MINUTES

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, March 18, 2026
TIME:	8:11 A.M.
PLACE:	Room EW05
MEMBERS:	Chairman Ehlers, Representatives Monks, Pickett, Crane(12), Rubel, Berch, Church
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
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 Ehlers called the meeting to order at 8:11 AM.
MOTION:	**Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes for March 9, 2026 meeting, March 12, 2026 meeting, and March 13, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 33763:	**Rep. Cannon** presented **RS 33763**, which addresses community infrastructure districts, and is a rewrite of **H 811**.
MOTION:	**Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33763** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.
	Rep. Berch spoke **in support** of the motion.
VOTE ON MOTION:	**Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33763** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
RS 33766:	**Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 33766**, which affirms the House Agricultural Affairs Committee has completed its statutory review of all temporary and pending rules of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for the 2026 legislative session and approves those rules in accordance with Idaho Code.
MOTION:	**Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33766** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
RS 33736:	**Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 33736**, which is a rewrite of **H 791**.
MOTION:	**Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33736. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 33759:	**Rep. Hostetler** presented **RS 33759**, which is a rewrite of **H 828**, and would limit the scope of the proposed legislation to healthcare providers who voluntarily participate in DEI practices. He clarified the original legislation received a bill hearing in the House Business Committee.
ORIGINAL MOTION:	**Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33759** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.
SUBSTITUTE MOTION:	**Rep. Rubel** made a substitute motion to return **RS 33759** to the sponsor. Speaking to the substitute motion, she stated the proposed legislation is a large change for healthcare providers, and implicit bias is an issue within the health care industry.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 33759.** Speaking to the amended substitute motion, he stated he would like to see the proposed legislation receive a bill hearing in the germane committee.

Rep. Monks spoke **in support** of the original motion. He stated **H 828** had received a bill hearing in a germane committee, and **RS 33759** narrows the scope of the original legislation.

VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 33759. Motion failed by voice vote.**

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Rep. Rubel** made an unanimous consent request to withdraw her substitute motion to return **RS 33759** to the sponsor. The unanimous consent request was granted by voice vote.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 33759** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice. Reps. Rubel, Berch, Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Hostetler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33754: **Rep. Bingham** presented **RS 33754**, which is a rewrite of **H 529**, and addresses concerns regarding language and definitions brought forward by stakeholders.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33754** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Bingham** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33756: **Rep. McCann** presented **RS 33756**, which is a rewrite to **H 598**, and addresses concerns brought forward by stakeholders.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33756** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33734: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 33734**, which removes the definition of Department in **H 645**.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33734** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Rep. Berch spoke **in opposition** to the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33734** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33738: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 33738**, which is a nonbinding measure directing the Secretary of the State to place an advisory question on the 2026 general election ballot asking Idahoans which gun they would want as the official Idaho State Gun.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33738** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a substitute motion to return **RS 33738** to the sponsor. Speaking to the substitute motion, she stated adding this question would add additional costs to the counties to include this on their ballots.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the substitute motion to return **RS 33738** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:	**Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 33738** with the recommendation it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
MOTION:	**Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN:	There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM.

Representative Ehlers
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary