A committee member had questions in regards to speaking with the Secretary of State about vendor reporting, transparent reporting, individuals reporting for trips, lobbyists, and registry of vendors and lobbyist.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33650**.

A committee member had concerns regarding language around frivolous protests.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33653: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33653**. This proposed legislation repeals Section 67-5709A, which creates a separate process for the sale of state administrative facilities in the custody or control of the state of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33653**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary