

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 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:** Rep. Haws

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday March 24, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1351: **Rep. Scott** presented **S 1351**. This legislation strengthens legislative oversight of gubernatorial appointments by establishing clear timelines and consequences for the appointment process. The bill also requires the governor to fill vacancies subject to a Senate confirmation within 90 days of a term ending or a position becoming vacant.

A committee member asked questions in regards to the modification and code around a presented list of directors and state government workers not confirmed by the Senate.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1351** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1376: **Rep. Dygert** presented **S 1376**. This bill would change where local election candidates file, from the clerk of the political subdivision to the county clerk. This change will allow a more efficient process as all filings flow up to the county clerk for approval.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to send **S 1376** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to issues with the Secretary of State, people required to go to the County Clerks office, and how ground water and irrigation districts with elected board members are affected.

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

S 1299: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **S 1299**. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure digital identification is not required to access government services in Idaho. This legislation protects the right of Idahoans to use physical identification, prevents government from requiring access to personal electronic devices, and limits the collection and use of digital identification data.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **S 1299** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to prohibiting future use of digital ID's, protecting both cash and digital types of transactions, Boise States's facial recognition initiative, federal government requirements for digital ID, and UK mandates for digital ID.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Barbieri will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary