

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 01, 2026

TIME: 7:00 P.M. Upon Recess

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. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday April 1, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1442aa: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **S 1442aa**. The Idaho Refugee and Illegal Alien Accountability Act establishes enhanced transparency, accountability, and reporting requirements related to refugee resettlement and immigration status with the State of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to **HOLD S 1442aa** in committee.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to the lack of time to review, significant constitutional concerns in violation of Fourth Amendment rights, jurisdiction reporting, mixing refugee resettlement issues with immigration statutes of arrested individuals, tax payer tracking around for-profit business corporations, refugee statistics, spending for refugee resettlement services audits, previous passed bills, 'any' arrested individual language, state controller data and reporting, collected education data, bill definitions, and county reporting to avoid confusion. Other committee members had comments and questions in regards to tracking immigration status of all arrested people, state controller reporting available at all time, law enforcement processes, local, county, and state law enforcement access for immigration status, replacement of current statutes in **H 83**, ICE process, verification and recording of the immigration and national status for every person arrested, immigration four day holds, racial profiling, and filing arrest records on the state controller's website.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 7:35 P.M.

Chairman Crane (13) resumed the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1442aa** at the call of the chair.

A committee member had a comment in regards to the term 'verify' around information given.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1356: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **S 1356**. This legislation changes the process by which highway district commissioners are elected in a county-wide highway district to match the process by which county officials are elected, effective for the 2028 election cycle. The process by which county commissioners are elected is well-understood and ensures that county-wide commissioners are elected on the broadest possible bases.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to **HOLD S 1356** subject call of the chair.
Committee members had comments and questions in regards to lack of proper time to review the bill and stake holder's discussions, singling out one district while all highways districts operate under a consistent statutory framework, and the affects of the bill within counties with big population centers and the neglect of rural areas.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a substitute motion to send **S 1356** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
A committee member had comments in regards to highway districts impacting wide areas, representatives elected across the entire state rather than just local areas, and the removal of the representation from the people.

Alexis Pickering, Self; **Miranda Gold**, Ada County Highway District; **Cynthia Gibson**, Self; spoke in **opposition** to **S 1356**.

Rep. Vander Woude made comments in regards to being county commissioners elected county wide and highway districts county-wide should have county-wide elections. He also mentioned the bill is not new and has been out for quit a while waiting in the Senate.

A committee member made comments in regards to legislative micro-management of local government, local voters with the ability to influence government structures, keeping partisan politics out of part time positions, ACHD national recognition, and pay rates for part time ACHD commissioners and Ada County Commissioners.

Rep. Palmer made comments in regards to the bill being extremely partisan with the ability to stop micro-management. Other committee members had comments in regards to partisan politics, issues related to the commute in Ada County, and comprehensive planning,

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Church** requested a roll call vote on **S 1356**. **Substitute motion carried a vote of 10 AYE and 4 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Alfieri, Mickelsen, Church, Haws. Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Crane (13) honored State Affairs Page **Rickee Carnell**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary