

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 19, 2026

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32824	Signature gatherers, notice	Rep. Skaug
RS 32825C1	Legislature, private counsel	Rep. Skaug
RS 32992	America 250 Celebration	Rep. Mitchell

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane (13)
Vice Chairman Scott
Rep Palmer
Rep Holtzclaw
Rep Skaug
Rep Alfieri
Rep Crane (12)

Rep Boyle
Rep Dygert
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 19, 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 AM.

Chairman Crane (13) welcomed new committee members, **Rep. Church, Rep. Haws,** and **Rep. Bingham** to House State Affairs and reviewed committee rules.

RS 32824: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 32824** which amends Idaho Code to require paid signature gatherers, on certain petitions, to wear a badge with their name and the name of persons or entities that are providing payment to those persons, if any. This legislation increases transparency to the petition process.

Committee members had questions and comments around the gathering of signatures, payments, and/or filings with the Secretary of State, the process of multiple organizations and people paying for gatherers, the use of 'entities' rather than 'entity', the use of 'persons' rather than 'person', confirmation of outside paid signature gatherers, consequences for not having badges, process to confirm Idaho residence, changing language from residents of 18 years of age to a qualified elector, tracking statutory sections to determine the status of qualified electors, including qualified election language that references specific sections, and references on established violation codes within the document.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32824** with changes on page 1 line 28 changing 'person' to 'persons' and line 29 changing 'entity' to 'entities' and line 23 changing 'person' to 'persons' and 'entity to entities'.

A committee member commented on case law in reference to persons vs entities, changing elector age, and qualifying electors.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32824** with the following changes: Line 23, change 'person' to 'persons' and strike out the word 'entities' and the word 'or' and line 28, change 'person to persons' and strike out the word 'or' and line 29, striking out 'or'.

Rep. Skaug spoke in opposition to the substitute motion.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Original motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32825C1: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 32825C1** which allows the legislature to retain private counsel (attorneys) for actions against the federal government, when, in the judgment of the Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, it is in the interests of the state to prosecute such actions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 32825C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32992: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 32992** which recognizes the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. Idaho seeks to demonstrate its deep patriotism and unwavering commitment to the core principles of liberty, equality, justice, and self-governance by endorsing a series of meaningful initiatives that embody these enduring ideals through active civic engagement.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 32992** and recommend it be sent to the second reading calendar.

Committee members had questions around trees that can never be touched, brand new trees, tracking 250K acts of service, and trees planted on private or public property.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32873	Bulk Lottery Ticket Purchases	Rep. Alfieri
RS 32864	DOPL, Disciplinary Proceedings	Rep. Redman
RS 33012	Political Violence	Rep. Church
RS 33016	America 250 Celebration	Rep. Mitchell

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

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- DATE:** Tuesday, January 20, 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 AM.
- RS 32873:** **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 32873** which states the Idaho Lottery requests implementation of Idaho Code modifications designed to detect and prevent bulk Lottery ticket purchases conducted by organized groups, to preserve the integrity, fairness, and lawful operation of the Idaho Lottery. These controls are intended to ensure that all lottery participants have equal and lawful access to ticket purchases, to deter exploitative or coordinated purchasing practices, and to maintain the public trust in the fairness and legality of the lottery system.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32873. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 32864:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 32864** which establishes a unified, division wide disciplinary framework for all boards, commissions, committees, and programs administered by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. By consolidating duplicative and inconsistent disciplinary provisions currently scattered across numerous practice acts, the bill creates a single procedural section that standardizes how complaints are processed, how investigations are conducted, what due process protections apply, and how sanctions are imposed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32864. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33012:** **Rep. Church** presented **RS 33012.** The purpose of this resolution is to condemn the political violence and crimes against the state that occurred in 2025, both in Idaho and across the United States. The resolution reaffirms the fundamental principles of a free and civil society, honors those who serve our shared communities, and emphasizes the importance of open and respectful political discourse without fear of violence or retribution. This resolution calls upon all Idahoans, regardless of their background, party affiliation, or beliefs, to reject political violence and crimes against the state, recommit to respectful and constructive debate, and uphold the shared values of civility, unity, and mutual respect as Americans.
- MOTION:** **Rep Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33012. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33016:** **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 33016** which is in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. Idaho seeks to demonstrate its deep patriotism and unwavering commitment to the core principles of liberty, equality, justice, and self-governance by endorsing a series of meaningful initiatives that embody these enduring ideals through active civic engagement.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33016** and recommend it be sent to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

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Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32967	Government ethics, public record	Rep. Manwaring
RS 33032	Political Violence	Rep. Church

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

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 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.

RS 32967: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **RS 32967**. This legislation strengthens government transparency and protects public employees who communicate with the Idaho Legislature. It establishes clear protections for public employees who, in good faith, communicate with legislators, legislative committees, or legislative staff, including responding to legislative requests or participating in hearings. Agencies are prohibited from adopting or enforcing policies that restrict or require prior approval for such communications, while protections do not extend to knowingly false statements or unlawful disclosure of confidential information. The bill also requires executive branch agencies to respond in good faith and within defined time lines to public records requests from legislators or legislative staff acting on behalf of the Legislature, while preserving existing confidentiality protections.

A committee member asked for an example of employee protections around communication with the Legislature.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32967**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33032: **Rep. Church** presented **RS 33032**. The purpose of this resolution is to condemn the political violence and crimes against the state that occurred in 2025, both in Idaho and across the United States. The resolution reaffirms the fundamental principles of a free and civil society, honors those who serve our shared communities, and emphasizes the importance of open and respectful political discourse without fear of violence or retribution. This resolution calls upon all Idahoans, regardless of their background, party affiliation, or beliefs, to reject political violence and crimes against the state, recommit to respectful and constructive debate, and uphold the shared values of civility, unity, and mutual respect as Americans.

Rep. Church thanked **Chairman Crane**, **Rep. Alfieri**, **Rep. Scott**, and **Rep. Skaug** for their support of this bill and addressed the committee with changes made to the language from the original RS hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to introduce **RS 33032** and recommend it be sent to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Church** 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 Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 22, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32866	Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Repeal	Rep. Scott
RS 32921	Pacific Northwest Economic Region	Rep. Scott
RS 32922	Pacific Fisheries Leg Task Force	Rep. Scott
RS 32951	Sectarian Approp, Prohibition	Rep. Price

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Scott

Rep Palmer

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Skaug

Rep Alfieri

Rep Crane (12)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 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 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday January 19, 2026 and Tuesday January 20, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32866: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32866**. This bill repeals the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs by removing its statutory authority from Idaho Code, ending all commission operations, positions, and associated costs.

Committee members asked questions regarding how soon the agency would close and the district of the agency.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 32866**. **Chairman Crane (13)** was in doubt, he requested a roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Skaug, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

RS 32921: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32921**. This proposed legislation will remove Idaho from the Pacific Northwest Economic Region cooperation agreement by repealing Idaho Code Chapter 78 of Title 67.

Committee members asked questions around how often the commission meets, economic benefit numbers, cross border identification, and is the problem around spending or the cooperation with the regional partners.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 32921**.

Committee members expressed concern of needing more detailed information.

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

RS 32922: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32922** which repeals Idaho Code § 67-452, which requires the Legislative Council to appoint two senators and two representatives to represent Idaho on the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force.

Committee members had comments and asked questions around what specifically the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force does along with examples, waters issues around neighboring states, Idaho needs a voice, fiscal note, concerns about getting rid of things that actually serve the State of Idaho, removal of dams, and clarification of states involved.

MOTION: Rep. Alfieri made a motion to introduce **RS 32922. Motion failed by voice vote.**

RS 32951: Rep. Price presented **RS 32951.** The purpose of this joint resolution is to put a question to the citizens of Idaho if they want to repeal Article IX Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho (Also known as "The Blaine Amendment").

MOTION: Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 32951.**

Committee members had questions and comments around contradictions of The Blaine Amendment and The Constitution, discrimination around Christians, and informing Idahoans of The Constitution and The Blaine Amendment.

MOTION: Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 26, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32882	Flags, gov entities, penalties	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 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

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Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday January 21, 2026 and January 22, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32882: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 32882** which amends Idaho Code to revise provisions regarding flags flown by government entities and to establish provisions regarding enforcement by the Attorney General. Failure of a government entity to comply will be subject to a civil penalty of \$2,000 per flag, each day the flag is displayed.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 32882**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32882** with the following changes: Line 22, strike the language, official flags of any state in the United States and replace with, The Idaho State Flag.

A committee member asked a question around the inclusion of the autonomous Basque Community Flag - a political region inside the Country of Spain.

Rep. Skaug spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion.

Committee members had questions around local government entity flags, city flags being outlawed, land clarification, government entity fine responsibility, and the scope and intensions of special event flags on city street poles.

Due to the maker of the original motion being absent from the room, the original motion is withdrawn.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32882** with the following changes: Line 22 add, and official city or county flags, after United States.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion and made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 32882**.

Committee members had concerns around denying the ability for individual cities to fly special event flags down city streets and boulevards, city light poles with flags being outlawed, clarification of state or municipal properties, not allowing any event flags to be flown within the cities, city process to change flags, mistake in outlawing city and county flags. Other comments include political statements should not be made by elected officials on flag poles, representation of all people within the city, county, and state, city officials adoption of their own agenda, unification through the United States flag, recognizing the importance of the American flag, safety over multiple driving distractions, official executive decisions made through the City Council, neighborhoods do not own land, and a carve out of 2%-3% of Idaho with a political flag in the bill.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Skaug requested a roll call vote. **Amended substitute motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Alfieri, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Haws.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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Room EW40
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33104	Admin Procedure Act, Temp Rules	Rep. Ehlers
RS 32976C1	Harms From Addictive Social Media	Rep. Crane (12)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 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. Dygert

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Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

RS 33104: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 33104**. This legislature recognizes there are times when the use of temporary rules is needed to bridge the gap until pending rules can be considered during the legislative session. This proposed legislation would place some process parameters, additional guidelines, and reporting requirements when temporary rules are employed to meet that need.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33104**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32976C1: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 32976C1** which requires Social Media Platforms to implement, monitor, and enforce the Stop Harms from Addictive Social Media Act (SHASM). The goal is to protect minors from addictive design features and exploitative data practices while preserving First Amendment protections and parental authority.

A committee member questioned the requirement of fifteen years of age.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32976C1** with changes to all references of fifteen years of age to sixteen years of age.

Committee members commented around the research of children's brains and the protection of them from suicide and bullying. Other members stated the bill is a good step in the right direction in the protection of children.

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

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

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AGENDA
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32875	Boating Safety Enforcement	Rep. Harris
RS 32971	Hospital Districts Dissolution	Rep. Thompson
RS 33068	Coeur d'Alene Firefighters	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 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. Holtzclaw, Rep. Mickelsen

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Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

RS 32875: **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 32875** which restores a persons Fourth Amendment rights while on the water.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 32875. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32971: **Rep. Thompson** presented **RS 32971**. The purpose of this proposed bill is to bring consistency to state code governing petitions for dissolution of special taxing districts. This revision will make this code consistent with other statutes that require only signatures of electors. It will also create consistency across Idaho law, reduce administrative burden, and give citizens greater clarity when pursuing lawful petition.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 32971. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33068: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 33068**. This resolution honors **Battalion Chiefs Frank Harwood** and **John Morrison Jr.**, of Kootenai County Fire and Rescue and the Coeur d'Alene Fire department, who were killed in a senseless act of violence in 2025, along with **Engineer David Tysdal**, of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department, who was critically injured during the same incident. The resolution honors the tireless work and dedication of these firefighters, and affirms the support of the community and the State of Idaho in honoring their contributions to serving and protecting Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai County.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to introduce **RS 33068** and recommend it be sent to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33100	Prospective Jurors, Poll Workers	Rep. Alfieri
RS 33107C1	Flags, Governmental Entities	Rep. Hill
RS 33090	Article V Convention	Rep. Tanner (14)
	Introduction to JFAC Budget Process	

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Rep Palmer

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Skaug

Rep Alfieri

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DATE: Thursday, January 29, 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

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Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday January 26, 2026 and Tuesday January 27, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33100: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 33100** which amends Sections 2-211, 2-212, and 34-303, to allow registered voters the option of serving as a poll worker in lieu of jury duty. The proposed legislation would allow county clerks to request from the jury commission prospective jurors excused from service to serve as poll workers in an upcoming election.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33107C1: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 33107C1** which amends Idaho Code to revise provisions regarding flags flown by government entities and to establish provisions regarding enforcement by the Attorney General.

Committee members had questions regarding the appropriate exception of the Basque Flag and the meaning of 'appropriate'. Other questions included the 250 year celebration flags to be flown, temporary flag displays and restrictions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 33107C1**.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding building community, the American Flag and carve outs.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Church, Rep. Haws and Rep. Bingham** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 33090: **Rep. Tanner (14)** presented **RS 33090** which recognizes the growing national debt as a legitimate threat to the United States of America and serves as an application by the State of Idaho to call a "Convention for proposing Amendments" under Article V of the United States Constitution, strictly limited to proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the States for Ratification. Idaho's application for a "Convention for proposing Amendments" sunsets on December 31, 2033.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33090**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle, Rep. Haas, and Rep. Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Rep. Tanner (14) spoke on the JFAC Budget Process.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Friday, January 30, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33085	Pediatric Transition Parental Rights	Rep. Skaug
RS 33008	Firearms Instructor, Enhanced License	Rep. Shepherd

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Skaug
Rep Alfieri
Rep Crane (12)

Rep Boyle
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Rep Mickelsen
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 30, 2026

TIME: 9:23 A.M. Upon Adjournment

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:** Representative Boyle, Representative 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.

Vice Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 9:23 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday January 28, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33008: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 33008** which is to amend Section 18-3302K, Idaho Code, relating to Idaho enhanced concealed carry licenses. The bill allows enhanced concealed carry training to be delivered in more adaptable instructional formats.

A committee member asked if this will affect other states to recognize Idaho's enhanced and concealed carry law.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33008**.

A committee member asked what the new flexibility is and to explain how this will be easier for the people of Idaho.

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

RS 33085: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 33085**. In 2023, the Idaho legislature passed **H 71** banning pediatric gender mutilation. This legislation, the "Pediatric Transitions Parental Rights Act" seeks to expand upon those protections and reinforce the fundamental right of parents and guardians to oversee the medical and social upbringing of their children.

A committee member asked if this only applies to social transitions for kids with no other issues; only related to sex changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33085**.

Committee members asked questions regarding examples of social issue that have happened in Idaho and how private rights to sue individuals would change, the recourse the bill would fix for families, what can families do now that they could not do before, who would be sued if a child was socially transitioned without parental knowledge, and would the staff at the participating office be included in the law suit?

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Vice Chairman Scott
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 02, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33112	Logos, Mottos, Slogans, State Docs	Rep. Scott
RS 33140	Asset Forfeitures, State Controller	Rep. Scott
RS 33141	State Agencies, Agreement Reporting	Rep. Scott
H 504	Bulk Lottery Ticket Purchases	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 02, 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.

RS 33112: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33112** which prohibits the State of Idaho from including any logo, motto, or slogan belonging to an elected state official on state documents, presentations, or correspondence. It will also ensure that government communications remain neutral and focused on state business, rather than promoting ideas or candidates.

Committee members asked for an example of a slogan used in reference to the proposed bill, clarity around the language, and motto's and state seal logo's on emails and letters to constituents.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to return **RS 33112** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33140: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33140**. This proposed bill creates a new duty for the State Controller which includes the following: to store, maintain, and publish a current list of asset forfeitures. The state and local law enforcement agencies will include the State Controller's office when reporting their information to the local prosecutors.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33140** with the following changes: on page 9 line 22; strike the word February and insert the word April.

A committee members asked questions around assets, physical location for storage, state and local costs, fiscal budget, state system process, and types of assets.

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

RS 33141: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33141** which clarifies and expands existing reporting obligations by adding a penalty for reporters who violate the law.

Committee members asked for an example of an agency agreement violating the law, enforcement of the law, appropriated contract money, penalties/violations, and a time provision before penalties.

Other committee members had questions and comments around quasi government entities, enforcement of penalties and legislative actions, non-reported contract examples, ambiguity of stated language, and law suits over agency contracts.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to return **RS 33141** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 504: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 504** which requests implementation of Idaho Code modifications designed to detect and prevent bulk Lottery ticket purchases conducted by organized groups, and to preserve the integrity, fairness, and lawful operation of the Idaho Lottery. These controls are intended to ensure that all lottery participants have equal and lawful access to ticket purchases, to deter exploitative or coordinated purchasing practices, and to maintain the public trust in the fairness and legality of the lottery system.

Committee members asked questions related to other states buying bulk lottery tickets, purchases out of state vs in-state groups, and disqualification of in-state syndicate Idaho LLC's,

Andrew Arulanandam, Director of The Idaho State Lottery and **Tony Pitz**, Director of Security for The Idaho State Lottery, answered questions around in-state syndicates forming LLC's, number watching, agency transparency, non published ticket sales, public transparency, enforcement at the establishment, counter clerk responsibility, and violation of transactions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 504** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member had concern around the bill not deterring organized groups to send out multiple people to purchase in bulk.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 03, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HCR 25	Article V Convention	Rep. Shirts

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 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:** Representative Alfieri

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 January 29, 2026 and January 30, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HCR 25: **Rep. Shirts** presented **HCR 25** which recognizes the growing national debt as a legitimate threat to the United States of America and serves as an application by the State of Idaho to call a "Convention for proposing Amendments" under Article V of the United States Constitution, strictly limited to proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the States for Ratification. Idaho's application for a "Convention for proposing Amendments" sunsets on December 31, 2033.

Loren Enz, Balance Budget Now; spoke on behalf of a balanced budget amendment and the meaning of a convention.

Committee members asked questions regarding how a balanced budget would function and has the amendment already been written and presented to Congress.

David Leroy, Self; **Evelyn Whiting**, Self; **Cordell Ric**,Self; **Brian Garrett**, Self; **Tom Luna**, Self; **Larry Craig**, Self; spoke in support of **HCR 25**.

Jean Mollenkopf Moore, Self; **Dorothy Moon**, Idaho G.O.P; spoke in opposition of **HCR 25**.

Rep. Shirts followed up regarding the affects on constituents and safe guards around the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Amendments.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 25** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about grass roots government, concern for kids, and protection of the Constitution.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to **HOLD HCR 25** in committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 9 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Scott, Boyle, Church, Haws. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham. Rep. Alfieri was absent/excused.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON THE
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Roll call was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 4 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Scott, Boyle, Church, Haws. Rep. Alfieri was Absent/Excused. Rep. Shirts 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

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 04, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33178	State-Owned Lands	Rep. Raybould
H 542	Harms from addictive social media	Rep. Crane (12)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 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.

RS 33178: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33178**. The purpose of this Joint Resolution is to amend Article IX, Section 8 of the Idaho Constitution to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The Amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. The Amendment continues to allow the sale or exchange of these lands, but reduces pressure on the state to sell them solely because of their high value and also includes language for adopting similar land management practices if the federal government transfers new public lands to Idaho. Such transfers would be subject to valid and existing rights and obligations. The Amendment also supports the recognition of future rights and obligations as identified by state law. This resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or its beneficiaries.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33178**.
Committee members asked questions around an example of the proposed bill, stranded and small track land issues, provision of sold and newly acquired lands, the quality of the land and limitations, discussions with tribes and how the changes affect their treaty rights, small property land owners and federal land transfers to the state, value of public access and recreational fire damaged land, management of state lands and the transfer process of US land to the state. Other questions were around restoration and maintenance practices for public lands after a wild fire, existing state rights and informed decisions made by the Legislature, process for trading parcels of land, land protections under the new Amendment, changes to the Constitution, and appraised land value of a burned wilderness.

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

H 542: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 542**. This legislation requires Social Media Platforms to implement, monitor, and enforce the Stop Harms from Addictive Social Media Act (SHASM). The goal is to protect minors from addictive design features and exploitative data practices while preserving First Amendment protections and parental authority.

Chelsey Youman, Senior Council of Alliance Defending Freedom; spoke on behalf of protecting the youth in Idaho from addiction from social media and the harms that flow from that. Some sub component of stress caused by using social media include: availability stress, approval, anxiety, fear of missing out, connection overload, and online vigilance and the results include: harmful body image, dissatisfaction, increase suicide, self harm, and disruptive sleep quality. Children's private data is monetized and the information is used for products and is gone forever with no parental control. The steps to take are to have kids off social media, shut down a minors account automatically, parents to take back control, remove addictive features, and stop personal targeting advertising.

Committee members asked question around the reconciliation of previous lawsuits, AI information and process, accurate user age, addictive feature identification, inserting new progress development technologies in the bill, parental controls on the devices, and a broader scale approach for internet providers. Other committee members asked about the expense of litigation, the cost of lawsuits by parents, companies that utilize this technology potentially can open themselves up for lawsuits, and the explanation of a one billion dollar threshold.

Edward Clark, Idaho Family Policy Center; spoke **in support** of **H 542**.

Aodhan Downey, Computer and Communications Industry Association; spoke **in opposition** of **H 542**.

Chairman Crane (13) asked a question regarding the violation of Amendment rights in the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 542** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members discussed the Private Right of Action with no lawsuits, responsibilities to protect children's mental health, parental control for every application that goes on their children's devices, impose a duty of care on social media companies, not calling out specific technologies but to operate under a particularize standard when it comes to children, and cost consideration as a state. Other committee members stated companies being unapologetic about their actions, company transparency and the duty to protect children.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion is carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 05, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33159	OITS, Powers and Duties	Rep. Palmer
RS 33195	Campaign Finance, Accounts	Rep. McCann
HJR 7	Sectarian Approp, Prohibition	Rep. Price

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 05, 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 Monday February 2, 2026 and Tuesday February 3, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Scott**.

RS 33159: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 33159**. This proposed legislation places information technology procurement within the Office of Information Technology Services ("ITS"). ITS will be required to consult with agency heads about the needs of the department, conduct an analysis of the IT equipment or service needed, and then procure the IT product or service for the department.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 33159**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33195: **Rep. McCann** presented **RS 33195**. This proposed legislation amends Idaho Code Section 67-6604, relating to Campaign Finance. This will require all political candidates to open a separate bank account for the purpose of collecting contributions and paying expenses of one's campaign and it will require a candidate who loans personal funds to his own campaign, to certify to the Idaho Secretary of State.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33195**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJR 7: **Rep. Price** presented **HJR 7**. The purpose of this joint resolution is to put a question to the citizens of Idaho if they want to repeal Article IX Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho (Also known as "The Blaine Amendment").

Committee members had questions and comments around Idaho's acceptance of the Blaine Amendment due to bigotry, state allocations to Muslim schools who teach Sharia law, ability to audit churches, consequences for tax dollars to religious schools and the protection of the misuse of tax dollars, the Blaine Amendments K-12 Schools, equally funded schools, Blaine Amendment applying across any church, religious society, or religious purpose, people escaping religious persecution, a repealed Amendment, funding across all denominations, Satanic school funding, the appeal of the Blaine Amendment allowing state funding to religious schools, disqualified funding or programs to a religious school, legislation options, if voters repeal the Amendment, is money automatically going to flow to Christian schools, religious bigotry, consequences of removing the Blaine Amendment, the affects of government funding schools, and guardrails to keep government out of religious doctrine.

Chris Cargill, Mountain States Policy Center; **Brian Almon**, Self; **Shane Macaulay**, Self; **Matt Edwards**, Citizens Alliance of Idaho; **Grace Howat**, Idaho Family Policy Center; **Kate Hartley**, Pacific Justice Institute; **Danny Steinmeyer**, Pastor; **Kristina Hardy**, Self; spoke in support of HJR 7.

Asha Muhingi, Self; **Briana Valadao**, Self; **Adam Pendergrass**, Self; spoke in opposition of HJR 7.

Committee members asked questions about state tax dollars to religious schools, scholarships to religious schools, effort by Idaho citizens to bring this up through the initiative process, discriminatory motivation, protestant control of the education system, direction of funds to endorsed religion, public school protection, and the US Constitution prohibits discrimination of a specific religion.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made to motion to send **HJR 7** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Other committee members spoke about neutrality of the law and if the money flowing is equitable and neutral, opened to insure every opportunity and access in a public sphere to all religions and not one over the other, more lawsuits, ramification of financial security of public schools, mandate to fund public schools, no finding by the Supreme Court violates the First Amendment, history does not dictate the Amendment but it does shape it. The history of 1890 of people with no rights to vote, and it is now time to remove religious bigotry in the State of Idaho.

Rep. Price in closing read the Idaho Constitution Preamble.

A committee member made a comment of the Blaine Amendment removal on the motivation of the people of the past affecting the people of the future and the antiquated social contract language.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A Roll Call Vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 6 NAY and 0 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.** **Rep. Price** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

Representative Scott
Vice Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 06, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33092	Restrooms, Opposite Sex	Rep. Rasor
RS 33183	Private and Safety in Public Buildings	Rep. Hill
H 510	Government Ethics, Public Record	Rep. Manwaring
RS 33245	Government Ethics, Public Record	Rep. Manwaring

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 06, 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:** Representative Alfieri

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.

RS 33092: **Rep. Rasor** presented **RS 33092**. This proposed bill adds Section 18-4117 to Title 18, Idaho Code, making it a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly and willfully enter a rest room, changing room, locker room, or shower room in a government-owned building or place of public accommodation designated for the opposite biological sex. It is constitutional and faithful to Idaho.

Committee members asked questions regarding who would enforce the law, determination of the biological sex of the person, violation of the law, reporting, and investigation. Other committee members asked questions and commented on the burden placed on law enforcement, DNA testing costs, actions for accidental walk ins, cause of action, misdemeanors carries one year in jail and felonies carry five years in jail.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33092**.

Committee members asked questions regarding the process of identifying the person in question, citizens arrests, idiocy clause, standard arrest procedures, what is perpetuating this potential law, the need for additional laws on the books to penalize people who assault children, emergency in needing to use a different gender bathroom, police officer and prosecution discretion, moral decay in our society, extreme violation/penalty concerns, and criminal bill and civil bill. Other committee members had questions and comments regarding crimes against people for just being in a room, legal fees, and protection of those who can not afford to get through the system.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Scott** called for a Roll Call Vote. **Original motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 3 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Bingham. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Mickelsen, Church, Haws. Rep. Pohanka is Absent/Excused.**

RS 33183: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 33183** which states the Protecting Privacy and Safety in Public Buildings Act requires that government building rest rooms and changing facilities must be separated on the basis of biological sex and that individuals shall make use of the facility which aligns with their biological sex and requiring public accommodations to take reasonable steps to protect the privacy and safety of their customers in rest-rooms, locker rooms, and showers.

Committee members had questions regarding reasonable steps to prohibit people from using the rest room, private right of actions for \$10,000 fines and court cases, civil case verses a criminal case, the legal mechanism for an individual wrongfully accused, and a recourse to sue the government. Other committee members asked questions regarding government buildings vs public buildings, specific examples in Idaho, woman in safe spaces, business and government lawsuits, not a single law of action filed, public accommodations, and stats of rape and sexual violence.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 33183**. **Motion is carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to Hold **H 510** and **RS 33245** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion is carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (12) mentioned that **Rep. Manwaring's** intent is to have a full hearing on **H 510** and introduce and send to the second reading calendar **RS 33245**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 09, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33206	Portable Solar Generators	Rep. Gannon
RS 33210C1	Polling Place, Insurance	Rep. Raybould
H 561	Flags, Governmental Entities	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 09, 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.

RS 33206: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 33206**. This proposed legislation refers to Plug In Solar which has been used in Europe for several years and is beginning to be used in the United States. This product consists of several mobile solar panels with devices that allow them to be used with residential or small business electrical systems.

Committee members asked questions as to why this proposed legislation is needed, are these types of generators able to be used today, and would it be breaking the law if one was purchased now.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33206**.

Committee members had comments and questions around utility regulations and rules, Idaho Power comfortable with the proposed legislation, and eliminate the rule instead of passing a law.

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

RS 33210C1: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33210C1**. This proposed legislation establishes general liability protection of private facilities designated as polling locations during Idaho elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33210C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 561: **Rep. Hill** presented **H 561** which amends Idaho Code to revise provisions regarding flags flown by government entities and to establish provisions regarding enforcement by the Attorney General. The failure of a government entity to comply will be subject to a civil penalty of \$2000 per flag each day flag is displayed.

Lynn Bradescu, District 19 GOP Chair; **Micheal Hon**, Self; spoke **in support** of **H 561**.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding raising an Israeli flag for a one day celebration, Boise City Council running on Israeli issues, handling of the flag issue as an elected City Council official, violating the oath of a City Council official, exceptions for flying other flags on special days, official flag for the State of Israel vs a flag from a synagogue, and reasons given for the denial to fly the Israeli flag in the City of Boise. Other members mentioned, flags announcing events, city collateral damage, a law one city is not following, and the City of Boise is not flying an illegal flag.

Gloria Totoricaguena, Self; **Kendal Shaber**, Self; **Josh Lee**, Boise First Congregational United Church of Christ; **Janelle Wintersteen**, Self; **Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman**, Regional Political and State Director for Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, **Lauren McLean**, Mayor of the City of Boise; **Erik Stidham**, Holland and Hart; **Nikson Matthews**, Self; **Alyx Craghtten**, Self; **Heather Stout**, Self; **Vickie Fadness**, Self; **Charles Beal**, President of The Gilbert Baker Foundation; spoke in opposition of **H 561**.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding the views of the Basque community, hardships of other communities to fly their flags, church obeying the law, the number of official Boise City Flags and what are those flags, pride flag symbolization, pride flag letter meanings, 'trans' meaning, affects on the business community, flying the Roman Catholic Flag, singling out one group over another, small minority of Roman Catholics, flying offensive flags, other banned flags, banners, and light pole decorations that would disrupt the community.

Other committee members had questions and comments around inclusion of all with no one excluded, flag for heterosexual couples, marginalizing groups of people, breaking laws if they are not in agreement, policies around Israeli flags or Nazi flags, response of constituents to the decision of the City Council, City of Boise flag policy, civil penalty and attorney fees, cities to fly banners and flags on light poles, violations and collateral damage, standing in solidarity with the persecuted Israeli community in Boise, flags for temporary parades or assemblies, rainbow flag representation and symbolism, and **Chairman Crane (13)** mentioned that he has met with representatives of the Basque community and working with Spain to resolve the issue.

Rep. Hill gave a closing statement with the main objection to make a flag that is fair for everyone.

Committee members had comments and questions around the community loss of celebratory banners and flags for special events, allowances, motivation for bringing the legislation forth, forbidden flags and penalties, committee values and unification and temporary flags to be flown on special days. **Rep. Haws** declared a Rule 80.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to send **H 561** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member commented on the government to stop dividing citizens, Christians offended by the Pride Flag, and not telling people what they can do, but telling the government what they can not do.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Church made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 561** in committee until the review of the Basque correspondence. **Chairman Crane (13)** explained the exchange he had with the Basque representatives in reference to a potential solution.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Mickleleson made an amended substitute motion to send **H 561** to General Orders.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding the affect of flying the Confederate Flag, neutral government, clarification on community events and temporary flags, democracy of others, the discrimination of flying the Israeli Flag, city council process and support, not enough exceptions in the bill for America, local government, foreign policy issues, and local issues versus federal issues.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Chairman Crane (13) called for a roll call vote. Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE and 11 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Mickelsen, Church, Haws. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 12 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Church, Haws. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham,

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Original motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Binham. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Church, Haws. Rep. Hill will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32965C1	Concealed Carry, Courthouse	Rep. Mitchell
H 573	Firearms Instructor, Enhanced Lic	Rep. Shepherd
H 510	Government Ethics, Public Record	Rep. Manwaring
RS 33245	Government Ethics, Public Records	Rep. Manwaring

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 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:** Representative Skaug, Representative Church

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 February 4, 2026, Thursday February 5, 2026, and Friday February 6, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32965C1: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 32965C1**. The primary objective of this proposed legislation is to safeguard the Second Amendment rights of Idaho's citizens. This clarifies that in such instances, prohibiting individuals from carrying firearms within a courtroom will be allowed. Nevertheless, the citizens should be permitted to carry firearms when entering city or county buildings.

Committee members asked about the courthouse set up, additional costs, multiple guards outside every courtroom, metal detectors, re-configuring older buildings, and what the problem is to be solved with this potential legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 32965C1**.

Committee members expressed concern around the cost and logistics while another committee member commented on how this could save money and could solve many problems including night meetings.

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

H 573: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **H 573** which allows enhanced concealed carry training to be delivered in a more adaptable instructional format. This legislation recognizes experienced, nationally certified firearms instructors with extensive enhanced concealed carry teaching backgrounds as individuals authorized to provide instruction on Idaho firearms law.

A committee member asked how this affects the current conceal carry laws and would it require additional training.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 573** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Aoibheann Cline, State Director of the NRA; **Dale Hawkins**, Legislative Representative for the State of Idaho District 2 and NRA Instructor; spoke in **support of H 573**.

Committee members asked questions in regards to lowering the cost of training and the training process with or without an attorney present.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

H 510:

Rep. Manwaring presented **H 510**. This legislation strengthens government transparency and protects public employees who communicate with the Idaho Legislature, legislative committees, or legislative staff, including responding to legislative requests or participating in hearings. The bill also requires executive branch agencies to respond in good faith and within defined time lines to public records requests from legislators or legislative staff acting on behalf of the Legislature.

Rep. Manwaring explained the technical corrections and clarifying language on **H 510** transferring to **RS 33245**. **Chairman Crane (13)** asked if the Sponsor would be open to shorten the time frame from (15) working days to (5) working days.

MOTION:

Rep. Scott made a motion to **HOLD H 510** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33245:

Rep. Manwaring presented **RS 33245**. This legislation strengthens government transparency and protects public employees who communicate with the Idaho Legislature, legislative committees, or legislative staff, including responding to legislative requests or participating in hearings. The bill also requires executive branch agencies to respond in good faith and within defined time lines to public records requests from legislators or legislative staff acting on behalf of the Legislature.

MOTION:

Rep Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 33245** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Mickelsen made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33245** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar with the following changes: anywhere it references 15 working days would be reduced to 10 workings days. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33088	Gold and Silver, Legal Tender	Rep. Miller
RS 32925	Wake Island Civilians, Honoring	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 33193	Presidential Primary	Rep. Harris
H 607	Priv & Safety in Public Buildings	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 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.

RS 33088: **Rep. Miller** presented **RS 33088**. This proposed legislation declares gold and silver coin shall be legal tender in the State of Idaho. No person or entity may compel another person or entity to tender or accept gold or silver coin unless agreed upon both parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33088**. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

RS 32925: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 32925** which honors the employees of Morrison-Knudsen company that were working on Wake Island prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion in introduce **RS 32925**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST** **Chairman Crane** made a unanimous consent request to move **RS 33193** to the bottom of the agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

H 607: **Rep. Hill** presented **H 607**. The Protecting Privacy and Safety in Public Buildings Act requires government building rest rooms and changing facilities must be separated on the basis of biological sex and that individuals shall make use of the facility which aligns with their biological sex. The legislation also clarifies the existing common law doctrine of premises liability by requiring public accommodations to take reasonable steps to protect the privacy and safety of their customers in rest-rooms, locker rooms, and showers. Necessary exemptions are provided for certain cases, and government entities may provide reasonable accommodations for any person who is unwilling or unable to use the multi-occupancy facility designated for their biological sex.

Mr. Conzetti, President of Idaho Family Policy Center continued the opening for **H 607**. He began a breakdown of the bill. He emphasized Section 1 focused on government buildings, Section 2 focuses on buildings with rest rooms and changing rooms of public use. He reviewed exemptions included in the bill; older people, parents and children, cleaning, law enforcement, and he stated 77% of Idaho voters support this bill.

Nikson Mathews, Cathy Sherman, Rachel Anne Pierce, Caroline Blackhurst, Zoey Wagner, Andrew Kukla, Sarah LaWall, Mistie Tolman, representing Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, **Pam Eaton,** representing Idaho Retailers Association and Idaho Local Lodging and Restaurants, **Eric Gironda, Joni Dunn, Sam Reece,** testified in opposition of **H 607**

The committee asked questions of **Ms. Eaton** pertaining to exemptions, lawsuits, business liabilities, and government vs private business.

Christian Welp, representing the Idaho Catholic Church, **Karissa Folks,** and **Michael Hon** testified in support of the bill.

In closing, **Rep. Hill** restated the objective of the bill was safety. **Mr. Conzetti** addressed issues brought up in testimony. The committee asked **Mr. Conzetti** questions regarding small businesses, policy specifications, potential punishment, privacy, and lawsuits.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 607** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee discuss the motion, some members preferring **H 606** due to it being more specific.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 5 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13) Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Pohanka. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Reps. Dygert, Mickelsen, Bingham, Church, Haws. Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33193: **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 33193**. This proposed legislation seeks to return the March primary for presidential elections. Bringing back the primary is the best way to ensure Idaho voters have the best opportunity to practice their right to vote on the national level.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33193**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33193** with changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Substitute motion failed by vote of 1 AYE to 13 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Rep. Mickelsen. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

MOTION: **Original motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Teresa Wonacott
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 12, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 498	Legislature, private counsel	Rep. Skaug
H 539	Admin procedure act, temp rules	Rep. Ehlers
H 613	Polling places, insurance	Rep. Raybould

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 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.

H 498: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 498**. This legislation allows the legislature to retain attorneys for actions against the federal government, when, in the judgement of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, it is in the interests of the state to prosecute such actions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 498** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 539: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 539**. This legislation recognizes there are times when the use of temporary rules is needed to bridge the gap until pending rules can be considered during the legislative session. This proposed legislation would place some process parameters, additional guidelines, and reporting requirements when temporary rules are employed to meet that need.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 539** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a voice vote.** **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 613: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 613**. This legislation establishes general liability protection of private facilities designated as polling locations during Idaho elections. Election workers and volunteers are also protected from personal civil liability when working at private facilities designated as polling locations. This civil liability protection also extends to a nonprofit entity that has provided a location for a polling place, while reaffirming that no nonprofit places its tax exemption at risk by doing so.

The committee asked **Rep. Raybould** questions relating to the details of the time period in which this bill applies and questions related to liability concerns.

Trent Triple, representing Ada County Court testified in support of **H 613**.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 613** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Teresa Wonacott
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 13, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33255	Foreign terrorist organizations	Rep. Hill
RS 33270	Exec budgets, logos, mottos, slogans	Rep. Scott
RS 33374	State legislators, qualifications	Rep. Raybould
RS 33295	State government, membership fees	Rep. Scott
RS 33105	Telecom service, discontinuance	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 33106	Broadband defintion	Rep. Vander Woude
H 501	Signature gatherers, notice	Rep. Skaug
H 598	Campaign finance, accounts	Rep. McCann
RS 33302	Day of fasting and prayer	Rep. Monks

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 13, 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:** Representative Alfieri

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.

Chairman Crane (13) asked to be able to reorganize the agenda due to representatives scheduling conflicts.

RS 33255: **Rep. Hill** is absent to **present RS 33255**.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to **HOLD RS 33255** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 598: **Rep. McCann** presented **H 598**. This legislation is relating to Campaign Finance and will require all political candidates to open a separate bank account for the purpose of collecting contributions and paying expenses of one's campaign and will require a candidate who loans personal funds to his own campaign to certify to the Idaho Secretary of State within seven days.

A committee member had a comment about a competing bill from the Secretary of State's office. **Chairman Crane (13)** stated he was not aware of any other competing bill. Another committee member asked about amounts and sufficient documentation.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 598** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33374: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33374**. This proposed legislation clarifies the requirement that a candidate be physically present in a legislative district to qualify for the Idaho House and Senate. Candidates must be registered electors for one year prior to the general election and physically live in the declared primary residence for at least 120 days in the year prior to the candidate filing date.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33374**.

A committee member had questions regarding 120 nights a year, multiple properties and proof of in-district residency.

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

- RS 33105:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 33105**. This proposed legislation updates Idaho law governing the discontinuance of telephone service by clarifying when the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will recognize and rely on Federal Communications Commission authorization for service withdrawal and reducing duplicative regulatory processes. It modernizes state requirements to provide greater regulatory clarity and efficiency for providers while preserving existing protections for affected customers and communities.
- A committee member had a comment regarding the wordage on the Statement of Purpose.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33105**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33106:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 33106** which established expedited local permitting time lines to address delays in broadband expansion. This proposed legislation refines and expands the statutory definition of “broadband” to encompass additional critical communications facilities, including private enterprise fiber networks, back-haul, and other wire-line and wireless infrastructure. It provides greater clarity and uniformity, supporting timely infrastructure deployment, economic development, enhanced public safety, and reliable connectivity across the state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to introduce **RS 33106**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33270:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33270**. This proposed legislation prohibits the inclusion of logos, motto's or slogans in the executive budget document, except for the state seal and the Governor's official logo.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 33270**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33295:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33295**. This would prohibit the use of tax dollars by public officers, public employees and subdivisions of government for membership fees or dues to any organization unless certain conditions are met. This language would only affect the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative branches of government.
- Committee members had questions regarding an exemption for a subscription to access the Attorney General's database, data-sharing exemption, the Attorney General court cases around law enforcement, consequences and impact of multiple groups, meaning of subdivision, public officer, public employees, the State Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, and public money around legislative travel. Other representatives asked questions regarding reimbursement for legislative travel, processes for the approval of membership fees and dues, reducing unnecessary spending, annual cost of seven million dollars, dues, fees, and subscriptions, consistent standards as in the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, dropping national and international chamber dues, lack of revenue for the State, return on investment, enforcement mechanisms, agency cost benefit analysis, penalty clause for violating the law, and agency budgets and allocations.
- Due to the lack of a motion, **RS 33295** was returned to the sponsor.
- RS 33302:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 33302**. This proposed resolution asks Idahoan's to fast and pray on March 1, 2026 for Divine guidance and to help leaders find honorable and virtuous solutions for the problems facing the country and the state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33302** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.
- Committee members made comments of thanksgiving, prayer for snow, and a question regarding the idea of bringing all faiths together for a day of fasting and prayer. Another committee member commented on the importance of being proactive in policy making around water supply and snow pack.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

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

H 501:

Rep. Skaug presented **H 501**. This legislation amends Idaho Code 34-1807 to require paid signature gatherers, on certain petitions, to wear a badge with their name and the name of persons or entities that are providing payment to those persons, if any. This legislation increases transparency to the petition process.

MOTION:

Rep. Dygert made a motion to send **H 501** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 16, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>31-2701-2501</u>	Rules Governing Pole Attachments (New Chapter)- Pending Rule	Taylor Thomas, Administrator/Idaho Pubic Utilities Commission.
<u>11-0501-2501</u>	Rules Governing Alcohol Beverage Control- Pending Rule	Lt.Col. Russ Wheatley, Chief of Staff/Idaho State Police

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 16, 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:** Chairman Crane (13)

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.

Vice Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday February 9, 2026 and Tuesday February 10, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
31-2701-2501:** **Taylor Thomas**, Administrator for Idaho Public Utilities Commission, presented Rules Governing Pole Attachments.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to approve Pending **Docket No. 31-2701-2501**.
Committee members asked questions regarding the sticking points that took the most time, pole ownership, and the total time it took for all of this to be worked on.

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

**DOCKET NO.
11-0501-2501:** **Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley**, Chief of Staff of the Idaho State Police presented the Rules Governing Alcohol Beverage Control.
Committee members asked questions regarding age restriction for servers, licenses being used as an investment only, and using the license or losing it.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to approve Pending **Docket No. 11-0501-2501**.
Committee members had questions regarding license transfers, money received, and how many officers for this department.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33275C1	Denturity, Renewal Fee	Rep. Marmon
RS 33380	Foreign Campaign Contributions	Rep. Alfieri
RS 33385	City Elections, Districts	Rep. Alfieri
RS 33373	Public School Building Plan Reviews	Rep. Crane (13)
HJR 8	State-Owned Lands	Rep. Raybould
RS 33415	State-Owned Lands	Rep. Raybould

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 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 February 11, 2026 and Thursday February 12, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33275C1: **Rep. Marmon** presented **RS 33275C1**. This proposed legislation refers to the Board of Dentistry to have the ability to voluntarily raise their fees so costs of operations can be met. This would include shared charges assessed against DOPL operations. There are 25 licensed Denturists in the State of Idaho and increasing the caps will allow flexibility in fund planning to remain solvent as a Board.

A committee member asked regarding control of who can or can not raise fees and asked about the current balance.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33275C1**.

A committee member had concerns supporting the bill but will support the introduction. Another committee member had questions regarding why people need a license and how many seats are required.

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

RS 33380: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 33380**. This proposed legislation prohibits foreign contributions to elections and adds out of state contributions and expenditures to the list of prohibited categories. Contribution should come from Idaho citizens not from people out of state.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding why changes were made to remove the language defining foreign nationals as individuals who are not citizens of the U.S. and not lawfully admitted as permanent residence, entities forming an Idaho corporation, out of state influence from independent expenditures, and Citizen Alliance of Idaho. Another committee member gave the process of how this proposed legislation came about.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33380**.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding legal residency language, Supreme Court ruling for out of state US citizen contribution elections, First Amendment rights, donations for individual as they relate to family and the impact of out of state contribution, out of state corporations doing business in Idaho, and other state influences in Idaho.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 33385:

Rep. Alfieri presented **RS 33385**. This proposed legislation requires that cities with populations greater than 25,000 conduct district wide elections for its city council elections.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 33385**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Chairman Crane (13) asked for unanimous consent that **RS 33373** be placed at the bottom of the agenda.

HJR 8:

Rep. Raybould presented **HJR 8**. The purpose of this Joint Resolution is to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. The amendment continues to allow the sale or exchange of these lands, but reduces pressure on the state to sell them solely because of their high value. The amendment also includes language for adopting similar land management practices if the federal government transfers new public lands to Idaho. Such transfers would be subject to valid and existing rights and obligations. The amendment also supports the recognition of future rights and obligations as identified by state law. This resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or its beneficiaries.

Rep. Raybould commented that the remainder of the hearing will be focusing on the language of **RS 33415** and answered questions around traditional uses, revenue-generated activities as in timber sales, mining, and grazing, preserving and promoting public access to recreate, hunt, fish and trap, generating on-going revenue sales of public lands, and protection from having to sell lands.

Rep. Petszkey spoke regarding the Endowment Fund Investment Board process and history.

Committee members asked questions regarding annual percentages and distributions, if data centers and nuclear power plants can be built on the land, priority for revenue and secondary for recreation and activities that do not impede revenue activities.

Rep. Boyle had a point of order and questioned if the public understood **HJR 8** and **RS 33415** were going to be heard together sending the RS to the floor. **Chairman Crane (13)** explained the options for the committee.

Erik Weiseth, Executive Director Outfitter Guide Associations; **Anne Long**, Self; spoke **in support of HJR 8**.

Rep. Raybould made an amendment on **RS 33415**; page 2 line 14, strike the words, "the beneficial use of the beneficiary and public" and insert, "ongoing revenue generation followed by public access".

MOTION:

Rep. Pohanka made a motion to **HOLD HJR 8** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33415: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33415**. The purpose of this proposed Joint Resolution is to amend Article IX, Section 8 of the Idaho Constitution to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, including but not limited to timber sales, mining, and grazing, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. The amendment continues to allow the sale or exchange of these lands while reducing pressure on the state to sell them solely because of their high value. This proposed resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or the Endowment's beneficiaries.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33415** with the following changes: page 2 line 14 strike the words, " the beneficial use of the beneficiary and public" and insert, "ongoing revenue generation followed by public access" and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

A committee member made a comment regarding maintaining good management of lands for the beneficial use of our future 150 years from now.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33415** with the following changes: page 2 line 14 strike the words, " the beneficial use of the beneficiary and public?" and insert, "ongoing revenue generation followed by public access". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

A committee member commented that 62% of Idaho is federal lands and a full hearing should be heard as this bill is a constitutional amendment and should have more public in-put into the changes.

Chairman Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Rep. Scott**.

RS 33373: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 33373**. This proposed legislation streamlines the permitting process for school facilities by eliminating the requirement that school districts obtain plan approval before advertising for bids and by requiring permitting authorities to complete an initial plan review within 30 days of submission for all public works projects.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33373**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Crane (12) and **Rep. Crane (13)** declared a Rule 80.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33171	Dept. of Administration, cities	Rep. Cheatum
RS 33255	Foreign Terrorist Organization	Rep. Hill
RS 33289	Elections, Procedures	Rep. Mitchell
RS 33343	Video Voyeurism, Synthetic Media	Rep. Green
H 549	Hospital Districts, Dissolution	Rep. Thompson
H 673	State Legislators, Qualifications	Rep. Raybould

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 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:** Representative(s) Church

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 Friday February 13, 2026 and Monday February 16, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

H 673: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 673**. This legislation clarifies the requirement that a candidate be physically present in a legislative district to qualify to run for the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate. Candidates must be registered electors for one year prior to the general election and physically live in the declared primary residence for at least 120 days in the year prior to the candidate filing date.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 673** to the floor with the **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had questions regarding residency requirements, constitutional or legal challenges, and redistricting problems.

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

RS 33171: **Rep. Cheatum** presented **RS 33171**. This proposed legislation would allow cities, at their discretion, to enter the state employee health insurance plan.

A committee member asked a question regarding giving employees insurance for a lifetime.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33171. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33255: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 33255**. The Foreign Adversary Divestment Act will ensure the State of Idaho's public investment dollars are not put at risk in adversary countries so not to fund the development of military technologies and surveillance tools of foreign adversaries that impede the State of Idaho's interests and the interests of the United States.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33255. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33289: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 33289**. The 2025 legislation established uniform dates and deadlines for county clerks ahead of elections. This bill cleans up three additional sections that were inadvertently missed, including soil and water conservation districts, sparsely populated precincts, and canvassing time lines.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 33289**.
Committee members had comments and questions regarding what the new language does, if soil and water conservation districts are county wide or farm groups, ground water districts, county wide elections, reasoning for changing the timing of the mail in ballads, and new or current practices for 5 supervisors.

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

RS 33343: **Rep. Green** presented **RS 33343**. The proposed legislation strengthens protections for minors by prohibiting threats to disclose real intimate images and making the disclosure of AI-generated explicit images a felony when the victim is a minor.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33343**.
A committee member had a question regarding age exclusions.

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

H 549: **Rep. Thompson** presented **H 549**. The purpose of this bill is to bring consistency to state code governing petitions for dissolution of special taxing districts. This revision will make this code consistent with other statutes regarding similar dissolution petitions that require only signatures of electors. This amendment will create consistency across Idaho law, reduce administrative burden, and give citizens greater clarity when pursuing lawful petition.
A committee member had questions regarding hostile districts to include homeowners, register voters, and the reason to have homeowners sign a petition.
Tom Grote, 80 Citizens in Valley County; spoke **in support** of **H 549**.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 549** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Thompson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 19, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33231	Elections, Canvassing Activities	Rep. Church
RS 33375	Elections, Ballots	Rep. Haws
RS 33429	Merge Off, Spec Cons and Energy Resrs	Rep. Boyle
RS 33438	LCC Addresses	Rep. Dygert
RS 33449	Pediatric Transitions, Parents Rights	Rep. Skaug
H 548	Boating Safety Enforcement	Rep. Harris
RS 33408	Boating Safety Enforcement	Rep. Harris

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 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.

RS 33231: **Rep. Church** presented **RS 33231**. This proposed legislation establishes requirements for persons engaged in paid in-person canvassing activities. The proposed legislation directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement these requirements and provides for enforcement.

A committee member had a question regarding how this may affect volunteers.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33231**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33375: **Rep. Haws** presented **RS 33375**. This proposed legislation revises ballot rotation requirements by applying current candidates name rotation to federal, state, county, and local offices in political entities with more than 25,000 registered voters. It removes the separate voter threshold for other offices and provides a single standard administered by the Secretary of State.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33375**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33429: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 33429**. This proposed legislation is to revise ballot rotation requirements by applying current candidates name rotation to federal, state, county, and local offices in political entities with more than 25,000 registered voters. It removes the separate voter threshold for other offices and provides a single standard administered by the Secretary of State.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33429**.

A committee member made a comment to make sure both agencies do not lose the mission they have.

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

RS 33438: **Rep. Dygert** presented **RS 33438**. This proposed legislation allows individuals forming an at home LLC would be allowed not to publish the home address on the Secretary of State website if they have a commercial registered agent physical address. No other part of forming an LLC would be affected.

A committee member asked if this potential legislation is passed and would it be heard in the business committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a motion to introduce **RS 33438**.

A committee member asked if the commercial agent has to be in Idaho.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 33449:

Rep. Skaug presented **RS 33449**. This proposed legislation is regarding "Pediatric Secretive Transitions Parental Rights Act," and seeks to expand upon those protections and reinforce the fundamental right of parents and guardians to oversee the medical and social upbringing of their children. The act establishes a civil cause of action for aggrieved parents to recover compensatory damages and authorizes the Attorney General to investigate violations, seek writs of mandamus, and levy civil penalties.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding the difference between the two proposed bills, an Attorney General bounty, why have \$100,000 dollars in damages, the difference between private right of action verses Attorney General cause of action, definition of covered entity, duties to maintain patient confidentiality, mandates, conflicts, minor mental health issues, social transition, required reporting to parents if a child is receiving therapy around gender transition, conflict between laws that govern how mental health care provider provide care and potential litigation.

MOTION:

Rep. Alfieri made a motion to introduce **RS 33449**.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding the removal of mannerisms, how one would assure a child is not adopting a name, appearance or dress of an opposite gender, teachers unknowingly crossing the line, potential law suits, and broadness of the bill. Other committee members asked questions regarding the definition of pediatric sex transition and what that includes, entities including education institutions, school assumptions of gender cross dressing, capped damages of \$100,000, parents suing for more than the capped costs, example of a social transition, social transitions with big penalties, and what actually constitutes the need for an entity to contact parents.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Church and **Rep. Haws** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 548:

Rep. Harris presented **H 548**. This legislation restores Fourth Amendment rights while on the water.

MOTION:

Rep. Haws made a motion to send **H 548** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member asked about the intention of **RS 33408** following **H 548**. Other committee members asked about reasonable violations to check licenses, boat safety standards, safety inspections, defined reasonable stop and board, multiple counties boat launches and inspections, and the definition of reasonable suspicion.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

RS 33408:

Rep. Harris presented **RS 33408**. This proposed legislation restores Fourth Amendment rights while on the water.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to return **RS 33408** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Crane (13) honored **Page Kyle Willey** and gave the committee Friday February 20, 2026 off from having a meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 23, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33144	Obergefell, Marriage	Rep. Wisniewski
RS 33421	Electric, new large loads	Rep. Mickelsen
RS 33446	Open Meetings, Recordings	Rep. McCann
HJR 10	State-Owned Lands	Rep. Raybould

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 23, 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 Tuesday February 17, 2026 and Wednesday February 18, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33446: **Rep. McCann** was to present **RS 33446** which is regarding requirements for open public meetings but asked **Chairman Crane (13)** to hold the proposed legislation for a later date due to working with the Parole Board and the Department of Correction.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** asked for unanimous consent to hold **RS 33446** subject to the call of the Chair. There being no objections, the request was granted.

RS 33144: **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **RS 33144**. This proposed legislation expresses the Idaho Legislature's commitment to restoring the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman, urging the Supreme Court to reconsider the Obergefell v. Hodges decision and return authority over marriage laws to the states and their citizens.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding Idaho's previously passed resolution in 2025 and the purpose for this proposed legislation, trigger bans, updates to the 2006 statistics and updated statistics, changed perceptions of gay marriage from 20 years ago, and previous House floor data.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 33144**.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding Idaho's Constitutional Amendment for same sex marriage, the definition of Anglo-American legal tradition as it refers to marriage, congressional improper ruling due to the bias of two judges officiating same sex marriages, difficult proposition for Idaho to urge Federal Supreme Court to revisit settled law, unchallenged marriages in other states, marriage is a contract as it relates to the state that gives specific rights, preserving rights to take care of the people we love regardless of the sex of their partner.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33144** with the following changes: page 1 line 41 after 2000 years, put a period and strike the words," and within common law, the basis of the United States' Anglo-American legal tradition, for more than 800 years."

A committee member commented on the original motion regarding past legislation signed into law, making it illegal to talk about the case, due process and equal protection under the law as it pertains to tax benefits, codes, inheritance, children, and adoption.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Haws and Rep. Church requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 33421:

Rep. Mickelsen presented **RS 33421**. This proposed legislation will set standards and guidelines for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to follow when contemplating a new large load contract. It does not affect existing large load customers but will set the standard for new large loads.

Committee members asked questions and had comments regarding the affects on nuclear power developments and growth to pay for itself through multiple projects.

MOTION:

Rep. Pohanka made a motion to introduce **RS 33421**.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding why the legislation would treat the large load customers differently than the new ones, Micron's new substation, and data centers required to pay for growth. Other committee members asked if the utilities company helped with the language of the proposed legislation, data to reflect large load increased costs, more time for the PUC to be involved, and reason's why the proposed legislation is being rushed through the process without the PUC involvement.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

HJR 10:

Rep. Raybould presented **HJR 10**. The purpose of the Joint Resolution is to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands. The Amendment replaces the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, including but not limited to timber sales, mining, and grazing, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping. This resolution preserves all existing options for timber, mining, and grazing, and remains fully compliant with the Idaho Admissions Act without altering the Land Board's structure or the Endowment's beneficiaries.

Clete Edmunson, Executive Director of the Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho; **Travis Jones**, Riley Stegner and Associates; **Brenda Richards**, Rancher from Owyhee County; **Elizabeth Criner**, JR Simplot Company; **Viki Purdy**, Chairman of Adams County Board of Commissioners; **Stephen Thomas**, Idaho Forest Group, spoke **in opposition** of **HJR 10**.

Committee members had questions for **Clete Edmunson** regarding how the changes would affect logging, percentages from logging on state lands, nefarious things that could happen from opening up the Constitution to additional language, and would he have the same argument if the land was timberland. Other committee members asked **Brenda Richards** to choose between federal or state lands and Permit 36 for 30 years of litigation.

Dan Waugh, Idaho Recreation Council; **Jack Hurty**, Idaho Outfitters Guide Association; spoke **in favor** of **HJR 10**.

Benjamin Davenport, Idaho Mining Association; **Dustin Miller**, Idaho Dept. of Lands; **John Richards**, General Council for the Idaho Dept. of Lands; **remain neutral** and have not taken a position as of yet of **HJR 10**.

A committee member asked **Dustin Miller** questions regarding managed lands in the Amendment, no change to the duty to manage the lands as trust assets, and language of the proposed Amendment prioritizing above the revenue generation. Other committee members asked **John Richards** regarding his point of view with the Admissions Act, congressional action to change the Admissions Act, and the landlord's duty to accept bids of large companies that overbid.

Rep. Raybould concluded with comments regarding the financial benefits, changes in beneficiary, Idaho's public access as a second priority, land lord fiduciary obligations, uncertain language, Idaho as a flexible and fast moving state, language in the Constitution, and protections around timber sales, mining, and grazing.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to send **HJR 10** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had questions and comments referring to preserving long term benefits around timber and grazing interest, those who benefit from the state, Idaho state lands beneficiary, new money coming from the land, second revenue highest generated industry in the state is recreation, Idaho people should be a beneficiary to the State land, public lands in public hands, and prioritize revenue generated activities over selling land.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to **HOLD HJR 10** in committee.

Rep. Boyle spoke to the motion in regards to public lands are federal lands, Endowment funds made up from timber, grazing, and mining activities, new money comes from growing and mining on the land, and many lawsuits to come if this legislation is passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** requested for a roll call. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Skaug, Alfieri, Boyle. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Holtzclaw, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION: **Original motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Boyle.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 637	Gold and Silver, Legal Tender	Rep. Miller
H 560	Prospective Jurors, Poll Workers	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 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. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday February 19, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 637: **Rep. Miller** presented **H 637** which declares gold and silver coin shall be legal tender in the State of Idaho. No person or entity may compel another person or entity to tender or accept gold or silver coin unless agreed upon by both parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to send **H 637** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 560: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 560**. This legislation allows registered voters the option of serving as a poll worker in lieu of jury duty and would allow county clerks to request from the jury commission prospective jurors excused from service to serve as poll workers in an upcoming election.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 560** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding how jury duty is assigned to people, the options people have to serve, the Constitutional requirement of jury duty, and federal obligation verses local desire to work at the polls.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, spoke of the national issues to find poll workers, poll workers safety, the Constitutional requirement to be a juror, the U.S. Constitution related to federal jury duty rather than state jury duty, and courts working within the bounds of the legislation due to the necessity for poll workers.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** 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 Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33512	Agricultural Pests	Rep. Mathias
HCR 27	Wake Island Civilians, Honoring	Rep. Vander Woude
HCR 29	Foreign Terrorist Organizations	Rep. Hill
H 575	Asset Forfeitures, State Controller	Rep. Scott

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 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:** 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.

RS 33512: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 33512**. This proposed legislation amends Idaho Code 25-2601 to specifically include rats as pests for which county commissioners may take appropriate actions to control. The amendment also better organizes the code formatting of the pests list.

A committee member asked why feral cats were not added to the proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33512**.

A committee member asked why wolves were not included in the proposed legislation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33512** with the following changes: page 1 line 21 after "coyote," add "including wolves".

A committee member debated against the substitute motion by stating any predatory animals on page 1 line 21 would include wolves and did not want to interfere with any current wolf management clauses. Another committee member commented on the power of the County Commissioners and the County Commissioners providing funding for wolves.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Church** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 33512** with the following changes: page 1 line 21 after "animal" strike the comma, strike "including coyote", and strike the following comma after "coyote".

Committee members commented on technical changes on the substitute motion, to remove and update language considering any predatory animals, it being helpful not to list specific animals, listing of any rodents, and the seriousness of the current rat problem, and to only focus on the rat problem.

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 9:11 A.M. **Chairman Crane (13)** called the meeting back to order at 9:15 A.M.

Rep. Skaug commented that he was **in support** of the amended substitute motion.

**VOTE ON
AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Amended substitute motion carried by voice vote.

- HCR 27:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **HCR 27**. This resolution honors the employees of Morrison-Knudsen company that were working on Wake Island prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **HCR 27** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HCR 29:** **Rep. Hill** presented **HCR 29**. This resolution will recognize the Muslim Brotherhood and the Council on American Islamic Relations as terrorist organizations that are hostile to the people and institutions of the State Of Idaho. The objective for the Legislature is to acknowledge the status of these organizations as transnational terrorist organizations when considering future legislation, including purchasing or acquiring land in the State of Idaho.
- A committee member had a comment and a question regarding the Muslim Brotherhood and the American Islamic Relations not being listed as a terror organization and how this resolution correlates with the federal government.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HCR 29** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Committee members had comments regarding the full scope history components not being fully understood, not being comfortable to make a resolution for the entire state without understanding the issues, and the U.S. on a federal level has done significant work to protect the American people from the impacts of certain sectors of the Muslim Brotherhood.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Haws** and **Rep. Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 575:** **Rep. Scott** presented **H 575**. This bill creates a new duty for the State Controller to store, maintain, and publish a current list of asset forfeitures. This information is already being documented by law enforcement; therefore, now state and local law enforcement agencies will include the state controller's office when reporting their information to the local prosecutors.
- Committee members asked questions regarding General Orders and when the amendments would be completed, asset forfeitures only related to law enforcement and not asset forfeitures related to treasures becoming public administrators on different cases, and costs around the fiscal note by adding regulations for local sheriff offices and publishing for the State Controller.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 575** to **General Orders**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 26, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HJR 9	School Attendance, Parents, Govt	Rep. Hawkins
H 720	City Elections, Districts	Rep. Alfieri
H 736	Elections, Ballots	Rep. Haws

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 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 Monday February 23, 2026 and Tuesday February 24, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJR 9: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **HJR 9**. This Constitutional Amendment strikes the current language in section 9 of Article IX which concerns the legislature's ability to compel Idaho's children to physically attend the public schools of the state. The current language grants the legislature to determine the means that are the exception to public school attendance. The Amendment also inserts language concerning the right to educate children outside of the public schools without burdensome regulation. The right recognized in this amendment concerns a right to educate – it is not a right to NOT educate.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding compulsory attendance, the right of the people, rights in educating children by 'other means', the process for the rights for people to make their own decision, and the affects of new language and regulations for schools.

Joel Fischer, Idaho Family Policy Center; **Scott Herndon**, Chair of The Idaho Republican Party Resolutions Committee; spoke **in support of HJR 9**.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding the language around the rights of people to educate their children, changed requirements for public funding, public funding allowing for government regulation for education, and transparency and accountability for public funding.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HJR 9** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member had comments regarding the removal of language on compulsory attendance in school, infringement of children, government regulations, and litigation.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Haws** and **Rep. Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 720: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 720** which revises Idaho Code 50-707A, requiring that cities with populations greater than 25,000 conduct district wide elections for its city council elections.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding district boundaries, the listing of ten cities, city responses, and a majority of student housing within a district.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 720** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding redistricting fiscal expenses, City of Boise growth of 100K and the outcome affect, fiscal note and recognized expenses, and representation from different parts of the city.

Jonathan Wheatly, Association of Idaho Cities; **John McEachran**, Self; and **Lance Sayers**, Self; spoke **in opposition** to **H 720**.

Committee members asked **Jonathan Wheatly** questions in regards to speaking to the ten cities, nine cities not interviewed and options to establish districts. One other committee member had a question regarding the language in the bill stating, 'the city *shall* establish'.

Committee members asked **John McEachran** questions regarding voting for city council members and over representation in one area over another area of the city.

Rep. Alfieri spoke to the city statutes of 4-6 council members and allowing more people to run for office.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding fast growth and boundaries within districts, district voting, establishing districts, methods of implementation, and the flexibility and changing out the system to smaller communities.

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

H 736: **Rep. Haws** presented **H 736**. This legislation amends Idaho Code section 34-903 to revise ballot rotation requirements by applying current candidate name rotation to federal, state, county, and local offices in political entities with more than 25,000 registered voters. It removes the separate voter threshold for other offices and provides a single standard administered by the Secretary of State.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 736** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member made a comment regarding the statistics of top listing candidates.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 27, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33439	Obscene Material, Lewd Matter, Defs	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 33444	Material Harmful To Minors	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 33470C1	Fire Protection Dist Commissioners	Rep. Dygert
RS 32895	Code Cleanup, St Treasurer, Lending	Rep. Scott
RS 32900	Code Cleanup, Alcoholic Beverages	Rep. Scott
H 650	State Sovereignty, Jurisdiction	Rep. Boyle

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 27, 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 February 25, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33439: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 33439**. The proposed amendment would prohibit public schools and libraries from making available to minors any material containing erotic depictions of nudity, depictions of sexual conduct, or explicit descriptions of sexual conduct. It would maintain the law's current enforcement scheme entailing civil penalties enforced by private parties, county prosecutors, and the Attorney General.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33439**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33444: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 33444**. This proposed amendment responds to the Ninth Circuit's opinion, as well as a recent decision from the U.S. Supreme Court addressing Texas's age-verification law for pornographic websites. The proposed amendment recognizes that the State of Idaho has more latitude to select the content of educational materials in public schools and libraries than in private schools.

A committee member asked why performance, motion picture, and dance were struck from the proposed bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33444**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33470C1: **Rep. Dygert** presented **RS 33470C1**. This proposed legislation adds language to require that an individual appointed or elected in a fire protection sub-district to be an elector residing in the fire district for 90 consecutive days before appointment or election.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to introduce **RS 33470C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32895: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32895**. The Legislature approved the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, **H 14** in the 2025 Legislative session. Submitted sections of Idaho Code were reviewed for repeal consideration by the DOGE Task Force on the criteria of obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary. This bill repeals Section 67-1210B, Idaho Code, that limited to the state's ability to invest in securities lending agreements. Securities lending was officially terminated in December 2015.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 32895**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32900: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32900**. The Legislature approved the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, **H 14** in the 2025 Legislative session. This bill repeals three sections of Idaho Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages: 23-103, Idaho Code, is a prohibition era law pertaining to individuals who had been convicted of a crime prior to the Liquor Act of 1939; 23-215, Idaho Code, is a provision on price lists furnished by sellers, price lists are compiled and provided by a third-party on a statewide basis; 23-216, Idaho Code, requires contact information for attorneys that represent businesses interested in the sale of liquors or wines be filed with the State Liquor Division.

Committee members asked questions regarding the removal of the contact information and the removal of the provision for the price list.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 32900**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 650: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 650**. This bill would create a new Idaho law declaring a strong presumption that state government has jurisdiction over matters occurring within Idaho unless the U.S. Constitution clearly and specifically grants authority to the federal government.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding an all inclusive list, states sovereignty, consideration rights of sovereign tribes, rebuttable presumption, and the separation of the U.S. Constitution and the State of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 650** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation; spoke **in support** of **H 650**.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding litigation with federal agencies overstepping boundaries, language in the Constitution with a strong detest for federal over-reach, sovereign states, Article 6 of the Constitution, additional presumptions, creating other legal standards, conflict and lack of inclusion of tribal sovereignty as recognized by the U.S. Constitution. Other committee members had questions and comments regarding the water and natural resources for indigenous tribes, the 10th Amendment, no listing of family, property law, licensing and regulations but mentions, 'are not limited' to include a broader list, an unprecedented bill, protecting states rights, Articles of Confederation, State's Rights Amendments, and the potential cost for the State of Idaho.

Rep. Boyle spoke on support of the U.S. Constitution, not separating from the Union, and asking the State of Idaho to be on the same level the Constitution will allow.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding an example of how the bill would be applied and hiring expensive outside council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Rep. Scott** requested for a roll call. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 2 NAY and 1 absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Church, Haws. Rep. Mickelsen was absent/excused. Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 02, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33446	Open Meetings, Recording	Rep. McCann
RS 33570	Candidates for State Legislature	Rep. Raybould
H 686	Employment of Relatives	Rep. Wheeler

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 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.

Vice Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

RS 33446: **Rep. McCann** was to present **RS 33446** regarding requirements for open public meetings, but asked **Chairman Crane (13)** to hold the proposed legislation for a later date due to working with the Parole Board and the Department of Correction.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Vice Chair Scott** requested unanimous consent to remove **RS 33446** from the agenda, subject to call of the Chair. There being no objections, the request was granted.

RS 33570: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 33570**. This proposed legislation clarifies the requirement of a candidate to be physically present in a legislative district to qualify to run for the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate. Candidates must be registered electors for one year prior to the general election and physically live in the declared primary residence for at least 120 days in the year prior to the candidate filing date.

MOTION: **Rep. Bingham** made a motion to introduce **RS 33570** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 686: **Rep. Wheeler** presented **H 686**. The purpose of this legislation is to provide a narrow exception to existing restrictions on the appointment or employment of individuals related to local elected officials in cities with populations under 10,000, while preserving the intent of Idaho Code 18-1359 and to prevent favoritism and misuse of public office.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 686** to the floor.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding ways the public can bring forward concerns in regards to a hire, appoint upon a city level or interview, need to state they must interview or receive applications, authority to terminate an employee, supervisors with the ability to hire and terminate employees, and the city council assigns supervisor responsibility and disciplinary actions by a unrelated supervisor.

Lance Sayers, Association of Idaho Cities; **Donald Powell**, Mayor of the City of Saint Anthony; **Robert Berlin**, Mayor of City of Roberts; spoke in support of **H 686**.

A committee member had a question to **Lance Sayers** regarding who supervises and gives evaluations to an employee related to the Mayor or City Attorney. Another committee member had a comment that several small communities need this type of bill due to long wait times for positions to be filled if at all.

Rep. Wheeler closed by reviewing the process of hiring an employee with a family member working for the same city.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Dygert made a substitute motion to send **H 686** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chair Scott welcomed and introduced **Rep. Woller** in substitution for **Rep. Haws**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Vice Chair Scott
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 03, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33605	Material Harmful To Minors	Rep. Crane (12)
HJM 17	Obergefell, Marriage	Rep. Wisniewski
H 674	Telecom Service, Discontinuance	Rep. Vander Woude

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane (13)

Vice Chairman Scott

Rep Palmer

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Skaug

Rep Alfieri

Rep Crane (12)

Rep Boyle

Rep Dygert

Rep Mickelsen

Rep Pohanka

Rep Bingham

Rep Church

Rep Haws (Woller)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 03, 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 (Woller)

**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.

Vice Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday February 26, 2026 and Friday February 27, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33605: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 33605**. The proposed amendment recognizes that the State of Idaho has more latitude to select the content of educational materials in public schools and libraries than in private schools. In public schools and public libraries, the State of Idaho is exercising its own First Amendment Rights through its selection of curriculum and library materials.

A committee member had questions regarding new language around the phrase, "sexually explicit and taken as a whole" and who determines "as a whole" what is sexually explicit.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 33605**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJM 17: **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **HJM 17**. This memorial expresses the Idaho Legislature's commitment to restoring the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman, urging the Supreme Court to reconsider the Obergefell v. Hodges decision and return authority over marriage laws to the states and their citizens.

A committee member asked questions in regards to same sex adults in contracts through marriage, consequences of Idahoan's and their contractual benefits, state violations of privilege and immunities, and removing the word marriage from the U.S. Constitution.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 674** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to re-litigation of a Supreme Court decision, intent, balance of personal beliefs, finding ways to live together in peace, fiscal note, the Supreme Court opening prior cases, and observing licenses issued by other states. Another committee member asked about the improper decision of two justices who performed same sex marriages, and the definition of marriage to be determined by the states or by a federal decision.

Edward Clark, Idaho Family Policy Center; spoke **in support** of **HJM 17**.

Rep. Wisniewski spoke on traditional marriage and the insults to the institution of marriage.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to the Constitution recognizing certification of licenses and privileges from state to state under federal law, returning power to the states, the Pledge of Allegiance, rights of freedom, non-discrimination, and the reversals of Obergefell v. Hodges, Brown v. Board of Education, and Roe v. Wade. Other committee members made comments on the reversals of bad decisions, tainted decision from bias Justices, allowing states to make a decision on what is best for their own people, and the risks of states to acknowledge other relationships and definitions of marriage.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Vice Chair Scott** requested for a roll call. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 4 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Crane (13), Vice Chair Scott, Reps. Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Mickelsen, Bingham, Church, Woller. Rep. Wisniewski** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 674: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 674**. This legislation updates Idaho law governing the discontinuance of telephone service by clarifying when the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will recognize and rely on Federal Communications Commission authorization for service withdrawal, reducing duplicative regulatory processes. It modernizes state requirements to provide greater regulatory clarity and efficiency for providers while preserving existing protections for affected customers and communities.

Taylor Thomas, Administrator for Idaho Public Utilities Commission; **remain neutral** and has not taken a position of **H 674**.

Robert Thoms, Lumen Technologies; spoke **in opposition** of **H 674**.

A committee member asked a question in regards to building confidence and increasing investments.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 674** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Vice Chair Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Vander Woude** 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