

MINUTES  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Keyser, Senators Burtenshaw, Hart, Adams, Galloway, Kohl, Woller (Rabe), and Semmelroth

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Rabe

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**CONVENED:** **Vice Chairman Keyser** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:00 p.m.

**H 665** **MOTOR VEHICLES - Amending existing law to revise provisions regarding Appaloosa license plates.** **Representative Lori McCann** explained that the Appaloosa Horse Club, long based in northern Idaho and dedicated to educating people about the Appaloosa horse and its importance to the Nez Perce Tribe, had moved its headquarters to Oklahoma City. As a result, the bill proposed three changes: redirecting specialty license plate funds to the Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center Foundation, broadening funding to support education and programming about horses in Idaho, and increasing the eligible vehicle weight limit from 16,000 to 26,000 pounds. She also noted that 4,465 plates were in circulation as of November 2026, exceeding the 2,000 minimum requirement, and urged the bill be sent to the Senate floor.

**MOTION:** **Senator Burtenshaw** moved to send **H 665** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Kohl** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 667** **MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to eliminate the nondomiciled CDL program in Idaho.** **Representative Clay Handy** presented **H 667**, describing it as a simple measure with no impact on revenue. He explained that it removed the option for certain out-of-country individuals, including those working through companies like Amazon, to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL) in Idaho. He referenced recent accidents involving foreign drivers licensed in other states who lacked language skills and driving experience. He noted that federal changes had been made and that Idaho had little demand for such licenses, issuing only a small number in the past. Given existing agreements with Mexico and Canada and evolving regulations, he said the State preferred to stop offering these licenses.

**DISCUSSION:** **Vice Chairman Keyser** asked Representative Handy about whether he had discussed the bill with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and whether they had worked with him on it or supported it. **Representative Handy** replied the ITD were in support.

**MOTION:** **Senator Burtenshaw** moved to send **H 667** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Galloway** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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Senator Okuniewicz  
Chair

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Melissa Price  
Secretary