

AGENDA
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee
Room C310
Thursday, March 05, 2026

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/jfac/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33238	State budgets, executive carry forwards	Rep. Monks
RS 33241C1	State budget, non-cognizable funds	Rep. Monks
RS 33247	State personnel reduction	Rep. Ehlers
RS 33352	State budget, calculated reduction	Rep. Ehlers
RS 33494	Exec. budget document, recommendations	Rep. Petzke

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Tanner (14)	Rep Mitchell
Vice Chairman Miller	Rep Price
Rep Furniss	Rep Bruce
Rep Petzke	Rep Harris
Rep Manwaring	Rep Green

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MINUTES
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 05, 2026

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PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Tanner(14), Vice Chairman Miller, Representatives Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Green

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 Tanner (14) called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

RS 33238: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 33238**, proposed legislation addressing encumbrances carrying over between fiscal years. Previously, agencies had up to one year after the fiscal year ended to settle those encumbrances. The proposal shortened the timeframe, allowing agencies only one quarter after the fiscal year to complete liquidation.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to introduce **RS 33238**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33241C1: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 33241C1**, proposed legislation addressing non-cognizable expenditures. He explained non-cognizable funds referred to moneys received when the Legislature was not in session, which previously allowed the Governor to spend those funds. Rep. Monks indicated with this legislation, the Legislature could call itself back into session if needed. He referenced the COVID-19 pandemic, when funds from the American Rescue Plan Act were spent without legislative appropriation. The proposal set a \$10M cap on non-cognizable spending, with exceptions for declared emergencies, certain projects for the Idaho National Guard, and tuition funds.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 33241C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33247: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 33247**, proposed legislation related to state agency vacancies and reporting requirements. Agencies were required to report positions vacant for 180 days or more. Positions vacant for one year or longer were to be removed from budget requests, and positions vacant 180–364 days required agencies to either fill them or reduce their requests. Approximately one-third of eliminated positions were to be reassigned to the legislative branch, and agencies were required to provide more detailed travel reports than those available on the Transparent Idaho website.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Ehlers** stated the changes would follow the budget cycle and take effect when presented to JFAC.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Keith Bybee**, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy, explained certain savings, such as those from the Idaho Transportation Department, were required by the Idaho Constitution to be spent for their designated purpose. He added the proposed legislation provided guidance on using savings, while the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC), in coordination with budget analysts, would determine the timing and application of those funds.

MOTION: Rep. Bruce made a motion to introduce **RS 33247. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33352: Rep. Ehlers presented **RS 33352**, proposed legislation to direct the Legislative Services Office (LSO) to perform a calculation of historical personnel expenditures compared to original personnel appropriations for each state entity with 50 or more FTPs. This calculation of the five-year average would apply to requests for increases in Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) or benefits.

MOTION: Rep. Harris made a motion to introduce **RS 33352. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33494: Rep. Petzke presented **RS 33494**, proposed legislation directing the Governor to submit draft legislation and the names of sponsoring legislators whenever the budget included items requiring statutory changes. He explained the measure was prompted by the current year's budget, which contained significant policy items without accompanying draft language or a clear implementation plan. The RS allowed the Governor to propose such changes but required a plan and draft legislation to ensure proper implementation.

MOTION: Rep. Harris made a motion to introduce **RS 33494. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee
Room C310
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 834	State budgets, exec carry forwards	Rep. Monks
H 835	State budget, non-cognizable funds	Rep. Monks
H 836	State personnel reduction	Rep. Ehlers
H 837	State budget, calculated reduction	Rep. Ehlers
RS 33663	State budget, calculated reduction	Rep. Ehlers
H 838	Exec budg document, recommendations	Rep. Petzke

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Tanner (14)	Rep Mitchell
Vice Chairman Miller	Rep Price
Rep Furniss	Rep Bruce
Rep Petzke	Rep Harris
Rep Manwaring	Rep Green

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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Tanner(14), Vice Chairman Miller, Representatives Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Miller

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 Tanner (14) called the meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 834: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 834**, legislation updating the timeline for liquidating cross-fiscal year encumbrances. The bill establishes a deadline and provides an additional quarter to expend funds. Following discussions with stakeholders, including the Governor's Office, concerns arose regarding flexibility in the proposed timeline. Rep. Monks recommended sending the bill to General Orders for possible adjustments.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to send **H 834** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 835: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 835**, legislation addressing non-cognizable expenses incurred outside the legislative session. He explained the bill aligns the process more closely with the constitutional requirement for legislative appropriation of funds while maintaining executive branch authority to address expenses arising after session. The bill establishes a \$10M per fiscal year limit for such expenditures and provides exceptions for federally or state-declared emergencies, construction projects at Gowen Field, and tuition-related funds received outside the session. Rep. Monks noted the Legislature could be called back into session if additional appropriations become necessary.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to send **H 835** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 836: **Rep. Ehlers** requested **H 836** be withdrawn from the agenda.

MOTION: **Rep. Price** made a motion to **HOLD H 836** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 837: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 837**, legislation directing a calculated reduction to the Governor's budget. He explained the bill adjusts personnel funding increases based on an agency's five-year average spending. He also referenced **RS 33663** as a replacement proposal, noting a change from "shall" to "may" to provide the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee more flexibility, and requested the committee hold **H 837** and introduce **RS 33663**.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to **HOLD H 837** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 33663:** **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to introduce **RS 33663** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 838:** **Rep. Petzke** presented **H 838**, legislation requiring the Governor's budget to include draft legislation and proposed sponsors for any line item needing a statutory or language change. The measure aimed to resolve issues with previous budgets, which included changes without providing guidance for implementation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to send **H 838** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room C310
Friday, March 13, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 836	State personnel reduction	Sen. Hart

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Miller

Rep Furniss

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MINUTES
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 13, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Tanner(14), Vice Chairman Miller, Representatives Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Furniss, Manwaring, Harris

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 Tanner (14) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

H 836: **Sen. Hart** presented **H 836**, legislation similar to **H 413** (2025), which passed the House last year but failed in the Senate Finance Committee. The bill addressed long-term vacant positions and proposed transferring one-third of those vacancies to the legislative branch. He stated the **H 836** proposal was scaled back due to rescissions this year and aimed to highlight the relatively small legislative budget and the need for additional resources. He noted amendments would be needed to protect positions at the Idaho State Police and the Department of Labor; he suggested sending the bill to General Orders for revisions.

Rep. Petzke raised concerns the bill did not distinguish between General Fund, federal, or dedicated funds. **Rep. Green** suggested vacant positions be transferred to the Idaho State Police.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to send **H 836** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Co-Chair Tanner (14)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room C310
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1347	Idaho housing and finance assoc	Rep. Ehlers

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Miller

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MINUTES
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Tanner(14), Vice Chairman Miller, Representatives Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Furniss, Bruce

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 Tanner (14) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

S 1347: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **S 1347**, legislation requiring the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) to submit an annual report on federal homeless assistance funds it administered. He explained IHFA is a state-created entity responsible, in part, for addressing homelessness.

Rep. Ehlers explained **S 1347** focused on two IHFA funds: the Continuum of Care fund and the Emergency Solutions Grant. While approximately \$8B flowed through IHFA overall, the bill addressed a small portion, about \$8–9M. He noted the State currently had no oversight to evaluate outcomes or results from the use of these funds.

Sen. Galloway stated **S 1347** improved transparency by providing detailed information on recipients and fund usage, without altering or reducing funding. She noted the bill faced no opposition in committee and passed the Senate floor along party lines.

In response to committee questions, **Sen. Galloway** explained approximately 60% of the requested information already existed and was reported federally, while the remaining 40% was new program- and project-level data needed to evaluate outcomes.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **S 1347** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee
Room C310
Wednesday, April 01, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of minutes	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Miller

Rep Furniss

Rep Petzke

Rep Manwaring

Rep Mitchell

Rep Price

Rep Bruce

Rep Harris

Rep Green

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MINUTES
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 01, 2026

TIME: Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Tanner(14), Vice Chairman Miller, Representatives Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**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 Tanner (14) called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, and March 13, 2026, meetings.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Green** asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Bruce** asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, March 13, 2026, and March 18, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary