

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Scott, Wisniewski, Raybould, Redman, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, Tanner(13), Thompson, Bingham, Rubel, Egbert, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Galaviz

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

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve minutes from March 12, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

SCR 120: **Rep. Hill** presented **SCR 120**, a concurrent resolution supporting expansion of research and development at the Idaho National Laboratory in order to strengthen the state's role as a national leader in nuclear innovation. He explains the collaboration will advance education and projects creating revenue with the main objective of the agreement to reprocess used nuclear fuel in Idaho.

Rep. Hill addressed a question from **Chairman Barbieri** and provided clarification the resolution is a specific amendment from the Attorney General's office.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SCR 120** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1269: **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **S 1269**, legislation to update Idaho's existing cloud seeding statutes placing clear definitions, authorization, and reporting mechanisms into law to improve transparency and accountability. He covered brief points regarding geographic areas, safety, public meetings and reports, and federal requirements.

Testimony in support of **S 1269** was provided by **Paul Arrington**, Idaho Water Users Association.

Committee asked questions of **Mr. Arrington** including disclosure of all ingredients used in cloud seeding; documentation of timeframe and exact locations as well as the availability of reports and hierarchy of the reporting groups; measurement of silver iodide levels relative to safety and health impact; and clarification on permitting or agreement requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1269** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 6 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chair Furniss, Rep(s). Vander Woude, Raybould, Bruce, Fuhriman, Bingham, Rubel, Egbert. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Rep(s). Scott, Wisniewski, Redman, Burgoyne, Tanner (13), Thompson. Rep. Fuhriman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Michele Coburn
Secretary