

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Committee Organization	
RS 32835	Idaho Code of Military Justice	Rep. Hill
RS 32973	Bikes, Pedestrian Projects, Federal Funds	Rep. Green
RS 32991	Vehicle Inspections	Rep. Dygert

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2026
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
Chairman Palmer welcomed all the committee members, then had the Page, **Isabel Trinidad** introduce herself. He assigned **Reps. Pohanka and Green** as the committee proofreaders.
RS 32835: **Rep. Hill**, District 14, stated this proposed legislation amends and updates the Idaho Code of Military Justice to further enhance commanders ability to maintain good order and discipline, enhance access to constitutional protections for accused, and remove antiquated and inapplicable language.
MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32835. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 32973: **Rep. Green**, District 18, stated this proposed legislation amends **Idaho Code, Sections 40-117 and 40-207** to revise a definition and to allow bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects to move forward when federal funds or grants are received. Additionally, **Idaho Code, Section 40-605** is amended to revise a provision regarding violations. Rep. Green declared Rule 80.
MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 32973. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 32991: **Rep. Dygert**, District 23, stated this proposed legislation stipulates a vehicle will not be subject to re-inspection for 72 hours when making multiple trips along the same highway. He gave the example of when fields are being harvested, repeated vehicle inspections hold up harvest operations when the same trucks hauling harvested materials travel the same routes multiple times per day are required to stop for a vehicle inspection every time.
MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 32991. Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 26, 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
	2026 Report from the Idaho Transportation Department	Scott Stokes, Director, Idaho Transportation Department
RS 32984	Vehicle Registration Stickers	Rep. Weber
RS 32869	Parent-Student Driver's Training	Rep. Mendive
RS 32834	Transportation, Identity	Rep. Mitchell
RS 32841C1	Transportation, Funding, Fuels	Rep. Green

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Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the January 26, 2026 minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Scott Stokes, Director, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) presented the Department's annual report to the committee. He stated ITD owns and operates an integrated system of over 12,000 lane miles, over 1,850 bridges, and partners with over 100 county DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) offices to process more than 3.5 million transactions annually. ITD supports the aviation community by maintaining 32 backcountry airstrips and over 60 community airports with grant opportunities and airport planning.

Director Stokes explained ITD's revenue sources come from both federal and state. User fees, which are dedicated funds, are primarily from fuel tax and registration fees, and are always used for public highways and bridge projects, as well as most highway maintenance, operations, and salaries. Federal funds are through multi-year federal legislation, including federal fuel and excise taxes. Funds from the Governor's Leading Idaho, are General Fund dollars used for contract construction. Finally, the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation fund (TECM) is the sales tax provided to ITD, which is primarily used for the state's bonding program. Director Stokes highlighted ongoing improvements to the Department as well as several of the highway and bridge projects underway and completed.

RS 32984: **Rep. Weber**, District 34, stated this proposed legislation would remove the requirement for registration stickers to be displayed when registration is required. It clarifies a valid license plate and vehicle registration are sufficient for a vehicle to be lawfully operated on Idaho roadways.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 32984**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32869: **Rep. Mendive**, District 5, stated currently, parents in Idaho can only teach their children to drive and obtain a driver's license in rural school districts or in urban districts when no driver's training courses are offered. This proposed legislation will allow parents statewide to teach their children to drive.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 32869**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 32834:** **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this proposed legislation creates consistent identity verification of driver's licenses, registration, and titling into one system, supporting the DMV system objectives of "one person, one record."
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 32834**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 32841C1:** **Rep. Green**, District 18, stated this proposed legislation streamlines the distribution process for vehicle registration fees and fuel taxes. It updates the Highway Distribution Account distribution to treat all user fee funds the same; a 60% state and 40% local split consistent with public policy. Additionally, the local bridge inspection account will be increased from \$175,000 to \$300,000 annually in dedicated funds by a gas tax transfer. The last increase was in 2020.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32841C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32839	Motor Vehicles, Judgements	Rep. Handy
RS 33040	Vehicles, Idaho Residents	Rep. Petzke
RS 33097C1	Utah Fuel Tax	Rep. Palmer

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Harris

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

Chairman Palmer made a unanimous consent request to re-order the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 33097C1: **Speaker Moyle**, District 10, stated the purpose of this joint memorial is to express opposition of the Idaho Legislature to any proposal by the state of Utah to impose an export tax on transportation fuels sold outside of its borders. He explained this action would cause an increase in fuel costs for Idaho families, farmers, and businesses, despite Idahoans already paying fuel taxes to support Idaho's transportation system. This memorial urges continued interstate cooperation and good faith dialogue to address transportation funding and energy policy issues in a manner that preserves affordable energy prices and maintains the longstanding cooperative relationship between Idaho and Utah.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to introduce **RS 33097C1** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Speaker Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 32839: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation streamlines processes in **Idaho Code, Sections 49-1203 and Section 18-8002**. Changes include using "record" of judgment rather than "certified copies" of judgment, and changes references of seven "calendar" days to seven "business" days to request an administrative license suspension hearing. Finally, this proposed legislation clarifies if a hearing date is not requested, it will be recorded as a default judgment.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to introduce **RS 32839. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33040: **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this proposed legislation requires a person to apply for an Idaho driver's license and register vehicles within 30 days of becoming an Idaho resident.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33040. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 02, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33089	License Plates, Expiration	Rep. Veile
RS 33080	Idaho Consumer Asset Recovery Fund	Rep. Palmer
DOCKET NO. 39-0260-2501	Rules Governing License Plate Provisions (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department
39-0349-2501	Rules Governing Ignition Interlock Devices (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Brendan Floyd

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Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 02, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane(12), Hill

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26 and 28, 2026 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33089: **Rep. Veile**, District 35, stated this proposed legislation would eliminate the requirement to replace license plates every 10 years, and no longer have a required replacement period as long as the plate remains readable and legible.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33089**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Mitchell**.

RS 33080: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this proposed legislation clarifies in the Idaho Consumer Asset Recovery Fund (ICAR), a person must be an Idaho resident, or a resident at the time of a vehicle purchase, in order to file a claim for loss or damages in connection with the purchase of a vehicle, by reason of any fraud in the transaction.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33080**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
39-0260-2501:** **Brendan Floyd**, Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), stated changes to this Docket include; removing several definitions that weren't used elsewhere in the Rule, replacing the term "proof of registration" with the more current "plate on order document" term, the Dealer and Manufacturer Plate Section was edited to be less prescriptive, and they better clarified the mechanism for determining when a special plate program may be subject to cancellation.

In response to a question about removal of language related to plates, **Mr. Floyd** stated the same language is found in statute so is redundant and not needed in Rule.

Discussion on the Docket was held. Committee members expressed concern regarding removal of the entire Section 012.03, found on page 6. The concern was focused on removal of language regarding using the manual system for registration transactions when the automated system was not available. Many felt without this language in Rule, local offices would turn people away if the automated system was down, rather than complete the business transaction using the manual system.

DOCKET NO. 39-0349-2501: **Brendan Floyd**, stated changes to this Docket were relatively minor clean up changes, with the only significant change being removal of the "ethanol" reference in the definition of Breath Alcohol Concentration. The reason for removal of "ethanol" is because Idaho State Patrol informed ITD there is no device on the market that specifically measures ethanol as distinguishable from methanol and isopropanol.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0260-2501**, with the exception of **Section 012.03. Issuance of Manually Completed Temporary Registrations When Automated System is Unavailable**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0349-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 04, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 533	Vehicle Registration Stickers	Rep. Weber
H 500	Electric-assisted Bicycles	Rep. Mathias
H 553	Vehicles, Idaho Resident	Rep. Petzke
H 552	Motor Vehicles, Judgments	Rep. Handy

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane(12)

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

H 533: **Rep. Weber**, District 34, stated this legislation removes the requirement for vehicles to display a registration sticker when registration is required. It clarifies a valid license plate and vehicle registration are sufficient for a vehicle to be lawfully operated on Idaho roadways. He remarked, eliminating the sticker will save the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) approximately \$300,000 annually. Those savings stay with ITD and can be moved to other programs.

MOTION: **Rep. Handy** made a motion to send **H 533** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Weber** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 500: **Rep. Mathias**, District 19, stated this legislation is designed to promote safety on Idaho roads and close several loopholes in statute. He told the story from March of 2024, when a teenager was riding his electric bicycle (e-bike) in a bicycle lane on a one-way street in Boise and was hit by a car when the driver made a right turn into an alley. The driver was cited for violating **Idaho Code, Section 49-615**, which requires motor vehicle drivers to exercise due care to avoid colliding with bicyclists. The driver contested the citation, and won in court because the judge ruled e-bikes do not meet the definition of bicycle under the law because it is not human powered. **Rep. Mathias** remarked, this legislation updates the 1988 bicycle definition to include electric bicycles, it also clarifies riders are required to exercise due care when operating an e-bike, and finally, it clarifies riders of e-bikes are also prohibited from allowing additional riders when there is not a seat available for them.

In response to committee questions regarding motobikes, scooters, and other non-human powered vehicles, **Rep. Mathias** stated those are an entirely different issue, and **H 500** is just the start of addressing the operations and safety of the many new non-human powered vehicles.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to send **H 500** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Daniel Murphy, Boise, representing himself, stated he is **in support** of **H 500** because he wants to have a safe environment for bike riders and those around them.

Sean Norton, Boise, representing himself, stated he is **in support** of **H 500** because he is the teenager who **Rep. Mathias** referenced in his bill introduction. He remarked, he never expected at the time of the incident, it would take him on a longer journey to try and protect others from having the same thing happen to them because of an outdated definition written in 1988. Mr. Norton stated he wants kids and families to be safe when they ride their bikes to school and in their neighborhoods or cities and be protected under the law.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Palmer called for a vote on the motion to send **H 500** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 553:

Rep. Petzke, District 21, stated this legislation closes a loophole by changing the definition of when a person becomes a resident in Idaho. Currently, there is no timeframe in statute; this legislation will require a person to apply for an Idaho driver's license and register vehicles within 30 days of becoming an Idaho resident.

In response to committee questions regarding fines for non-compliance, **Rep. Petzke** stated there is a \$75.00 fine for a person who fails to obtain an Idaho driver's license, but currently, there is no fine for failure to register a vehicle within 30 days.

The committee discussed with concern the removal of the words "for purposes of vehicle registration" in the definition of resident found on page 2, line 7. The committee was concerned without those words, as found in other statutes defining resident, there could be confusion and lack of consistency throughout statute. **Rep. Petzke** stated this concern could easily be fixed.

MOTION:

Rep. Mickelsen made a motion to send **H 553** to General Orders.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Shepherd made a motion to **HOLD H 553** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 552:

Rep. Handy, District 27, stated this legislation changes the phrase "certified copies" to "record" of judgment. It also changes seven calendar days to seven business days for an individual to request an administrative license suspension hearing, and clarifies if a hearing is not requested, it will be recorded as a default judgment.

MOTION:

Rep. Petzke made a motion to send **H 552** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:14pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33212	Parent-Student Driver's Training	Rep. Mendive
RS 33221	Vehicle Registration, Electronic	Rep. Palmer
H 576	Consumer Asset Recovery Fund	Rep. Palmer
H 577	License Plates, Expiration	Rep. Veile

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane(12), Petzke

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33212: **Rep. Mendive**, District 7, stated this proposed legislation will allow parents statewide to teach their children to drive. It also fixes an issue regarding costs associated with the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA), which was brought to his attention after introducing **RS 32869**. As a result, IDLA was removed from the legislation as a recommended source and is now included as one of several state-approved online driver's training courses available to complete the required 30 hour classroom training.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 33212**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Mitchell**.

RS 33221: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this proposed legislation will provide an option for an electronic format of a vehicle registration to be used in place of a paper card.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33221**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 576: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation clarifies in the Idaho Consumer Asset Recovery Fund a person must be an Idaho resident, or a resident at the time of a vehicle purchase, in order to file a claim for loss or damages in connection with the purchase of a vehicle, by reason of any fraud in the transaction.

Vice Chair Mitchell requested the record reflect none of the individuals signed up came forward to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to send **H 576** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chair Mitchell turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer**.

H 577: **Rep. Veile**, District 35, stated this legislation eliminates the requirement to replace license plates every 10 years as long as the plates are readable.

In response to a committee question regarding who determines when a license plate is unreadable, **Rep. Veile** stated it is addressed in **Idaho Code, Section 49-428(2)**. The statute reads in part, "maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible." He indicated he spoke with a representative from the Idaho State Police and they confirmed this has been the standard in place and is the statute they reference.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 577** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Veile** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 12, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 33220</u>	Agriculture License Plates	Rep. Raymond
<u>RS 33288</u>	Speed Limits, Large Vehicles	Rep. Pickett
<u>RS 33279</u>	Appaloosa License Plates	Rep. McCann
<u>RS 33244</u>	Vehicles, Idaho Resident	Rep. Petzke
<u>RS 33285</u>	Non-Domiciled CDL Program, Repeal	Rep. Handy
<u>RS 33361</u>	Rules, Idaho Transportation Department	Rep. Mitchell

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Boyle, Green

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

RS 33220: **Rep. Raymond**, District 31, stated this proposed legislation will move the design responsibilities for the Idaho Agriculture license plates from the Food Producers of Idaho to the Idaho Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33220. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33288: **Rep. Pickett**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation is about road safety. He explained differential speed limits, most often in the form of forcing heavy trucks to travel slower than passenger cars, increases traffic turbulence, which leads to higher crash risks due to, for example, tailgating or road rage. He remarked, when variances in speed occur at excessive speeds, such as on interstate highways, the severity of crashes increases dramatically, therefore, traveling at the same speeds would result in less incidents and accidents.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 33288. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33279: **Rep. McCann**, District 6, stated this proposed legislation revises provisions regarding the Appaloosa Horse license plate. First, all fees collected for the Appaloosa Horse license plate will no longer go directly to the Appaloosa Horse Club because they moved out of state. Fees will now go directly to the Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center Foundation. Second, the purpose of the funding will now be for funding education and programming related to any horse in the state of Idaho. And finally, this proposed legislation allows vehicles with a registered maximum gross weight up to 26,000 pounds to also be able to purchase this plate. This accommodates the larger pickups and trailers hauling horses weighing more than the current limit of 16,000 pounds.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to introduce **RS 33279. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33244: **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this proposed legislation fixes an issue discovered in **H 553** during the hearing before the committee on February 4, 2026. The issue concerned words removed from the definition of "resident" found on page 2, line 7. **RS 33244** reinstates the words "for the purposes of vehicle registration."

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33244. Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 33285:** **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation will protect the state of Idaho from issuing commercial driver's licenses (CDL) to individuals coming from foreign countries or other states with learner's permits. CDL's will only be issued to those who complete the entire CDL process in Idaho.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33285**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33361:** **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this House Resolution states the Transportation and Defense committee has completed its work on the Idaho Transportation Department's Administrative Rules.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 33361** and recommend it be sent directly 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 1:50pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 16, 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 33209	Transportation, Apportionment	Rep. Green
RS 33409	Vehicle Registration, Late Fees	Rep. Mickelsen
H 532	Transportation, Identity	Rep. Mitchell
H 629	Vehicle Registration, Electronic	Rep. Palmer

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 16, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4 and 10, 2026 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33209: **Rep. Green**, District 18, stated this proposed legislation addresses two issues. First, it is clean up for the Highway Distribution Account (HDA). It streamlines the distribution process for vehicle registration fees and fuel taxes and it updates the HDA distribution to treat all user fee funds the same; a 60% state and 40% local split consistent with current policy. It also removes the Idaho State Police (ISP) from the HDA because over a five-year period, ISP phased out from receiving funds from the HDA to now receiving funds from the General Fund. Secondly, this proposed legislation ensures bridge safety by increasing the funding for local bridge inspections from \$175,000 to \$300,000 for FY2027.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33209**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33409: **Rep. Mickelsen**, District 32, stated this proposed legislation adds a late fee of \$75.00 when individuals fail to register their vehicles within 30 days of moving to Idaho.

In response to a committee question regarding if it is possible to collect back fees, **Rep. Mickelsen** responded it is allowed to collect back registration fees, but an individual can only be assessed one late fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 33409**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 532: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this legislation promotes consistent identity validation requirements by combining driver's licenses, registration, and titling into one system, supporting the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) system's objective of "one person, one record." This simplifies the application process as DMV services and county offices offer combined functions of driver identity and vehicle services. He commented, for new customers to DMV, this helps to confirm who they say they are as well as utilizing enhanced efficiency of the "one person, one record" approach to strengthen identity verification that meet the driver's license and ID standards for all transactions.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 532** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Mitchell**.

H 629:

Rep. Palmer, District 20, stated this legislation will allow an electronic format of a vehicle registration to be used in place of a paper card.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Palmer** stated if you take a picture of the registration on your phone and are out of cell phone range, you will always have that picture available. Also, it's the individual's choice whether to carry the paper registration in the vehicle, or use the new digital version, or both; it is not an "either or" situation.

Captain Ray Talbot, Idaho Sheriff's Association, spoke **in opposition to H 629**. He stated, while technology can improve conveniences for motorists, officer safety must remain the highest priority. During a traffic stop, minimizing movement inside the vehicle is critical and asking a driver to retrieve a phone from their body introduces unnecessary risk to officer safety, especially in low light or high stress situations. Additionally, a paper registration requires a signature verifying the driver has insurance, so a digital version of registration would not provide that proof.

Committee members expressed concern regarding **Captain Talbot's** testimony and answers to questions because drivers would already reach for their wallets, either out of their pockets or from a purse or console, to present their driver's license to the officer. Additionally, the driver can already present their phone to show proof of insurance. There was also concern a law enforcement officer would approach a vehicle before running the license plate, which would provide information regarding the driver and vehicle ahead of contact with the driver.

Rep. Palmer stood and closed. He stated he has the utmost respect for law enforcement, but had to disagree with most of what **Captain Talbot** presented. He believes most officers would run the license plate before approaching a vehicle so would have most of the information ahead of talking to the driver. He also believed most drivers, like him, would tell the officer what they were reaching for to alleviate any concern from the officer.

Rep. Green declared Rule 80, stating her husband is a law enforcement officer.

Several committee members voiced their concern with **H 629** from being uncomfortable with an officer taking possession of the driver's phone to why is this change necessary.

MOTION:

Rep. Hill made a motion to send **H 629** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 18, 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 663	Agriculture License Plates	Rep. Raymond
H 628	Parent-Student Driver's Training	Rep. Mendive
H 665	Appaloosa License Plates	Rep. McCann

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Green

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

H 663: **Rep. Raymond**, District 31, stated this legislation moves the long overdue redesign responsibilities for the agriculture license plate from the Food Producers of Idaho to the Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors. He stated, 75% of the money from the agriculture license plate goes to the Ag in the Classroom program. He also expressed how important this program is for children to know where their food comes from. The Food Producers of Idaho support this change.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 663** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Cassidy Plum, State Director, Ag in the Classroom, spoke **in support** of **H 663**. She stressed how important the Ag in the Classroom program is to children and said they have a designer from Idaho who will lead a competition for children to design the new agriculture license plate.

Samantha Parrott, Executive Director, Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association, spoke **in support** of **H 663**. She stated the Ag in the Classroom is a wonderful program and highlighted the school curriculums they have put in place and new ones under development.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 663** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 628: **Rep. Mendive**, District 5, stated this legislation is the culmination of many attempts, since 2020, to bring this issue to the finish line. In 2025, **H 99** became law, allowing parents the option to teach their children how to drive, as long as they live in a rural school district or in a school district that does not offer a driver's training course. **H 628** broadens it allowing parents to teach their children how to drive statewide. Additionally, the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA) was removed from the legislation as a recommended source and is now included as one of several state-approved online driver's training courses available to complete the required 30 hour classroom training.

Robert Scoville, representing himself, spoke **in opposition** to **H 628**. He was of the belief safety of the children and other drivers would be at risk if this bill passes. He believed if parents are forced to teach their children the fundamentals of driving, that it would not go well, rather, it is critical having a trained driver's instructor. He believed the death rates on the roads would increase if this bill is allowed to become law.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 628** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members expressed concern over **Mr. Scoville's** comments suggesting parents would not be good teachers for their children. When asked for accident and/or fatality statistics, Mr. Scoville provided statistics from the years prior to **H 99** passing in 2025. Committee members spoke about their personal experiences teaching their children to drive and how important it was for them to emphasis safety to their children.

Rep. Mendive stood and closed. He emphasized, nobody is forcing parents to teach their children to drive. **H 628** provides the option statewide for parents to teach their children if they choose to.

Committee members continued the discussion about safety and statistics. A committee member expressed concern allowing parents to teach their children in busy urban areas because children tend to not listen well to their parents, so might be better off with a third party instructor. Another committee member countered the concerns by pointing out in 2024, 74% of the fatal accidents happened in rural areas where there are less people and cars compared to urban areas.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 628** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.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 665	Appaloosa License Plates	Rep. McCann
H 666	Vehicles, Idaho Resident	Rep. Petzke
H 716	Transportation, Apportionment	Rep. Green

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Palmer, Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Veile, Green

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Chairman Mitchell had the committee's new Page, **Colin Chou**, introduce himself.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 665: **Rep. McCann**, District 6, stated this legislation revises provisions regarding the Appaloosa Horse license plate. First, all fees collected for the Appaloosa Horse license plate will no longer go directly to the Appaloosa Horse Club because they moved out of state. Fees will now go directly to the Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center Foundation. Second, the purpose of the funding will now be for funding education and programming related to any horse in the state of Idaho. And, finally, to accommodate larger pickup trucks and trailers hauling horses, this legislation allows vehicles, with a registered maximum gross weight up to 26,000 pounds (up from the current 16,000 pounds), the ability to also purchase this license plate.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 665** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 666: **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this legislation requires a person to apply for an Idaho driver's license and register their vehicles within 30 days of becoming an Idaho resident. He remarked, **H 666** also corrected the definition of "resident."

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 666** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mitchell** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD H 716** until the next committee meeting, February 26, 2026, due to the absence of the bill sponsor. There being no objection, the request was granted.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:39pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 26, 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 664	Speed Limits, Large Vehicles	Rep. Pickett
H 667	Nondomiciled CDL Program, Repeal	Rep. Handy
H 717	Vehicle Registration, Fees	Rep. Mickelsen
H 716	Transportation, Apportionment	Rep. Green

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 18, and 24, 2026 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 664: **Rep. Pickett**, District 27, stated this legislation is about road safety. He explained differential speed limits, most often in the form of forcing heavy trucks to travel slower than passenger cars, increases traffic turbulence, which leads to higher crash risks due to, for example, tailgating or road rage. When variances in speed occur at excessive speeds, such as on interstate highways, the severity of crashes increases dramatically, therefore, traveling at the same speeds would result in less incidents and accidents.

In response to committee questions regarding if trucks would then travel the posted speed limit of 80 mph, including triples, **Rep. Pickett** stated, yes they could, but clarified it doesn't mean trucks must go 80 mph. He explained, many trucking companies put speed governors on their fleet, and those drivers should know the capability of what their trucks can do regarding speed limits.

MOTION: **Rep. Veile** made a motion to send **H 664** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Bryce Morgan, Vice President, Idaho Trucking Association (ITA); **Dan Taylor**, ITA; and **Harry Packwood**, ITA all spoke about safety concerns with **H 664**. They were of the opinion **H 664** creates safety issues because trucks traveling at 80 mph are not engineered for high speeds, rather they are designed for heavy weights. Truck weights need to be taken into account for what distance is necessary to bring a large heavy truck to a stop at any given speed. Additionally, truck tires are rated at 75 mph, so traveling faster will cause more tire wear and blowouts. They were concerned higher speeds will create more catastrophic accidents. It was also mentioned most trucking companies will not adjust the speed governors on their fleets, so **H 664** will do nothing to address the differential speeds.

Committee members were concerned about written testimony submitted by the Chairman of ITA, **Evan Oneto**, stating the position of ITA was neutral on **H 664** (See Attachment 1). The concern and discussion among many committee members revolved around the three ITA members who testified before the committee in a negative manner on **H 664**, which appeared to be in direct conflict with ITA Chairman Oneto.

Dexton Lake, Idaho Farm Bureau (IFB), spoke **in support** of **H 664** because it is not setting a minimum speed, which they would have issues with, but rather it is creating options. He stated, it is fine if trucks cannot drive the speed limit; for example, in the agriculture industry what slows them down is the weight, and there is nothing wrong with driving slower.

Rep. Pickett stood and closed. He stated the purpose of this legislation is to limit interactions that result in accidents as a result of differential speeds on highways.

Committee members continued discussion. Several expressed concern this would open the door to trucks driving at higher rates of speed because not all trucks have speed governors. Higher rates of speed with fully loaded trucks might result in more catastrophic crashes. Other committee members commented, nothing is forcing the removal of speed governors and nothing in this legislation is requiring trucks to travel at high rates of speed. **H 664** is simply trying to stop congestion and interactions on the highways by allowing trucks to travel faster in order to pass slower trucks. Another member noted, statistics show states with differential speeds have higher accident rates.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Palmer called for a vote on the motion. A roll call vote was requested by **Rep. Boyle**. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 6 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Palmer, Reps. Mitchell, Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane (12), Hill, Petzke, Harris, and Veile. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Handy, Boyle, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Gannon, and Green. Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 667:

Rep. Handy, District 27, stated this legislation removes the statutory requirement for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue commercial driver's licenses (CDL) to individuals who are not Idaho residents or are from foreign countries. He explained, this will not impact CDL drivers from Mexico and Canada because these countries already have reciprocal agreements. Additionally, there is already a federal exemption in place for farm vehicles to operate within 150 mile radius of the farm.

MOTION:

Rep. Mickelsen made a motion to send **H 667** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 717:

Rep. Mickelsen, District 32, stated this legislation will require new Idaho residents to register their vehicles within 30 days of becoming a resident, or within 30 days of the expiration of an existing registration. If a new resident fails to register their vehicle within 30 days, or anyone fails to register their vehicle within 30 days of expiration, it shall result in a \$75.00 fee. This fee will be deposited into the State Highway Account (SHA). She explained, this is the same fee structure in place for obtaining a driver's license and encourages people to contribute to the SHA, which pays for road maintenance.

The committee had questions regarding vehicles not being used, and not being registered, and would the owner be fined if they want to eventually register the vehicle. **Rep. Mickelsen** explained, there is form they can complete through DMV identifying vehicles not in use, then at such time the owner wants to register that vehicle, they would pay the registration fee, but would not be fined.

Sara Westbrook, Idaho Association of Cities, spoke **in support** of **H 717**, but requested the bill be sent to General Orders. She explained, after discussion with **Rep. Mickelsen**, and gaining her support, this would change the account where the \$75.00 fees would be deposited. Rather than all of it going to the SHA, the funds would go to the Highway Distribution Account (HDA), where there is a 60%-40% split to allow funds to go to state and local highway districts.

MOTION: **Rep. Veile** made a motion to send **H 717** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mickelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 716: **Rep. Green**, District 18, stated this legislation addresses two issues. First, it is clean up for the HDA by streamlining the distribution process for vehicle registration fees and fuel taxes. It updates the HDA distribution to treat all user fee funds the same with a 60% state and 40% local split consistent with current policy. She explained, in 2019, legislation passed to shift the Idaho State Police (ISP) funding away from the HDA and replace it with money from the General Fund. This transition took place over a five-year period. Because ISP is now removed, there is no longer a need to track items separately. Secondly, **H 716** increases the local bridge inspection account from \$175,000 to \$300,000 in dedicated funds by a gas tax transfer to keep the fund solvent from FY27 and beyond. This is due to the increasing costs of inspections and the increased number of inspections over time.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 716** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Green** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:49pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

Mr. Chair & Members of the Committee –

My name is Evan Oneto, I serve as the Chair of the Idaho Trucking Association (ITA). I also serve as the Government Affairs Representative for FedEx Corporation in the Western US, where we operate the largest less-than-truckload operation and the second largest private parcel delivery operation in the United States. It is in both of those capacities that I submit written testimony on House Bill 664, where both of the organizations I represent are neutral on the bill, but felt compelled to provide some testimony to help inform the committee's understanding of the relevant issues to consider as they evaluate this legislation.

The desire to bring trucking speed limits into conformity with passenger vehicles ones is an understandable one, especially if the goal is to help reduce congestion, particularly if the goal is to improve the congestion that stems from slow moving trucks in the left-hand lane.

However, I'm here to explain how this bill will do little to nothing to solve that problem, if that is indeed the goal of the bill. Many large interstate carriers have speed limit policies for their drivers and many even have speed governors installed on their trucks to physically limit the truck's capacity to go above the set speed. And many of those companies have a set speed well below 80 mph – often they are set at 65 or 70 mph. The primary reason for this limit is often two-fold: one is fuel economy, but the most compelling one is safety.

For example, FedEx, UPS, and many other large carriers haul triple trailer configurations throughout much of the Western states including Idaho. And to travel at such high speeds can compound the effect of the third trailer drifting or "fishtailing" into nearby lanes, especially when wind is a factor or if there is a significant weight disparity between trailers. Drivers of triple trailer configurations are often subject to extensive training by carriers and under strict safety guidelines that dictate how they handle their load, including their set speed. Therefore, a change in speed limit is simply not going to compel such carriers to drive faster than the speed they deem to be safe.

If the goal is to reduce congestion caused by undue usage of the left-hand lane by trucks, we suggest considering legislation that would bring Idaho into conformity with many neighboring states that dictates trucks can only use the left-hand lane for the purpose and time required to pass another vehicle and once having done so, must return to the right-hand lane as soon as is safe to do so. That is a standard that is well-understood by truck drivers and provides a clear and easy to enforce standard for law enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this bill. If you have any further questions that we can assist with, please contact ITA CEO Allen Hodges.

Sincerely, Evan Oneto

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 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
H 742	Vehicle Liens, Encumbrances	Rep. Mitchell
H 508	Transportation, Road Maintenance	Rep. Green
H 507	Idaho Code of Military Justice	Rep. Hill

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd	Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12)	Rep Mickelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill (Brown), Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

H 742: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this legislation updates Idaho's vehicle titling statutes to modernize title processing and improve efficiency in lien administration. He explained, it authorizes the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to accept and treat electronically submitted documents as equivalent to original paper documents. It also clarifies procedures for lien cancellation and discharge, including requirements for lienholders holding electronic titles to transmit electronic transactions to issue a clear paper title. Finally, it expedites the timeline to ten business days for Idaho licensed vehicle dealers to receive lien releases upon payment with verified funds.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to send **H 742** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Palmer** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD H 508** at the call of the chair. He explained, the bill sponsor asked to hold the bill to take care of some last minute issues. There being no objections, the request was granted.

H 507: **Rep. Brown**, District 14, stated this legislation seeks to amend and update the Idaho Code of Military Justice (ICMJ) to further enhance a commander's ability to maintain good order and discipline, enhance access to constitutional protections for the accused, and remove antiquated and inapplicable language. He explained, the ICMJ currently contains various provisions incompatible with the Idaho National Guard when operating in a Title 32 active duty status, therefore, hindering its ability to properly administer military justice. To remedy these issues, **H 507** will promote consistency in the application of military justice and empower subordinate commanders to conduct military justice to include non-judicial punishment (NJP) by removing legal barriers, which will improve good order and discipline at the lowest level.

Lt. Col. Lauren Tschampl, General Counsel, Idaho National Guard and Idaho Military Division, further clarified the changes addressed in **H 507**. She explained, there are some administrative clean up changes, as well as two important changes. Good order and discipline are the bedrock of military readiness, and the tool for handling minor misconduct is NJP. NJP is meant to be swift and handled at the lowest level, however, the current ICMJ has two unintended roadblocks undermining this process. First, the authority to impose a reduction in rank, the most meaningful tool in NJP, is unavailable to most lower level commanders in Idaho because promotion authority is tied to reduction in rank, so is only available to the highest level commanders. This forces low level disciplinary issues, like tardiness, to be elevated to the highest level commanders, which removes them as a layer of appellate review. **H 507** corrects this problem by untying reduction in rank authority from promotion authority. Secondly, current statute allows any service member the choice to refuse NJP and demand a full blown court martial, meaning a minor tardiness infraction, for example, can be escalated into a formal trial, a mismatch of due process in the National Guard. **H 507** will limit the right to refuse NJP. This is also practiced in 32 other states. She concluded by stating any service members facing serious punishment would still have the right to a trial.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to send **H 507** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Friday, March 06, 2026

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

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 825	License Plates, America250	Rep. Ehlers

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw Rep Petzke
Rep Monks Rep Boyle
Rep Shepherd Rep Harris
Rep Crane (12) Rep Mickelsen (Athay)

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 06, 2026

TIME: Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen (Athay), Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Palmer, Representative(s) Crane(12), Harris, Green

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:57pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 and March 2, 2026 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 825: **Rep. Ehlers**, District 21, stated currently, the Idaho Heritage Trust (IHT) receives .50 cents per plate for every license plate using the standard red, white, and blue design. This legislation would remove the .50 cents fee from each plate and create a new America250 specialty license plate. Like other specialty license plates supporting outside organizations, a portion of the America250 specialty license plate fee will go to the IHT, and approximately \$430,000 per year of dedicated funds previously going to the IHT will go into the Highway Distribution Account. The Idaho Transportation Department will absorb the costs to implement the new license plate, which will be less than \$5,000.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 825** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	State of the Gunfighters	Col. D. Ray Gunter, 366th Fighter Wing Commander
	EXECUTIVE SESSION:	
	Introduction to Gunfighter Intelligence	Maj. Jonathan Moreno, Senior Intelligence Officer
	Unclassified Intelligence Update	Capt. Juanita Garcia, Intelligence Flight Commander

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Handy
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Hill
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Petzke
Rep Monks	Rep Boyle
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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Harris, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Veile, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Green

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2026 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Colonel Ray Gunther, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB), presented the State of the Gunfighters address to the committee. The mission statement for the 366th Fighter Wing is "to provide mission-ready Gunfighters to conduct operations anytime, anywhere." He declared, the Gunfighters are at the heart of global operations and cultivate a warrior mindset, which thrives under pressure and adapts to uncertainty. Every Gunfighter has a role to ensure the U.S. Air Force remains the world's most capable, most lethal, and most respected fighting force.

Col. Gunther explained, the 366th is a dynamic Fighter Wing equipped with F-15E and F-15SG fighter aircraft, with 4,200 military and civilian members supporting 18 squadrons. The 366th Fighter Wing operates, maintains, and develops the Mountain Home Range Complex, which is 9,016 square miles, and associated airspace, used for air-to-ground training, no-drop target exercises, and electronic combat site training. Col. Gunther concluded his presentation with a summary of ongoing projects at MHAFB and ongoing partnerships within the community of Mountain Home.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion for the committee to dissolve into an executive session for the purpose of hearing an unclassified briefing given by Intelligence Experts from MHAFB. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Captain Juanita Garcia, Intelligence Flight Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, MHAFB, presented an unclassified intelligence briefing to the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to reconvene the public meeting. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary