

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 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. Palmer

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 Thursday March 26, 2026 and Friday March 27, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1430: **Rep. Boyle** presented **S 1430**. This legislation provides for a civil penalty and permanent injunction for any Idaho county, city, agency, board or other political subdivision of the state willfully and knowingly violating state statutes regarding firearms, ammunition, or components.

Dianna David, Self; spoke **in opposition** to **S 1430**.

Aoibheann Cline, Idaho State NRA Director; spoke **in support** of **S 1430**.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to send **S 1430** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 621: **Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Harris** presented **H 621**. The primary objective of this legislation is to safeguard the Second Amendment rights of Idaho's citizens. This legislation clarifies that individuals will be prohibited from carrying firearms within a courtroom. Nevertheless, citizens should be permitted to carry firearms when entering city or county buildings for other purposes.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to discussions with County Commissioners around remodeling the buildings, fiscal notes for different counties, talks with trial court administrators, violence and threats, 100 year old court houses, lean budgets, affects of court rooms on different building levels, and employees, judicial officers, and other elected officials fearful of the public. Other committee members had comments and questions in regards to court limitations to criminal defendants, lawsuits, strict liability offenses, local government policies and violations, definition of a court house as a whole building or just a room, and the visibility of a gun.

Aoibheanne Cline, Idaho State NRA Director; **Nick Woods**, Self; spoke **in support** of **H 621**.

Kelli Brassfield, Idaho Association of Counties; **Dianna David**, Self; **Trent Tripple**, Ada County Clerk's Office; spoke **in opposition** of **H 621**.

A committee member asked **Aoibheanne Cline** and **Kelli Brassfield** about lawsuits, confusion regarding the order of law, and involvement with the county regarding conversations around planning.

Rep. Mitchell had closing statements in regards to protection of rights for Idahoan's.

A committee member had comments in regards to public safety and the immense cost to change the county buildings to be in compliance with the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Alfieri made a motion to send **H 621** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Bingham made a substitute motion to send **H 621** to General Orders.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Scott made an amended substitute motion to send **H 621** to the floor with no recommendation.

A committee member had a question in regards to the sponsors being willing to add the federal definition of court rooms to the bill language around what a court room is and what it is not.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Scott requested a roll call vote on **H 621**. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE, 11 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Scott, Alfieri. Voting in opposition of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Holtzclaw, Skaug, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws. Rep. Palmer was absent/excused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Pohanka requested a roll call vote on **H 621**. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE, 0 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws. Rep. Palmer was absent/excused. Rep. Mitchell will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary