

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 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:** 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 Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday March 25, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made a unanimous consent request to reorganize the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 941: **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 941**. This legislation transfers the Administrative Rules Coordinator position and function from the executive branch's Division of Financial Management to the legislative branch's Legislative Services Office.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to one person taking advantage of the system, separation of powers violations, rules review process, position experience, violation of the Constitution to rewrite rules, oversight and presentment to the governor, and agency disagreements to the changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 941** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member asked questions in regards to rules going back to the agency, process oversight, and Legislative Services Office analysis.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE and 8 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Scott, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Dygert. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Crane (12), Boyle, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws. Rep. Palmer was absent/excused.**

S 1320: **Rep. Scott** presented **S 1320**. This bill ensures state laws are streamlined, up to date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho and repeals or updates two sections of Idaho Code pertaining to the State Controller and LUMA.

MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a motion to send **S 1320** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1236: **Rep. Scott** presented **S 1236**. This legislation repeals the Idaho Women's Commission.

Marsha Bravo, League of Women Voters; **Dr. Mary Mosley**, American Association of University Women of Idaho; **Dr. Victoria Young**, Self; spoke in opposition to **S 1236**.

Committee members had questions for **Marsha Bravo** in regards to efforts to renew the organization and married women's rights to vote being under threat.

Rep. Scott spoke in regards to the code not being needed, no current representation on the commission, equal opportunity for everyone, family values, and cleaning up code.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1236** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member spoke in regards to Idaho's earliest support of woman voters and the inactivity of the commission.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1236** in committee.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to excess commissions in code currently doing nothing, no revenue expenditure, women's statistics, reinvigorating the commission when funds are available, 1/3 loss of OBGYN's in Idaho, domestic violence of women, and the value of women as men are valued.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 7 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Holtzclaw, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert. Rep. Palmer was absent/excused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** requested a roll call vote. **Original motion carried by a vote of 7 AYE, 6 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Holtzclaw, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws. Rep. Palmer was absent/excused. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1397: **Rep. Sauter** presented **S 1397**. This legislation will authorize the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to regulate privately owned wastewater utilities the same as it regulates privately owned water utilities. This legislation will also ensure privately owned sewer utility services are provided in a safe and reliable manner.

Senator Woodward commented on different utility monopoly's in Idaho, protection with the utilities commission rate settings, efficient operations, resource adequacy, and integrated resource plan, sewer regulations, cash flow creation, and the definitions of waste water system, service connection, and waste water corporation.

A committee member had questions in regards to different private solutions to remedy changes on contracts and out of control rates as opposed to state involvement and the anticipation of lawsuits.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to send **S 1397** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to purchased property without sewer service, violation of property rights, HOA involvement and action taken, timing of the regulation, more broaden locations, similar problems throughout the rest of Idaho, private waste water companies, and the protection of property values.

Rep. Sauter spoke in regards to HOA's and the sewer system changed hands.

It was noted **David Frohnen** of Sandpoint is **in support** of **S 1397**.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary