

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug (Chadwick), Alfieri, Crane(12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:**

**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.

**S 1326aa:** **Rep. Alfieri and Rep. Boyle** presented **S 1326aa**. This legislation codifies historic Fourth Amendment protections against government employee entry into privately owned lands except under certain circumstances. The legislation does not increase or decrease the protections related to a place of habitation, or the associated curtilage.

**Eric Oberhansley**, Self; **Jacob Endecott**, Self; **Doug Barrie**, VP of Idaho Farm Bureau; **Samantha Parrott**, Director of Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association; spoke **in support** of **S 1326aa**.

**Ellary Tucker Williams**, Fish and Game Commission; **Justin Williams**, Fish and Game Commission; **Michael Gibson**, Trout Unlimited; **Nick Fasciano**, Executive Director of Idaho Wildlife Federation; spoke **in opposition** to **S 1326aa**.

Committee members had comments and question for **Justin Williams** in regards to routine compliance checks, check stations, on property license checks, digital licenses, fish and game applications, tracking agency permissions, state wide database tracking for landowners, statewide tracking permission to enter lands, Fish and Game illegal poaching, deterrents and investigations, warrants to investigate poaching, and the time it takes to get a warrant. Other committee members asked **Nick Fasciano** about public resources as a protected right and **Samantha Parrott** was asked about an anti-ice bill interference.

**Rep. Alfieri** made comments in regards to any law enforcement authority to get permission from the land owner before entering their property, the burden on the agency and to protect constitutional laws and freedoms.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1326aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to open field doctrine, Fourth Amendment does not apply, property access to protect resources, crime and investigations, illegal activity of poaching animals, losing deterrent affects and consequences of the bill, imposing fines, treatment of police officers, the bill does not align with the open field doctrine and the Idaho Constitution, United States Constitution and the Fourth Amendment Rights.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Chairman Crane (13) called for a roll call vote on **S 1326aa**. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Chadwick, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Haws, Church. Rep. Alfieri and Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1301:** **Rep. Petzke** presented **S 1301**. This legislation changes the number of remote retail locations a brewery can have from one to two. This legislation also allows one retail location at the licensed main production brewery.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **S 1301** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Sean Evans**, President and CEO of Meridian Chamber of Commerce; **Jacob Black**, Business Owner; **Lydia Sakolsky-Basquill**, Self; spoke **in support of S 1301**.

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

**HJM 19:** **Rep. Monks** presented **HJM 19**. This memorial expresses the position of the Idaho Legislature in support of **President Trump's** desire to eliminate the United States Department of Education and to return primary authority over education policy to the states.

**State Superintendent Debbie Critchfield** spoke on the steps taken to return primary authority over the education policy to the states which includes, federal level work, funding and **President Trump's** recommendation of a budget, general state oversight, compliance, employees, and the primary direction to the state.

Committee members had comments and questions of **Superintendent Critchfield** in regards to the cost to transfer from the legal government to the state, preparation for the Department of Education, Block Grants for current staffing, similarity transfers for other Departments, **Carl Perkins** Legislation, concerns with tracking of children and data, privacy of children's data, unfunded mandates for the provision of special education, Block Grants to comply with Federal law, and promises to receive money for compliance requirements.

**Joel Fischer**, Policy Director of Idaho Family Policy Center; **Chris Cargill**, President of Mountain States Policy Center; spoke **in support of HJM 19**.

A committee member asked **Joel Fischer** questions regarding why the Department of Education was created and concern around non-compliance with federal law.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion to send **HJM 19** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to funding, the federal government as an enforcement mechanism because the states did not follow the laws, the cost for the State of Idaho to enforce laws without the help of the federal government, and money to take on the changes that need to be made.

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

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary