

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 09, 2024

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

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30791	Preborn Children	Rep. Young

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane (13)
Vice Chairman Young
Rep Palmer
Rep Barbieri
Rep Holtzclaw
Rep Scott
Rep Andrus

Rep Skaug
Rep Alfieri
Rep Allgood
Rep Crane (12)
Rep Gannon
Rep Nash

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 09, 2024
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash
**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 10:00 AM.
Chairman Crane (13) welcomed the Committee members and introduced the page, **LaRell Chandler** and secretary, **Kennedy Jones**.
Chairman Crane (13) assigned proofreaders for the committee **Reps. Crane (12) and Nash**.
RS 30791: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 30791** explaining it replaces the term fetus with the term preborn child causing no legal definition changes, only the replacement of one term with another.
MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30791**. **Motion carried by voice vote**.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30874	Harmful materials, libraries	Rep. Crane (12)

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PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Gannon
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 30874: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 30874** explaining this legislation had been brought to this committee in 2023 as **H 314** which passed the House and Senate and was then vetoed. This version includes changes on page three, subsections b and c which add a period of 30 days for harmful material to be moved to an adults only section of the library, and reduces the fine for failure to do so to \$250.
MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30874. Motion carried by voice vote.**
MOTION: **Rep. Nash** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 11, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30864	Sectarian Appropriations	Rep. Price

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TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash

**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 30864: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 30864** explaining this Joint Resolution repeals Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Idaho which prohibits sectarian appropriations. She further explained there are recent court rulings that nullify this prohibition.

In response to committee questions **Rep. Price** explained there are two US Supreme Court Rulings which nullify this prohibition, as was explained to her and **Senator Lenney** the Co-sponsor of this Resolution, by the Idaho Attorney General. She explained this would prevent refusal of funding of private schools on a religious basis where money has been allocated to other non-religious private schools, giving the example of scholarship and grant funding.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30864. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

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Secretary

AGENDA
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9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 15, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30924	State admin facilities, sale	Rep. Raybould
RS 30923	Electioneering messages, gov docs	Rep. Scott
H 384	Harmful materials, libraries	Rep. Crane (12)

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PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Allgood

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

RS 30924: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 30924** explaining this legislation repeals section 67-5709a of Idaho Code which provides a separate process for a sale of state administrative facilities that have been placed in the control of the state of Idaho. This legislation removes this separate modified process from code and places the sale of all state facilities under the listed rules in Title 58 Chapter 3 of Idaho Code. In response to committee questions, Rep. Raybould clarified this legislation makes the process the same for the sale of all state facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30924**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30823: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30823** explaining this legislation further defines electioneering messages. She stated current tax documents are advertising for non-profits, and this legislation adds 'programs' to the definition of electioneering messages.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30823**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 384: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 384** explaining in 2023 **H 314** passed this committee, The House and Senate Floors, and was then vetoed. This bill features two crucial changes from that bill. The first change is to prevent frivolous lawsuits. On page 3 line 6 subpoints b and c there is now a 30 day written relocation form. He stated some have this process in place, but not every library, and this would codify this process. If a library disagrees, the parent can then either accept the decision, or can file a civil cause of action. The legislation states the maximum statutory damages awarded in this case are no larger than \$250. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) clarified this legislation does not address additional attorney's fees that could be awarded in the case of a lawsuit. There is also nothing in the bill that specifies the formatting of the 30-day relocation form. He further affirmed this legislation does not affect things like encyclopedias by incorporating the Miller Test prongs 1, 2, and 3. He emphasized the word 'banning' is not present in this bill, it is a relocation bill. It deals with materials in the library, not any people in the library.

Mary Ruch and **Mary Ruckh** testified in opposition to **H 384** stating this is not a library problem it is a parent problem. Books should not be in a separate room and taken away from other students. They expect and trust parents to exercise control over what students read. In response to committee questions, Ms. Ruckh voiced her concern with cause of civil action being included in this legislation stating there are already processes in place to solve this problem.

Isabella Burgess argued in opposition to H 384 explaining the library often hires minors at age 16 and 17 and this legislation would legally bar them from handling material, placing additional burden on adult staff. She also voiced concern with the inclusion of the term 'homosexual' in the description of harmful materials stating the library should provide books for all types of communities. In response to committee questions, she mentioned the Meridian library has a process in place to address this problem, and the library board is elected. When asked about minors who are unable to serve alcohol while working in restaurants, she explained she can't speak to that experience, but the largest section in the library is the adult section which would burden adult staff.

Justin Prescott testified in opposition to H 384 stating books on controversial subjects allow for learning and discussion, and this bill would limit youth access to quality knowledge and information and would set a precedent for further limitations on peoples ability to choose.

Jackie Davidson and **Rachel Ottoson** testified in support of H 384 citing a handful of books checked out from the Cole and Ustick public library which include obscene sexual activities, violence, and profanity, including the novel '*Red Hood*', and stating children are being harmed by books including pedophilia and bestiality.

Robert Wright, Director Idaho Falls Public Library, testified in opposition to H 384 describing the practical implementation of this bill is expensive and problematic as many libraries do not have a separate adult section. For his library to separate the adult section they would have to lock the ADA elevator and pay staff to check patrons ages before entering. In response to committee questions, Mr. Wright explained they have a policy in place which requires each child to come into the library with a parent before they can access certain materials. He also specified 'graphic sexual content' cannot be defined in black and white terms as harmful, as it can also be a tool for victims of abuse.

Heidi Robbins testified in opposition to H 384 highlighting that all students should be able to find a book that represents their community and this bill targets the LGBTQ community. She explained this legislation may cause librarians to not put out books with LGBTQ characters for fear of consequence. In response to committee questions, Ms. Robbins explained there is censorship when things are restricted, and as a school library they do not have an adult section.

Kelly Reed-Heuer testified in opposition to H 384 by citing multiple court cases outlining parents are the best protectors of children and have the natural right to decide what is best for their kids.

Shane Reichert, General Council for the Idaho Education Association, testified in opposition to H 384 explaining the overtly broad restrictions leave room for future lawsuits. He further stressed a worry about the \$250 amount not including other damages people may include in a lawsuit.

Zachary Borman, West Ada Education Association, and **Paige Beach** testified in opposition to H 384 emphasizing maturity is something parents must build in their kids over time, and accessible and understandable systems are already in place for book reconsiderations. Mr. Borman further explained elected board trustees and hired employees evaluate these reconsiderations and determine community standards, as well as recommend tools that allow patrons to filter out things they don't wish to read. In response to committee questions, Ms. Beach reported a \$250 would hurt a library's budget, and in her 8 years in a library she has not had a patron request reconsideration for a book that was not already in the adult section.

Brian Almon, Karen Jensen, Jennifer Homes, Marianna Cochran, and Heidi Smith testified in support of **H 384** highlighting graphic novels with vulgar imagery and books with sexual descriptions pervert the minds of children and damage the development of their prefrontal cortex, making them more susceptible to human trafficking. Ms. Homes asked a book with two men kissing on the cover be moved from display at her local library and when told no, stopped going to the library all together. Ms. Smith compared books of this kind to the distribution of tobacco or alcohol to minors. In response to committee questions, Ms. Cochran explained both library board incumbents lost their seats in the last election, however the new board members are unable to change policy due to opposition within the library.

Nina Beasley testified in support of **H 384** citing research in which places where these books are available rape, murder, and molestation goes up. She continued saying taxpayer money should not be used to fund the distribution of these books.

Heather Stout testified in opposition to **H 384** declaring relocation is a form of banning because it is restricting access.

Rep. Crane (12) stated in closing, this legislation offers a fair process to all parties involved. A national legal council group has read the bill and says it is something to be proud of. In response to additional committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) explained this does not alter existing policies libraries have in place, only adds the 30 day relocation period.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 384** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 384** in Committee until tomorrow to collect further testimony.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 10 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Gannon and Coberly. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, and Crane (12).**

In opposition to the original motion, **Rep. Gannon** explained the broad language leaves it ripe for legal disputes and these issues should instead be addressed at the local level through the library boards.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Original Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, and Crane (12). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Gannon and Coberly. 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 10:56 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30909	Mask mandates, prohibition	Rep. Gallagher
RS 30945	Preborn children	Rep. Young

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Holtzclaw

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

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10th, 2024 and January 11th, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30909: **Rep. Gallagher** presented **RS 30909** explaining this proposed legislation prohibits state entities or public subdivisions from mandating masks.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30909**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30945: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 30945** explaining the previous version of this proposed legislation was drafted with the expectation the definition fetus was consistent throughout state statute. However, there is a discrepancy in code which uses the terms 'fetus' as well as 'fetus and embryo' to describe the same developmental span. This proposed legislation includes both 'fetus' and 'fetus and embryo' as terms to be replaced with the term 'preborn child.' In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified this proposed legislation is policy neutral meaning there is no change in the definitions of these terms, nor should this law affect any enforcement of existing law.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30945** with the following change: on page 22 line 47 what is stricken 'fetal or skeletal' will be retained and what was added, 'identifiable' will be struck. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 18, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 390	City, county employee investigation	Rep. Skaug
H 394	State admin facilities, sale	Rep. Raybould
RS 30978	State admin facilities, sale	Rep. Raybould

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Rep Palmer	Rep Allgood
Rep Barbieri	Rep Crane (12)
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Nash (Coberly)
Rep Andrus	

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PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Skaug

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

MOTION: **Rep. Coberly** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15th, 2024 and January 16th, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 390: **Chairman Crane (13)** explained he was told by the bill sponsor he was unavailable today. They will hear the bill at a later date. **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to **HOLD H 390** subject of the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 394:
RS 30978:** **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 394**, the request to hold this bill in committee and instead introduce the revised **RS 30978** is due to a technical correction within the legislation, the intent of the proposed legislation remains the same. There was a section of code that was not included in the bill that is included in the new RS. This legislation repeals 67-5709a, which outlines a modified process for the sale of surplus state administrative facilities. Under existing state law, sale of surplus property goes through The Land Board, however under 67-5709a it is handled by the Department of Administration. This legislation ensures all sales go back to regular established order from state code by striking the abbreviated process. In response to committee questions Rep. Raybould explained the legislative history that was generated for this topic, did not reveal additional historical context for why the abbreviated process was created. She also highlighted section 58-335 of Idaho Code which lists lands exempt from the act, which includes lands owned by the State Board of Education.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to **HOLD H 394** in committee and introduce **RS 30978** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **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 9:15 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30954	Concealed weapons, school property	Rep. Hill
RS 30968	State govt, org membership, funds	Rep. Scott
RS 30974	State agencies, cash	Rep. Scott
H 400	Preborn children	Rep. Young

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Andrus

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

RS 30954: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 30954** explaining police response time to school threats is on average 5-7 minutes or longer. The best solution to the safety concern of schools is effective on-site security. However, security is expensive and volunteer security is inconsistent. This proposed legislation leverages the organic capability within the school by making it a second amendment zone instead of a gun free zone. Police understand the need to close the gap of the critical first 3-5 minutes in a school attack. This would remove the 'gun free zone' sign from schools. He further explained this is currently happening in Grangeville. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hill explained this proposed legislation would require an enhanced concealed weapon licence.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30954**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30968: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30968** saying this proposed legislation would prohibit public officers and employees from using taxpayer dollars to pay membership dues unless the membership is required for their job. She further explained these memberships could serve as a self interest as many of them have perks. This proposed legislation is similar to bills that have been brought to this committee in the past with the key difference being the removal of any penalty. In response to committee questions, Rep. Scott clarified this legislation would not effect city or county government, and any required professional development would not be included.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30968**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30974: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30974** explaining this proposed legislation codifies cash as an acceptable form of payment for Idaho government agencies, and citizens will not be charged additional fees if they choose to use cash. In response to committee questions, Rep. Scott clarified the intent of this legislation was to include individuals of all agencies within their official duties, not outside.

Rep. Gannon voiced concern about the proposed legislation not including a maximum amount.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30974**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 400:

Rep. Young presented **H 400** explaining this legislation replaces the term 'fetus' with the term 'preborn child' in Idaho Statute. She explained the term fetus has two different definitions currently in Idaho Code. Embryo and fetus is used interchangeably in code with the term fetus alone to mean the same developmental stage. This legislation clarifies those discrepancies by replacing them with language that anyone can understand. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified the bill has been read by attorneys who work in abortion law who have affirmed it is policy neutral. She further explained experts have looked at the legislation and believe there are no places within code where the context impacts reproductive health and embryos for in vitro fertilization.

Kayla Dodson, Gavin Buxton (Abraham), Mistie Tollman of the Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates of Idaho, **Heather Stout**, and **Grace Christensen** testified **in opposition** to **H 400** highlighting how the specific medical terms of embryo and fetus are unbiased, clear, and unique from one another. Their combination and change to preborn child would undermine clarity and make it difficult to be precise. In response to committee questions, Ms. Tollman clarified the new language is emotionally charged and more vague than the existing language.

Rev. Sarah Lewall testified **in opposition** to **H 400** explaining some theologies define personhood before birth while others do not, and therefore she worries this legislation will impact religious freedoms.

Mary Ruckh, Mary Mosley, and **Karen Hansen** testified **in opposition** to **H 400** voicing concern the intention of the legislation is to establish fetal personhood in order to create additional abortion legislation in the future. In response to committee questions, Ms. Mosley reaffirmed the word child carried a different connotation than the word fetus.

Dr. Martha Lund of the American Association of University Women of Idaho and **Michala Collins** testified **in opposition** to **H 400** raising concern about the potential criminalization of miscarriages following this language change. In response to committee questions, Dr. Lund explained there is fear of this change from fetus to preborn child granting the rights of a child to a fetus and laying the groundwork for miscarriages to be classified crimes.

Maddy Rousseau testified **in opposition** to **H 400** explaining her concern that the use of preborn child instead of fetus could change mandatory reporting requirements for her as a mental health professional and potentially require her to report any abortions or miscarriages as child harm. In response to committee questions, she clarified the term unborn child used in code has not created concern up to this point.

Julianne Donnelly Tzul, ACLU Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 400** raising concern surrounding how often the term child is used throughout other statutes with no clarification between born and preborn. In response to committee questions, she clarified this issue has not been raised with the use of the term unborn child.

Randy and Lynette Jackson testified **in support** of **H 400** stating 1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage. The use of the language preborn child recognizes the child the parents have lost through miscarriage and provides a clear understandable definition. In response to committee questions, Ms. Jackson stated she has never heard anyone refer to their child as a fetus or embryo.

Cindy Thorngren testified **in opposition** to **H 400** saying by using the same term for an embryo as an infant the role of a mother during pregnancy is completely removed. She also called attention to the phrase 'fetal skeletal remains' which remains in the bill, even with the replacement of the word fetus.

Julia Ballenger testified in opposition to **H 400** explaining by moving away from medical terms when talking about pregnancy, the personhood of the woman carrying the child is removed. The scientific terms allow the value of the life of both fetus and mother to remain equal.

Carmen Brosder and **Michah Anderson** testified in opposition to **H 400** sharing personal stories of their journeys with in vitro fertilization and sharing concern this bill will hinder IVF access in Idaho by deterring doctors from practicing here. The IVF process includes harvesting a large number of embryos which would be considered preborn children under this legislation.

David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life, testified in support of **H 400** highlighting many pieces of legislation that have passed through this committee before which include the term preborn child. He further stated this bill affirms the stated Idaho policy of birth over abortion and the value of the life of a baby in the womb.

Dr. Kristin Slater testified in opposition of **H 400** explaining definitions that denote a distinction between embryo and fetus are important for people in the medical field. She further stated the differences between developmental stages of egg, zygote, blastocyst, embryo, and then fetus. In response to committee questions, she highlighted concerns surrounding embryo freezing which is different than fetus freezing. She further explained not all embryos are transferred during IVF and this legislation leaves questions around what can be done with those embryos, now preborn children. She voiced concern this change would cause doctors and patients to leave Idaho

Chairman Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 10:51 AM.

Chairman Crane (13) called the committee to order at 10:57 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to **HOLD H 400** Subject to the Call of the Chair and explained they want to take the time to address the outstanding questions surrounding impacts to IVF.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 400** in committee.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 10 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Gannon and Coberly. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, and Crane (12).**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30984	Sex, gender, definitions, rules	Rep. Young

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Allgood, Barbieri, Scott
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 30984: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 30984** explaining this proposed legislation provides a legal definition for 'male' and 'female' that is understandable and consistent throughout Idaho Code. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young explained they have looked carefully at the number of times these words are in code and their context, and will bring that information to following meetings.
MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30984. Motion carried by voice vote.**
MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 18th, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 390	City, county employee investigation	Rep. Skaug
H 415	Concealed weapons, school property	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**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.

H 390: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 390** explaining this legislation expands the Attorney General's authority to investigate city elected officials in addition to county elected officials. He further explained he has received no opposition to the bill.

Jeff Nye testified in support of **H 390** explaining this legislation does not give the Attorney General's office jurisdiction over open meeting law violations of city or county elected officials. He further highlighted one of the options the Attorney General's office has in this legislation is not to charge a case but to instead suggest training to remedy the situation. In response to committee questions he stated this legislation is important now because it means something to people to have officials investigated when they have lost trust in those same officials.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 390** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Coberly** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 415: **Rep. Hill** presented **H 415** explaining the best option for reducing violence in schools is onsite armed security, but this would cost \$120 million. Additionally, volunteer security can be inconsistent. Therefore, this legislation seeks to fill the gap by allowing teachers and staff to be armed in order to cover the time between an event occurring and when law enforcement arrives. If school staff wish to carry a firearm, they must have completed an enhanced concealed weapons course, they must inform the principle and superintendent, and the weapon must be concealed. There will be a confidential list kept of who on campus is carrying a firearm and a copy of the licenses of those people will be kept with the list. This legislation does not require school staff to carry firearms, but protects their right to do so, should they so choose. This legislation further states school staff who choose to carry a firearm will not be held civilly or criminally liable for deciding to engage or not to engage during a shooting. Furthermore, this legislation requires the removal of 'gun free zone' signs from schools with a fine for failure to comply. Removal of those signs is the key deterrent component of this bill.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Hill** explained this legislation says principals can inform the school board which school staff are carrying firearms, but they are not required to do so. The list of staff who carry firearms shall remain confidential so it is not punitive. Rep. Hill offered Grangeville as an example of a school district which has enacted this policy and is having great success. He explained police and sheriffs are staying neutral regarding this legislation, but parents are asking for this kind of legislation. There is always push back to legislation of this nature, but this is a necessary action.

Rep. Hill referred further committee questions to **Aoibheann Cline**, NRA, who explained this legislation only applies to lawful carry of firearms which does not include anyone who is drunk or impaired. She further explained this legislation asks staff who carry to notify School Resource Officers themselves because they have an existing relationship, while the principle or superintendent will be in charge of notifying the larger net of local law enforcement. She also clarified for the committee the definition of volunteer in the legislation which only includes volunteers who are under contract with a school.

Tara Adams testified in opposition to **H 415** telling the committee she and her husband were survivors of the Las Vegas mass shooting and cannot imagine the additional chaos of that event if attendees were allowed to carry firearms. She stated they are responsible gun owners but feel this would increase the number of injuries and fatalities. More firearms is not the answer.

Scott Brock testified in opposition to **H 415** explaining he owns a business that offers armed security to schools in a way that removes the risk of liability from the schools. He stated the enhanced carry training is the lowest common denominator when it comes to what should be required in this bill. In response to committee questions, he explained this legislation does not stop him from operating his business and he feels many school districts will not change their policy due to this legislation.

Quinn Perry, Idaho School Board Association testified in opposition to **H 415** stating this legislation undermines the roll of the school board as the government closest to the people. He stated further how this legislation is impractical to implement and voiced concerns about it including volunteers. He addressed the earlier example of Grangeville highlighting they require their staff to take active shooter training before they could carry firearms in school and more than half the staff dropped out.

Julie Davis and **Diana David** testified in opposition to **H 415** explaining concerns this legislation does not have deterrence for shooters and guns are falling into the hands of unqualified people and being purchasing online.

Paul Stark, Idaho Education Association testified in opposition to **H 415** highlighting no educators, administrators, or school boards are asking for it. He expressed it is the statutory responsibility of the school board to protect students and there is no requirement in this legislation to inform the school board. He stated as this bill is written, parents would not have power to express their concern with or support of firearms in their child's classroom

Lynne Schneider and **Andrea Wilson** testified in opposition to **H 415** emphasizing that individual school districts should have the ability to determine their own unique policies for their schools.

Robert Gillis, Idaho Tough on Crime, testified in support of **H 415** telling his story as a first responder in a school shooting. He stated school boards are not protecting kids and something drastic must be done to protect them.

Aoibheann Cline, NRA, testified in support of **H 415** explaining this bill is about the minutes before law enforcement arrives at a school shooting. She further said many people carry lawfully in this state every day, and this legislation lets others know Idaho students are protected. In response to committee questions, she clarified a survey of parents or school administrators about this legislation was not done.

Rep. Hill closed the presentation of **H 415** stating concerns and fear around this legislation are unfounded and he asked for focus on the objective of protecting children.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **H 415** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 415** for time certain, until Monday January 29th.

Speaking to his substitute motion, **Rep. Gannon** stated concern the public had not had enough time to view the legislation.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 11 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Gannon and Coberly. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, and Crane (12).**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Original motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, and Crane (12). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Gannon and Coberly. Rep. Hill will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 25, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 407	FAIR elections act, synthetic media	Rep. Rubel Rep. Skaug
RS 31033	FAIR elections act, AI	Rep. Rubel Rep. Skaug

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**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. Coberly** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22 and 23, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 407: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 407** explaining it is a bipartisan bill which addresses the use of deep fakes in electioneering communication which are believable to a reasonable person by requiring a notice which labels the image or video as manipulated. This legislation does not restrict, but rather expose synthetic media. The goal is to hold this bill in committee and present the new proposed legislation which features two small changes.

Rep. Rubel further explained it takes only two minutes of footage of someone speaking to create a deep fake video, and shared examples with the committee. She clarified this legislation will cover more than current defamation suits because it offers more protections not only for election candidates, but also voters and election system integrity.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Rubel** explained this legislation provides immediate injunctive relief and if the creator of the synthetic media is unknown, a candidate can still file a doe suit and serve subpoenas. Additionally, by taking these cases to the courts instead of an agency, cases can move more quickly. The font disclosure must be reasonably readable, current code ensures there must be a list included of who has paid for the ad, and in the case of a PAC there are still names attached to those organizations whom could be charged. She clarified this legislation deals only with electioneering communications and AI, though many more pieces of legislation will likely need to be drafted to address this broader issue.

Rep. Skaug addressed further committee questions explaining penalties decided by the courts are best for this issue as there are cases in which any number will be either too high or too low given different circumstances. He further clarified special damages can be extremely severe, they can also include issuing corrections to any statement previously made in a piece of synthetic media. They clarified the uncapitalized use of the word candidate leaves the term intentionally open.

Kendal Shaber, League of Women Voters of Idaho, testified **in support of H 407** stating this legislation is timely and necessary to empower informed voters to participate. She further explained this legislations strikes the correct balance between first amendment rights and clear information for voters.

Elinor Chehey, League of Women Votes of Idaho, testified in support of H 407 sharing a story of someone creating an altered video from a debate aired on Idaho Public Television. All related lawsuits were dropped because of lack of budget.

Kayla Dodson and Marsha Bravo testified in support of H 407 explaining how easily anyone can be tricked by altered media, and how difficult it can be to tell if things are real. Social media is a real means through which people can learn about candidates and media needs to be authentic in order for citizens to trust the election process.

Jason Crawforth testified in support of H 407 highlighting the technical advances in recent years. Five years ago it took over 30 minutes of recorded video to generate a piece of fake media, now it takes only three seconds. This legislation is only the tip of the iceberg of the protections needed.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 407** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31033: **Reps. Rubel and Skaug** presented **RS 31033** explaining it is the same legislation with two key changes the font size requirement is now simply reasonably readable to the average person, and the legislation now includes an emergency clause to go into effect before the next election. They stated both legislative attorneys are in agreement about this bill, asking not to let perfect get in the way of good.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to return **RS 31033** to the sponsor.

Rep. Scott spoke to her motion explaining the committee is in agreement this is a large problem, but would like to see changes in response to committee feedback covering as many people as possible from this issue. She said it would be up to the sponsors who to add and the sponsors are aware now the committee wants a stronger penalty added to the legislation. **Rep. Barbieri** spoke to the motion stating there must be a delicate balance struck between the necessity of being vague in the legislation and specificity.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 31033** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Rep. Gannon spoke to the substitute motion explaining if synthetic media is created far enough in advance of an election there is time to issue corrective statements.

Rep. Rubel answered additional committee questions clarifying if a deep fake was created outside of the time frames defined in Idaho Code for candidacy, but circulated within the time frame this legislation could still cover it. She also explained the change in the time frame from 30 days before a primary election to 60 days before a primary election would involve the changing of a large amount of Idaho Code which is not the central focus of this legislation. In response to non-election year synthetic media questions, she explained this bill deals with election communications in an election cycle and further legislation can be brought at a later time to address separate synthetic media concerns.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 31033** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar without recommendation. He explained by moving this bill forward there is pressure on this issue and if this legislation is stopped there is concern this effort will stop altogether.

Rep. Scott spoke in opposition to the amended substitute motion explaining it is irresponsible to simply pass this legislation. She voiced concern about it being citizens who will be dealing with these cases and need more clarity. **Rep. Young** spoke in support of the amended substitute motion stating she does not see one fix everyone agrees upon.

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

Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 5 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Young, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Allgood, Gannon, and Coberly. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Scott, Andrus, Alfieri, and Crane (12). Reps. Rubel and Skaug will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31118	Material harmful to minors	Rep. Young Rep. Price
HJR 1	Sectarian appropriations	Rep. Price Senator Lenney

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**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 committee to order at 9:02 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Coberly** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24 and 25, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31118: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 31118** explaining this proposed legislation provides a cause of action for anyone exposed to material harmful to children as clarified on page 4 lines 3-35 of the proposed legislation. She further explained commercial entities shall be liable if they fail to perform reasonable age verification. She highlighted there is a constitutional duty to protect virtue and promote temperance and sobriety. She cited a study in which 58% of teens stated they had encountered pornography accidentally. She closed saying other states have passed similar bills which have withstood judicial scrutiny. In response to committee questions, Rep. Price clarified any personal data collected from these websites cannot be retained. She further highlighted it is up to the content provider how they are going to verify ages, one example of this is requiring website visitors to enter their birth date before they can access the site.

Rep. Young further explained this proposed legislation is important because pornography is not only offensive to the prevailing community standards but harmful to the healthy development of people's minds.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31118** with the following change on page 4 line 8; after the word 'material' remove the period and insert 'or after verifying the age of the individual, provides a minor access to the material.' **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJR 1: **Rep. Price** presented **HJR 1** explaining this legislation would put a question on the ballot for voters about whether or not to repeal the Blaine Amendment from the Idaho Constitution. She explained the author of this amendment had a hatred for Irish Catholics and expressed his bigotry in this amendment. She further clarified the separation of church and state is addressed within the constitution, not its amendments. She closed citing court cases in which Blaine Amendments in other states were deemed unconstitutional. In response to committee questions, Rep. Price said there is not currently language in the bill that outlines the exact language which would be on the ballot. She further clarified this resolution is only about putting the choice before constituents.

Nancy Gregory and Sean Craft testified in opposition to **HJR 1** stating concerns this legislation could take away public school funding which is already at an all time low.

Grace Howat testified in support of **HJR 1** explaining it is unconstitutional to prevent a religious school from receiving state funds and it is time to ask the people of Idaho if it should remain in the constitution.

Dr. Jean Henscheid testified in opposition to **HJR 1** highlighting the ways in which the Blaine Amendment positively enunciates the separation of church and state. She further stated the former and current Attorney Generals of Idaho have said the amendment is alive and well and the rulings cited today are state specific.

Danny Steinmeiner, Truth Family Bible Church, testified in support of **HJR 1** speaking about the myth of neutrality. He explained all school is inherently religious, giving the example of biology which has religious elements in it. He highlighted citizens are taxed by a government which acknowledges a god, as heard in the pledge of allegiance, but those same citizens are denied access to those taxpayer dollars.

Rowan Astra, Satanic Idaho, testified in support of **HJR 1** stating the true representation of religious plurality in this legislation affords her the opportunity to open a satanic performing arts school and have access to the same funds as any other Idaho school.

Kathrine Hartley, Pacific Justice Institute, testified in support of **HJR 1** explaining it is unconstitutional for the state to condition a benefit on whether or not a person or institution is religious. In response to committee questions, she clarified if someone's free exercise of religion is strongly concerning the state can prohibit it. The Smith case in Oregon was given as an example of this. She further clarified the stipulations of funding would be included in the specific language tied to that benefit, not the language of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to **HOLD HJR 1** subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Palmer spoke to his motion stating he has a few outstanding technical questions about the legislation.

Rep. Gannon spoke to the motion highlighting concerns and questions regarding the fiscal note, what other areas outside of schools this legislation would impact, and what the definition of religion is in statute.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, January 31, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30835	Codifier's corrections	Rep. Scott
RS 31074	State agreements, database	Rep. Scott
H 421	Sex, gender, definitions, rules	Rep. Young

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**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 30835: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 30835** explaining this is a piece of proposed legislation brought every year to make technical corrections in Idaho Code. At the end of each year drafters read through legislation to correct irregular grammar, punctuation, inconsistent numbering. These changes included technical clean up only and include no substantial changes in words or meaning.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 30835**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31074: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 31074** explaining this proposed legislation is in response to legislation passed through this committee last year requiring state agencies to keep a record of agreements and memorandums in the state. This record is printed and reported online on the State Controller's Website. This proposed legislation allows for a policy to be created to outline how those agencies would do this reporting. The new policy would be published by the State Controller's Office in the same location as the reports. In response to committee questions, Rep. Scott explained until these agencies are all reporting properly, there is a lack of understanding. She explained how changing from a policy to an official administrative rule, while allowing more legislative control, would drastically slow down the correct reporting of these agencies. Lastly, she explained in relation to redaction in contracts, all the legislation requires of reporting is a list of contracts with a contact name for each one.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31074**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 421: **Rep. Young** presented **H 421** explaining having clear definitions is critical to the legislature's ability to create legislation. She stated the term male is used 54 times in Idaho Code, female 88 times, father 147 times, mother 133 times, and gender 32 times. There has been assumption that those terms have clear meanings, but it has become increasingly evident they need to be officially defined. The definitions proposed in this legislation tie the terms male and female to their reproductive functions, and defines the remaining terms in relation to those original two terms. She described how gender entomologically stems from 'a person who reproduces.' Lastly, she stated the definition of biological sex occurring in code is also amended in this legislation to be consistent with the new definition proposed in this bill. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young explained the new definition for biological sex is more clear and consist than the previous ones in statute, and the

sponsors of the legislation creating those definitions are in support of this new language. She clarified the new definitions of male and female include the term 'human' while the other definitions do not because male and female is also often used in Idaho Statute to refer to livestock.

Emily Jackson-Edney and **William Mitchell**, Legal Voice, testified in opposition to **H 421** citing *Bostock vs Clayton County* as an example of transgender status being protected from discrimination and voicing concern about potential costly lawsuits involving this legislation. William Mitchell further stated according to the Legislative Services Office drafting standards, proposed legislation with regard to gender or race should aim to be neutral and use the word 'person' when possible.

Nickson Mathews and **Carmen Broesder** testified in opposition to **H 421** highlighting that oversimplification of language can be harmful to individuals who identify outside of the proposed language. They explained gender identity is something which takes a long time to figure out within oneself, and that work is disregarded in this language. In response to committee questions, Nickson Matthews stated it is not anyone's job to define how others identify, and this legislation limits people's ability to make decisions about their own bodies. In response to committee questions about school sports, Nickson Matthews stated transgender girls should have the opportunity to participate in girls sports.

Rachel Bazzet and **Mistie Dellacarpini-Tolman** testified in opposition to **H 421** explaining this legislation is causing fear, stress, and worry in the transgender community. Rachel Bazzet further stated mental health work regarding identity often centers around handling pain and trauma, and bills of this nature have caused an increase in depression and suicidal thoughts. In response to earlier committee questions about sports, Mistie Tolman added while some transgender youth participate in sports, far more are too scared to compete.

Merrick Collins, **Sam Sandmire**, and **Sydney Madsen** testified in opposition to **H 421** highlighting the exclusion of intersex people in this legislation. Many states already recognize intersex as a gender on birth certificates and highlight it is not a matter of choice. In response to committee questions, Sydney Madsen clarified that intersex includes all people outside of the established norms of biological sex.

Kellan Brown and **Sean Craft** testified in opposition to **H 421** stating transgender people and members of the LGBTQ+ community have always existed and will continue to exist in Idaho, even when excluded from the language of this bill.

Joanna Schaffer testified in opposition to **H 421** saying the best representative of who a person is includes their neurology, lived experience, and how they report who they are. In response to committee questions, Joanna Schaffer clarified the binary of the creation story in the bible can be understood to be inclusive of the space between binaries. As example, it is understood God created day and night but can be interpreted to include the times between sunrise and sunset. In the same way, God created man and woman and one can interpret this to include everything in between that binary.

Sara LaWall, Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, testified in opposition to **H 421** stating this legislation places one religious doctrine above another and is a slippery slope to reducing religious freedoms. In response to committee questions, Sara LaWall clarified her church uses readings from a variety of sources and texts.

Amy Dundon, ACLU of Idaho, testified in opposition to **H 421** citing similar legislation in other states which has been tied up in lengthy and expensive litigation for threatening civil liberties.

Dylan Goldale testified in opposition to **H 421** stating this legislation includes biased language and highlighting entomology does not always inform meaning as it often changes over time.

Jazzmin Lindsay, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates of Idaho, testified in **opposition** to **H 421** explaining the harm this could cause transgender people by requiring them to disclose their sex assigned at birth anytime they use their licence. She expressed further concern regarding how this bill may harm same sex couples and their children through it's narrow definitions of mother and father.

Rep. Young closed stating there must be fact-based definitions and discussions to make policy clear and understandable and referenced a quote stating legally redefining female as anyone who claims to be female results in the erasure of the female people as a class.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to send **H 421** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Skaug spoke in **support** of the motion stating he supports the constitutional rights of all and these common sense definitions are not new and include both science and faith.

Rep. Gannon spoke in **opposition** to the motion explaining one in every 200 people is intersex and the proposed new definitions need work to include these people.

Rep. Young stated the policy pieces in the bill address rare disorders of sexual development.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Coberly requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 01, 2024

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 31108	State agencies, donations	Rep. Monks
RS 31012	State budgets, bids	Rep. Raybould
RS 31090	Compact, border security	Rep. Wisniewski

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Scott
Rep Andrus

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 01, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**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 Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Coberly** made a motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, January 30, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31108: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 31108** explaining this proposed legislation is similar to legislation which passed through this committee last session. It prohibits state agencies from making donations and sponsorships to non-governmental organizations without written permission of the Governor or the chief officer of their division, and requires a report of all donations and sponsorships. In response to committee questions, Rep. Monks explained last year's version of this legislation passed the House, but was held in the Senate, which they do not anticipate this year. He clarified that this legislation does not include advertisements such as billboards or commercials.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31108**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31090: **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **RS 31090** explaining this proposed legislation will create a compact between states on the issue of border security. The state of Texas defines their border crisis as an invasion. This proposed legislation would allow formal planning and sharing of resources between Idaho and Texas in the areas of intelligence and law enforcement. He said Idaho's Governor is already doing this work, but this proposed legislation would provide formal authorization. In response to committee questions regarding the constitutionality of the proposed legislation under Section Ten Article One of the US Constitution which prohibits compacts unless actually invaded, Rep. Wisniewski clarified the number of people crossing the border in Texas falls under the definition of invasion.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31090**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to **HOLD RS 31012** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 02, 2024

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

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31012	State budgets, bids	Rep. Raybould
RS 31103	Info technology, multifactor auth	Rep. Raybould
RS 31129	Office of election crimes, security	Rep. Alfieri
RS 31032	Unclaimed property	Rep. Alfieri

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Crane (13)	Rep Skaug
Vice Chairman Young	Rep Alfieri
Rep Palmer	Rep Allgood
Rep Barbieri	Rep Crane (12)
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Nash (Coberly)
Rep Andrus	

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 02, 2024

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Crane (13) and 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.

Vice Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday January 31, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Young announced to the committee, due to the sponsor being unavailable, **RS 31012** and **RS 31103** will be held until the sponsor is available.

RS 31129: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31129** explaining this proposed legislation will create an Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Attorney General's Office. He gave examples of people who have experienced election fraud and were instructed to file complaints with the election's office, but were given no satisfaction. A similar bill in Florida resulted in over 1,400 criminal referrals. This proposed legislation will require the addition of one staff member to the Attorney General's staff.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31129**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31032: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31032** explaining this proposed legislation is based on legislation from last year which passed through this committee and the House Floor. Piecemeal attempts have been made to clean up the Unclaimed Property Act to include technical advances and changes. This proposed legislation is a full rewrite to update the entire act at once. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri clarified last year's version was never voted on by the Senate. The full differences between this proposed legislation and last year's legislation will be brought to the full hearing of this bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31032**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 05, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31058	Mask madates, prohibition	Rep. Gallagher
RS 31099	Texas, supporting	Rep. Alfieri
RS 30852	Abortion, sex ed curricula	Rep. Skaug
RS 31060	Aud district, dissolution, electors	Rep. Barbieri Rep. Furniss

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 05, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Coberly)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Holtzclaw and Coberly

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 31058: **Rep. Gallagher** presented **RS 31058** explaining the purpose of this proposed legislation is to prevent the State of Idaho and its subsidiaries from mandating the use of face masks or face shields to prevent or slow the spread of infectious diseases and provides relevant definitions. This version of this proposed legislation addresses concerns surrounding occupations where masks are relevant such as painters or police officers. In response to committee questions, Rep. Gallagher clarified this would prevent a city employee from requiring a sick visitor to wear a mask in city buildings.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31058** with the following changes; On page 1 line 40 strike the word 'use' and replace with the word 'requirement', and on page 2 line 4 following the word 'materials' add the words 'or biohazards'.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31099: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31099** explaining it is a proposed resolution in support of the right of Texas to secure its boarder under the provisions laid out in Article One Section Ten if the US Constitution. The proposed legislation asks the House to join the Governor in support of Texas.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31099**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30852: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 30852** explaining this proposed legislation amends the 'no public funds for abortion' law in Idaho by prohibiting organizations which provide abortions from publishing sex education curricula in schools. Currently, abortion promoting organizations are able to provide Idaho students with free materials in school. In response to committee questions, Rep. Skaug clarified this would still prohibit materials from these organizations from being distributed in schools even if the materials themselves are not regarding abortion.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 30852**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31060: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 31060** explaining this proposed legislation has been brought to address concern that smaller communities will not be comfortable forming auditorium districts if they have the restriction of needing 3000 registered electors in order to dissolve it. This proposed legislation would lower that number to fifty percent of the total sum of the qualified electorate. In response to committee questions, Rep. Barbieri clarified more information about the size and make up of auditorium districts will be brought to a full hearing.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31060. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 06, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30792	Veterans, property	Rep. Allgood
RS 31143	Utility Successors, agreements	Rep. Clow

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Andrus

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 06, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Holtzclaw

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. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2024 and February 2, 2024 with the correction of **Rep. Gannon** being recorded as present on February 2, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30792: **Rep. Allgood** presented **RS 30792** explaining this is a property bill brought by the Division of Veterans' Affairs meant to clean up how intangible property is handled when a veteran passes and there is not a will dictating how to handle that property.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30792**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31143: **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 31143** explaining this proposed legislation deals with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Where when a public utility changes ownership, a new owner must honor existing agreements with developers unless the agreement is expired, more than five years has passed since the acquisition, or both parties mutually agree. Additionally, if there is a disagreement, the Public Utilities Commission needs to act within 45 days. In response to committee questions, Rep. Clow clarified only one of the three listed qualifications must be met for the agreement not to be honored. He also highlighted this process is only triggered if there is a change of ownership of the utility. In the example of an easement, it is normally put in by the city, not in the development contract and therefore not impacted by this proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 31143**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 07, 2024

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 31043	Illegal products, advertising	Rep. Boyle
RS 31050	Tribes, forest land, federal gov	Rep. Boyle
RS 31156	Elections, vacancies	Rep. Ehardt
RS 31196	Harmful material, internet	Rep. Price Rep. Young
RS 31112	Traditional family values month	Rep. Alfieri

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Scott

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 07, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**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 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31043: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31043** explaining this proposed legislation will prohibit advertisements for any illegal activities or products. This is in response to examples of advertisements for marijuana companies located in Oregon and Washington. In response to committee questions, Rep. Boyle clarified this would only prohibit the advertisements within the state of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31043**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31050: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31050** explaining this proposed legislation clarifies a bill which passed last year regarding foreign governments not being able to purchase Idaho ag land. This proposed legislation adds forestry to existing definitions and clarifies Native American Tribes are not foreign governments.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31050**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31156: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 31156** explaining this proposed legislation adds another section to Idaho Code to further define who can hold elected offices. There is a list of offices which cannot be held simultaneously, this proposed legislation adds multiple offices at the state and city level to this list. The enforcement date for this legislation is after the current terms of these offices are up. In response to committee questions, Rep. Ehardt clarified this does not prevent anyone from running for multiple offices, only prohibits carrying out the duties of both offices.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31156**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31196: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 31196** explaining this proposed legislation is titled the Online Child Safety Act. A version of this proposed legislation was introduced in this committee last month, this version has two changes. First, the Act is now located in Title 6 and language was changed on page 4 lines 12 and 13 regarding how long collected information can be retained. In response to committee questions, Rep. Price clarified the burden of verification falls on the content creator.

Rep. Young further explained, the definition of commercial entity within this proposed legislation is on page 22 lines 24-26.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31196**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31112: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31112** explaining this proposed legislation is a resolution to establish a traditional family values month beginning on Mothers Day and ending on Fathers Day and highlighting the societal importance of the traditional family. This proposed legislation poses no fiscal burden. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri clarified all statistics included in the draft legislation are from United Nations data.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31112**.

Reps. Gannon and Stinson spoke **in opposition** to the motion stating the resolution is somewhat prejudicial to single and divorced parents and find some including language disparaging to non-traditional families. They would prefer to support a resolution which celebrates not condemns.

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

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 08, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31078	Cannibalism	Rep. Scott
H 455	Codifier's corrections	Rep. Scott
H 417	State agencies, cash payment	Rep. Scott

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 08, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Allgood

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 9:02 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31078: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 31078** explaining this proposed legislation addresses the issue of human composting. Idaho is the only state where cannibalism is defined in statute as illegal. This proposed legislation would add to this definition anyone who willfully provides human flesh to another person without their knowledge or consent. In response to committee questions, Rep. Scott clarified it is already illegal for one to consume human flesh themselves, this will also make it illegal to serve it to others.

Rep. Skaug and Rep. Gannon asked for the history of the cannibalism legislation in Idaho and documentation of the problem in Idaho to be brought to a full committee hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31078**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 455: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 455** explaining this is the annual codifier's bill. The drafters in the Legislative Services Office create this legislation to make technical corrections and edits which arise as code is changed by new legislation. All changes are clerical not subtenant.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 455** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 417: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 417** explaining this legislation assures cash is an acceptable form of payment in Idaho state government and its official departments, boards, commissions, and agencies. Additionally, no added fees can be charged for the use of cash.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 417** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **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 9:19 AM

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 09, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31275	Compelled speech, pronouns, titles	Rep. Hill
H 471	Unclaimed property	Rep. Alfieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 09, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Skaug

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. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 471: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 471** explaining this legislation was passed through this committee and the House floor last session. The unclaimed property law has not been updated since 1983. This legislation would revise and organize code so it is more technologically current. It adds no new authority to the governing agency.

Julie Ellsworth, Idaho State Treasurer, added to the presentation of **H 471**, highlighting relevant definitions provided on pages 4 and 6 of the legislation. In response to committee questions, Ms. Ellsworth clarified gift cards are not included as unclaimed property because there is not always a traceable record. Something like a cashiers check would be included because there is a clear record of the person it belongs to.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 471** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31275: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 31275** explaining this proposed legislation prohibits government entities from compelling employees to use preferred pronouns of individuals, stating any compelled speech is a violation of First Amendment rights. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hill stated legislation of this kind has been passed in 23 states. He also clarified this proposed legislation is only for public entities and does not effect private institutions. He clarified this proposed legislation will not stop anyone from requesting alternate pronouns, it is written to prevent reprisal against an employee if preferred pronouns are not used.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31275**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Stinson and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 12, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 498	Harmful material, internet	Rep. Price Rep. Young
RS 31254	Adoption records, age	Rep. Young
RS 31242	Rent, regulation, prohibition	Rep. Mitchell

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Crane (12)

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

RS 31242: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 31242** explaining this proposed legislation amends Idaho Code section 55-307 and prohibits local governments from mandating participation in Federal Housing Assistance Programs. In response to committee questions, Rep. Mitchell stated there are examples of this type of legislation helping to prevent the market from driving rent prices even higher.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31242**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31254: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 31254** explaining this proposed legislation would allow existing adoptees to begin accessing their birth records at age forty. For adoptions going forward these records are already accessible, this legislation grants that to existing adoptees. Many states allow access to these records at the age of eighteen.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31254**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 498: **Rep. Price** presented **H 498**, also known as the Online Child Protection Act, stating it empowers parents whose children are harmed by access to pornography. She highlighted key changes in this legislation including the commercial entity is responsible for age verification, the harmful material must make up at least one third of the content, and no information shall be retained after verifying age.

Rep. Young continued the presentation stating similar legislation has passed in other states and has held up in court. In some states this legislation was even bipartisan. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified a parent or guardian could file the civil suit on behalf of a minor and the state would not be responsible since they are not the ones performing the age verification.

Reps. Skaug and Crane (13) responded to committee questions explaining in obscenity cases the defense cannot make the case that it is constitutional material, and the emergency clause is an additional to all bills following the 2020 Legislative Session.

Steve Fullmer testified in support of **H 498** using the analogy of a liquor store. In a physical liquor store you would not be allowed to enter without ID, and product would not be provided for free. This legislation gives parents the opportunity to hold these sites accountable.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31330	Employment, benefit formula	Rep. Young Rep. Skaug
RS 31333	Marijuana, penalty, less than 3 oz	Rep. Skaug Rep. Redman
RS 31178	Equity in financial services	Rep. Tanner
RS 31244	BLM rules, opposing	Rep. Blanksma
RS 31171	Canvass report, elections	Rep. Lambert
RS 31279	United nations, World economic forum	Rep. Lambert
RS 31180	Scope of review, agency rules	Rep. Barbieri
RS 31270	Admin rules	Rep. Barbieri

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Rep Andrus	

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2024.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31330: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 31330** explaining this proposed legislation is about unemployment insurance and if printed would be referred to Commerce and Human Resources. This proposed legislation decreases the number of available weeks of unemployment in Idaho. It also simplifies the formula through which unemployment is calculated and encourages Idahoans to get back to work. New caps on unemployment would include 14 weeks for full time workers, 10 weeks for part time workers, and 16 for seasonal workers. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified 25% of people on unemployment are maxing out their benefits. She also stated her understanding is the number of unemployment weeks per person is not for the calendar year, rather a year from last date of employment. The number of 14 weeks was agreed upon as a reasonable step forward.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31330**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep Stinson** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 31333: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 31333** explaining this proposed legislation is in response to a magistrate judge highlighting there is no minimum for misdemeanor marijuana possession. This creates a minimum \$420 fine.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31333**.

Rep. Gannon commented **in opposition** to the motion stating there are instances where a mandatory minimum fine is inappropriate and there is more alcohol abuse in this state than marijuana.

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

RS 31178: **Rep. Tanner** presented **RS 31178** explaining this proposed legislation targets discrimination in large-scale financial institutions. He gave the example of the National Committee for Religious Freedom who were asked by JP Morgan Chase for a list of donors to the account as well as say over other additions. This requires banks to look at fiscal responsibility of organizations not social responsibility. In response to committee questions, Rep. Tanner clarified the 100 Million dollar minimum was meant to target the larger entities where this is a problem and not smaller banks. This is something that could be reviewed and lowered in the future.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31178. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31244: Rep. Blanksma presented **RS 31244** explaining this proposed legislation is a joint memorial to address the Bureau of Land Management's new proposed rule regarding conservation and land health which could lock up multiple use federal lands for conservation. This proposed resolution would ask the BLM to withdraw this rule and support the comments made by Idaho's Governor, Attorney General, and Federal Delegation. In response to committee questions, Rep. Blanksma clarified the recipients of the resolution are listed in page two of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 31244. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31171: Rep. Lambert presented **RS 31171** explaining this proposed legislation is an election bill which updates the regulations on canvassing by standardizing reporting changing 'abstract' to 'canvass report'. Additionally this proposed legislation adjusts to county clerks using more digital reporting and gives the state board more time to meet following an election. In response to committee questions, Rep. Lambert clarified abstract is an outdated term which refers only to vote counts, while canvass report is the full report following an election.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31171. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31279: Rep. Lambert presented **RS 31279** explaining this proposed legislation is a memorial to assert Idaho state sovereignty. The United Nations and World Economic Forum are infringing on Idahoans' rights and freedoms. This proposed resolution firmly reaffirms dedication to principles of sovereignty and requests a comprehensive review of international agreements. In response to committee questions, Rep. Lambert stated resolutions address these non-governmental organizations have been addressed before.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31279. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31180: Rep. Stinson requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.**

RS 31180: Rep. Barbieri presented **RS 31180** explaining one of the most important roles of the legislature is controlling the budget and the agencies. Following the Supreme Court decision that the legislature can review any administrative rule, the next step is to require the courts to review administrative rules as well. This proposed legislation requires the review of rules without consideration of agency interpretation.

MOTION: Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 31180. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31270: Rep. Barbieri presented **RS 31270** explaining this proposed legislation addresses rules in three ways. First, temporary rules cannot be established to confer a benefit. Second, material referenced in a rule must be provided to the legislature. Third, every eight years rules must be reviewed and proven necessary. In response to committee questions, Rep. Barbieri clarified while most referenced materials in rules are free, this grants the authority for them to be purchased if needed.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31270. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 493	Mask mandates, prohibition	Rep. Gallagher
	IDAPA 38.05.01 - Rules of the Division of Purchasing	Valerie Bollinger, Dept. of Administration
RS 31324	Synthetic media, electioneering	Rep. Rubel

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Vice Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

IDAPA 38.05.01: **Rep. Crane (13)** brought before the committee IDAPA 38.05.01 explaining committee chairmen can hold a hearing for Administrative Rules at any time. This rule deals with the statutory authority of the Department of Administration with regards to purchasing. It was made clear by a previous subcommittee an invitation to negotiate should not have been included in the purchasing process. Language allowing negotiation was later put into a rule. The intention of the committee today is to strike all language which adds the invitation to negotiate.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Crane (13)** clarified removing this language removes the invitation to negotiate at any point in the process including before bids are submitted. He also stated the states procurement process is not halted by this change, only the ability to negotiate. This change would go into effect upon the passage of a concurrent resolution.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to strike all sections with language involving negotiations from **IDAPA 38.01.011.05, IDAPA 38.05.01.011.14, IDAPA 38.05.01.011.17, IDAPA 38.05.01.011.18, IDAPA 38.05.01.051.02, IDAPA 38.05.01.051.04, IDAPA 38.05.01.051.070, IDAPA 38.05.01.084.01a, and IDAPA 38.05.01.094. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31324: **Rep. Rubel** presented **RS 31324** explaining this proposed legislation is a rewrite of legislation previously brought to this committee. This updated version aligns the electioneering periods to 60 days before both a primary or standard election. The synthetic media addressed in this proposed legislation must be deceptive and the proposed legislation now only pertains to audio and video, not still images. In response to committee questions, Rep. Rubel clarified memes would not fall under these restrictions and gave examples of other republican states which have passed similar legislations. She further explained this proposed legislation was drafted without any contact to the World Economic Forum who have also listed synthetic media as a primary concern.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31324. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 493: **Rep. Gallagher** presented **H 493** explaining this legislation prevents any political subdivisions from mandating mask wearing. This legislation does not include any hospitals or health care facilities. It also does not limit anyone's ability to wear a mask if they so choose. This legislation honors people's freedom to make individual health decisions, and honors concerns about technical workers such as painters or welders who may need to wear a mask for safety, by providing an exemption.

Senator Lenney continued the presentation stating much of the science now proves masks were unhelpful in stopping the spread of Covid 19, and mask requirements are government overreach. In response to committee questions, he clarified this legislation would prevent a public school nurse from requiring a sick student to wear a mask.

David Pettinger testified in support of **H 493** recalling cases of people who were not allowed into the courthouse because they were not wearing a mask who were then arrested for missing their court hearings.

Kelley Packer spoke in opposition to **H 493** stating cities response to Covid 19 was made up of people trying to do the best they could with the information provided at the time. She asked the committee to not tie local leaders hands when dealing with emergencies in the future. In response to committee questions, Ms. Packer explained the Idaho Association of Cities' Board was unanimous in opposition to this legislation and clarified the IAC never promoted mask mandates. In response to questions about the City of Boise's mask mandates, she clarified Boise is only one of over 200 cities in Idaho of varying sizes and capacities. She further acknowledged the desire for a baseline policy but expressed desire for a baseline different from removing the option of mask mandates completely.

LeeJoe Lay, People's Rights Organization, testified in support of **H 493** stating Covid 19 response mandates took away the freedom of association, and the authority to create mandates does not exist. In response to committee questions, Mr. Lay provided further information about his P100 mask, which is the OSHA approved mask for filtering organic particles which was not used during the Covid 19 response.

Leslie Manookiean, Health Freedom Defense Fund, testified in support of **H 493** explaining the science has shown for a long time the ineffectiveness of masks. Mask mandates are another form of compelled dress. In response to committee questions, Ms. Manookiean stated the health freedom defense fund has sued the Biden Administration three times and defeated the federal travel mask mandate.

Garth Gaylord testified in support of **H 493** stating he was put in jail for 3 weeks for not wearing a mask.

Carlos Vidales testified in support of **H 493** citing studies which illustrate the ineffectiveness of masks in protecting against viruses.

Miste Karlfeldt testified in support of **H 493** stating mask mandates go against religious beliefs.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 493** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gallagher** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Stinson spoke in support of the motion stating his constituents support this legislation and he supports personal choice.

MOTION: **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 15, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31381	University of Idaho, corporation	Rep. Crane (13)
RS 30953	Guaranteed income prgm, preempt	Rep. Hawkins
RS 31025	Biden admin, immigration	Rep. Hawkins
RS 31366	Absentee ballots	Rep. Kingsley
RS 31363	Bond and levy disclosures	Rep. Andrus
RS 31341	Disclosing synthetic media	Rep. Young
H 496	Tribes, forest land, federal gov	Rep. Boyle

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**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 Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

H 496: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 496** explaining this legislation is clean-up for legislation passed last year. The previous legislation did not outline the Native American in Idaho are not included in the bill's definition of foreign governments. This legislation also adds forestry as a state owned land not available for sale to foreign governments. In response to committee questions, Rep. Boyle clarified this legislation only applies to state-owned or private-owned lands.

Blake Youde testified in support of **H 496** on behalf of the Shoshone Bannock Tribes who are in favor of the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 496** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30953: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 30953** explaining this proposed legislation places a prohibition on any kind of universal basic income. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hawkins clarified there are discussions of implementing a universal basic income following some European countries who have already done so, this would prevent that from being implemented in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30953.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31025: **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 31025** explaining this proposed legislation is a joint memorial which sends a message to the congressional delegation expressing the desire to hold the federal government accountable for the southern boarder crisis. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hawkins clarified the current administration removed the boarder controls in process and now immigration numbers are at an all time high.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31025.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31366: **Rep. Kingsley** presented **RS 31366** explaining this proposed legislation would stop mass mailing by parties of absentee ballots. In response to committee questions, Rep. Kingsley clarified the Secretary of State has seen a previous version of this bill, but not the most recent one.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31366.**

Rep. Stinson spoke to the motion stating he would like to see examples of these mailings at a full hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31363: Rep. Andrus presented **RS 31363** explaining this proposed legislation ensures no ballot questions can include wording about tax relief funds unless the amount and duration is guaranteed and it must be stated in writing when they will expire.

MOTION: Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 31363**. Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31381: Rep. Crane (13) presented **RS 31381** explaining this proposed legislation was drafted to deal with the University of Idaho's acquisition of the University of Phoenix. It has been extremely difficult to get information about this 550 million dollar acquisition which was primarily handled behind closed doors. The Idaho Legislature is responsible for the debt of the state, but were not included in this process. This resolution makes clear to the university and State Board of Education the legislature believes process matters.

Rep. Gannon spoke in support of **RS 31381** calling the acquisition purchase by ambush. He further stated as representatives of the people, the legislature cannot support a process which did not include the people. He stated he is looking forward to a full hearing on this legislation and hearing commentary from the State Board of Education.

MOTION: Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 31381**.

Rep. Stinson spoke in support of the motion saying there are three standout good things in this proposed legislation. It is bipartisan, it addresses the positions and organizations not individuals, and it values the process as paramount.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31341: Rep. Young presented **RS 31341** explaining this proposed legislation addresses the increased availability of AI technology by creating a criminal penalty for AI generated pornographic content used to bribe, threaten, or extort. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified the definition for synthetic media is included on page two line 40 of the draft legislation. She also clarified this legislation differs from other AI legislation seen this session because it protects all Idahoans, not only political candidates and children.

Rep. Gannon continued the presentation stating this proposed legislation has been reviewed by a number of attorneys who specialize in AI law as well as the Attorney General's office. In response to committee questions, Rep. Gannon clarified synthetic media includes any AI generated image or video which realistically misrepresents something.

MOTION: Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 31341**.

Rep. Crane (12) spoke to his motion stating this is a large issue and he likes that this bill doesn't just protect a small group of people, but all Idahoans.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 16, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31367	Vehicles, residency, 30 days	Rep. Mitchell
RS 30948C1	Daylight saving time, exemption	Rep. Alfieri
RS 31183	Digital Assets	Rep. Price Rep. Manwaring
H 538	Compelled speech, pronouns, titles	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 16, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon

**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. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve minutes of February 13th, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31367: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 31367** explaining this proposed legislation is in conjunction with **H 340** which was passed last session. This would amend the voter ID laws by changing the 90 day deadline for turning in an old licence to a 30 day deadline. This will make it more consistent with other deadlines.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31367**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30948C1: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30948C1** explaining this proposed legislation would keep the state on standard time all year long. He clarified it is unhealthy to continually switch our clocks. This legislation would go into effect when at least two neighboring states have done the same. In response to committee questions, he explained this would not change Idaho's time zone.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30948C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31183: **Rep. Price** presented **RS 31183** explaining this proposed legislation is looking to prohibit punitive taxes and regulations on digital mining and virtual currency transactions. It further clarifies what constitutes a virtual transaction and provides protections as well as defines central bank digital currency.

Rep. Manwaring continued the presentation explaining the Idaho Digital Assets Act explains digital assets in Idaho and how the law around them is tied to private property rights. This proposed legislation adds more definitions to the act, primarily around self-custody terms, taxation, and discriminatory rate making. In response to committee questions, Rep. Manwaring clarified the portion about central bank digital currency states if the federal government introduces such a currency it will not be recognized in Idaho as money. He further clarified this proposed legislation does not impact consumer rights. He explained a money transmitters licence is not required within the draft legislation if a person is simply mining, as a creation of digital assets is the same as creating private property. He lastly clarified for the committee mining happens when servers compete against other servers for a piece of blockchain by quickly solving algorithms.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31183**.

Rep. Gannon spoke to the motion stating he would like to see protection against bad actors included and voiced concern about digital assets not falling in the uniform commercial code.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to the motion asking for a better explanation of the impacts this could have on private transactions.

Rep. Scott spoke in favor of the motion stating legislators must learn these terms if they are going to stay in government.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

H 538:

Rep. Hill presented **H 538** explaining the United States Supreme Court clearly held compelled speech is outside the Constitution. There has been significant pressure in Idaho for employees to recognize gender pronouns with fear of reprisal. This legislation prohibits any government entity from compelling anyone to use preferred pronouns which do not align with someone's biological sex. He stated teachers are fearful of losing their jobs over this. He referenced a piece of draft legislation in the Michigan House which would charge dismissal of preferred pronouns as a felony with a 10,000 fine, the legislation did not pass the House. He stated 24 states have legislation to address preferred pronouns and 10 of those states are in alignment with this legislation. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hill clarified he did not have data on if this has been an issue in courts and explained this does not prevent anyone from using preferred pronouns, it states if a pronoun mistake is made the employee cannot be held responsible.

Mistie Dellacarpini-Tolman, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 538** stating it harms LGBTQ community members by ignoring preferred pronouns and speech and poses risks to the wellbeing and safety of students and employees by making schools hostile and unwelcoming environments. She affirmed her belief in free speech, but clarified compelled speech refers to political speech enforced by a government. In response to committee questions, Ms. Dellacarpini-Tolman clarified they/them pronouns have been used to address a single person for a long time and honoring the way someone self-identifies is a small thing to show courtesy. She further clarified no one is being asked to identify in a way which makes them uncomfortable, nor are they being asked to say what they do or don't believe or take any kind of oath. People are instead being asked to honor others self-identification.

Liliana Rauer testified **in opposition** to **H 538** stating she is a student in Boise who uses preferred pronouns and highlighted the transgender community in Idaho will continue to persevere.

Chairman Crane turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young**.

Gretchen Rauer and Revered Sara LaWall, Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, testified **in opposition** to **H 538** as mothers of a transgender children who are thriving in school because they are being welcomed for who they are. In response to committee questions, Ms. Rauer explained concerns about this setting a dangerous precedent and beginning a slippery slope of disrespecting pronouns.

Amy Dundon, American Civil Liberties Union Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 538** explaining it distorts constitutional protections, undermines privacy rights, and threatens parental rights. In response to committee questions, Ms. Dundon explained while the bill creates a provision for parents to grant permission for their children to use preferred names and pronouns, it does not grant permission for other government officials and employees.

Merrick Collins, Trans Homing Project, and **Kathy Dawes** testified in **opposition** to **H 538** expressing concerns regarding the private course of action for employees. In response to committee questions, Ms. Dawes also shared concerns about there being no included definition of coercion in the bill.

Steve Bender and **Heidi Hill** testified in **support** of **H 538** explaining as employees of schools they use names on the roll sheet and do not use alternate pronouns without a parents permission. Ms. Hill stated she respects her students and hopes this respect can be reciprocated.

Kristy Hardy, Parents for Policy Change, and **Peggy McFarland** testified in **support** of **H 538** stating this is protecting a small demographic while many other students are being bullied or disciplined for not using others' preferred pronouns. In response to committee questions, Ms. Hardy stated she often considers removing her children from public school.

Robin Olson testified in **opposition** to **H 538** quoting a court ruling which stated 'government should have a compelling interest in preventing discrimination' and highlighting schools are public buildings, not businesses. In response to committee questions, Robin Olson explained how gender, race, and national origin are suspect classes making them inherently different from job positions or titles which are granted through credentials and are much more meritocratic. They further explained there is an assumption preferred pronouns come from a place of authenticity. In that same way, if someone states they are African American, even if they are white presenting, they could be ethnically or biologically African American and it can be assumed they are saying that from a place of authenticity. They lastly spoke to the thousands of different sexes in animals, birds, and insects and clarified reproductive features is a difficult way to determine gender because it excludes intersex people.

Rep. Hill closed debate of **H 538** clarifying the Michigan draft legislation he referenced was H 4474 and reminding the committee this legislation does not prevent the use of preferred pronouns, it prevents coercion of public employees and compelled speech.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send to **H 538** the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Scott spoke in **support** of the motion stating there are over 120 pronouns.

Rep. Skaug spoke in **support** of the motion citing a judge from the 6th Circuit Court who upheld that pronoun usage falls under political speech.

Rep. Gannon spoke in **opposition** to the motion stating pronoun is not defined in the bill, and there is confusion between what is a pronoun and what is a title. These definitions become vital when there is private right of action involved. He also raised concerns about confusion surrounding this bill's implementation.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 19, 2024

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

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31246	Organized retail theft	Rep. Mathias
RS 31387C1	Ballot Harvesting	Rep. Mitchell Rep. Moyle
RS 31238	Assault, battery, penalties	Rep. Allgood
RS 31380	Paul Nettleton, honoring	Rep. Lambert
RS 31386	Security teams	Rep. Dixon (1)
RS 31245	Taxpayer funds, teachers unions	Rep. Hawkins
RS 31391	State agencies, donations	Rep. Monks
RS 31362	Electrical contractors, journeymen	Rep. Wheeler
RS 31061	Labor unions, notice	Rep. Gallagher

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 19, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 31387C1: **Rep. Moyle** presented **RS 31387C1** explaining this proposed legislation addresses ballot harvesting and is similar to legislation this committee has seen in the past with key differences addressing Senators' concerns about caregivers and their ability to collect and deliver ballots. He affirmed this is a more constrictive, better draft than previous versions of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31387C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31246: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 31246** explaining this proposed legislation addresses organized retail theft which occurs when a group of people robs multiple stores in a short amount of time. This draft legislation defines this crime for the first time with the following stipulations; there are at least two people involved in an intent to steal over \$1500, they steal with the intent to resell, or they steal frequently as seen by them being convicted twice. In addition to defining the crime, this proposed legislation also designates that all penalties be higher for the ringleader of a group. In response to committee questions, Rep. Mathias clarified he had not come across any information these crimes are being committed by illegal immigrant gangs.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31246.**

Rep. Gannon spoke **in support** of the motion stating he attended a meeting at a local Albertsons where they confirmed the current lack of definition makes it incredibly hard to charge for this particular crime.

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

RS 31238: **Rep. Allgood** presented **RS 31238** explaining this proposed legislation helps law enforcement and prosecutors to charge correctly in domestic violence cases. Currently when a domestic violence case involves strangulation, they will charge strangulation because the punishment is more severe, however this charge then does not count toward their total domestic violence offences. This proposed legislation would allow prosecutors to link those offences so the strangulation is counted as a domestic violence offence. In response to committee questions, Rep. Allgood clarified domestic violence will need to be proven if they want to link the charges, but the ability to charge for strangulation alone will still exist. He also clarified while the difficulty of proving domestic violence is challenging for law enforcement, this legislation does not address that issue.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31238. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31380:** **Chairman Crane (13)** announced to the committee that **RS 31380** would be held in possession of the committee.
- RS 31386:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** presented **RS 31386** explaining this is a new draft of legislation previously seen this session involving civil immunity for religious organization security teams. This new draft has two key language changes on lines 21-22 using the term 'membership' and again on lines 36-37 which was updated to mirror contemporary trial lawyer language.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31386. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31245:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** presented **RS 31245** explaining this proposed legislation would give teachers greater control of paychecks and prevent public funds going to private organizations by prohibiting public funds from going to a teacher union, prohibiting teachers unions from using a school building for any kind of reduced rate, and prohibiting coercing anyone to be part of a union. In response to committee questions, Rep. Dixon (1) expressed he was open to finding the best solution between the terms 'taxpayer funds' and 'public funds'.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31245.**
- Rep. Achilles** spoke to the motion stating he would be interested in receiving more information about cost estimates of union expenses as compared to the full education budget, as well as information comparing student performance in schools where teachers are in active unions versus where they are not.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31391:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 31391** explaining this committee has seen **H 463** this session. Concerns were raised around that bill and how it would effect athletic events at universities. This new draft adds language allowing state education institutions to get authorization for donations or sponsorships from the university president. The mandatory reports will remain the same and give new insight into when and how often these sponsorships occur.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31391. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31362:** **Rep. Wheeler** presented **RS 31362** explaining this proposed legislation adjusts the Electrical Practice Act which passed last session by adding a requirement that a signing journeyman must have 2,000 hours of documented work as a journeyman.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31362. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31061:** **Rep. Gallagher** presented **RS 31061** explaining this proposed legislation requires an annual notice stating public employees cannot be forced to join a union or pay union dues as a condition of their job. Public employees are not currently notified about their rights to obtain or withdraw from a union. This proposed legislation further states the private contact information of public employees cannot be shared with a union without their consent. In response to committee questions, Rep. Gallagher clarified this would require the employer to notify employees, not the union and reaffirmed employees' contact information should be protected. Addressing questions about labor law posters which are required to be posted, she stated not many people read those. She cited her personal experience in which she was never made away she did not have to join the union and reaffirmed all employees information should be protected and not shared.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31061. Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to approve the minutes February 14, 2024.
Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31407	Marijuana, penalty, less than 3 oz	Rep. Skaug
RS 31403	Public works, bids, challenges	Rep. Monks
RS 31417	State agreements notice	Rep. Gannon Rep. Allgood
RS 31421	Agricultural protection areas	Rep. Andrus
H 574	Bond and levy disclosures	Rep. Andrus
H 420	School bd trustees recall, quorum	Rep. Sauter
H 563	Admin rules	Rep. Barbieri

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 31407: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 31407** explaining this proposed legislation adds a small fix to legislation already seen this session. Following a recommendation from the Prosecutors Association, this adds the words 'in addition to any' regarding any marijuana charges that may be brought in addition to the original legislation's \$420 fine.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31407**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31417: **Rep. Gannon** introduced **RS 31417** explaining this proposed legislation requires notice when a board, commission, agency, bureau, division, or department of state government intends to enter into a transaction in which the value is over 25 million dollars. The format and text of the notice to be given is contained in the bill text and must be delivered to every legislator and elected officials via their official e-mail, newspapers, and television stations. If the transaction is made without notice, it becomes a void contract. RFP proposals and emergency expenditures in a disaster, along with transactions already approved by the legislature are exempt. The proposed legislation is not retroactive.

Rep. Allgood continued the presentation stating he was surprised to learn this was not already in place. They expect not many of these notices will be issued, but those that are could be very important.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Gannon** stated this legislation is intended to address when large transactions take place while the legislature is out of session, and will not replace line item review in budgets. He also clarified this would not need to be a provision within contracts, because notice must be issued before any contract is signed. He referenced statute which provides procedure and consequence if an expenditure is made without authorization. He clarified the intention of the provision if notice is not given and the transaction is void, the government entity can issue notice and sign a new contract after following the correct procedure is meant to allow remedy for honest mistakes.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to return **RS 31417** to the sponsor.

Rep. Barbieri spoke in support of the motion stating the intent should be for these transactions to be subject to legislative approval, and he'd like to get the language right.

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

RS 31421: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 31421** explaining this proposed legislation allows farmers and ranchers to put their land into an agricultural protection area managed by the county government to prevent it being developed. In response to committee questions, Rep. Andrus clarified this legislation allows for a county run agricultural protection area, but he is unsure which real estate circumstances that could protect against, such as just imminent domain or other purchasing.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 31421**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 574: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 574** explaining this legislation clarifies that tax relief funds cannot be included in the ballot question unless the amount and duration is guaranteed.

Halli Stone and **Heather Disselkoen** testified **in support** of **H 574** as residents of regions which encountered this issue. They stated it is imperative the ballot includes only valid information since one of the key contributors to voter apathy is because people claim they do not have enough information or do not understand the impact of their vote.

Scott Mensching testified **in support** of **H 574** stating Shelly School District ran a bond using deceptive language on the ballot. This legislation makes ballot language more honest and transparent.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 420: **Rep. Sauter** presented **H 420** explaining this legislation is in response to a recall election that caused problems for the West Bonner School District. It solves three problems. First, after two of five board members were recalled, it was unclear what constituted a quorum. This clarifies when there are three active members, two members makes up a quorum. Second, this legislation starts a time clock to fill a vacancy of 90 days from the time the recall results are proclaimed. Third, it states a board member up for recall will not fulfill their duties in the time between the recall election and when the results are proclaimed. He highlighted this legislation has been reviewed by the Secretary of State, Superintendents Association, and the Association of School Boards.

Dale Layne, Idaho Rural Schools Association, testified **in support** of **H 420** highlighting the provisions of this bill which allow school boards to continue their work based on the will of the public in the event of a recall.

Branden Durst, West Bonner County School District, testified **in opposition** to **H 420** stating the results of a recall election are not final until certified and therefore the elected official has the rights to that office until recall result certification.

Brooke Ramsey, testified **in support** of **H 420** explaining this legislation could have prevented the problem in Bonner County which occurred when the board could not do business because all 3 remaining members were needed for a quorum, but they were often not all in attendance. Additionally, no one could or would advise without a clear explanation to be found in code.

Senator Herndon testified **in opposition** to **H 420** stating he has concern this legislation creates a contradiction with Idaho Code 34-1709 which states an elected official shall continue to perform their duties until the results are officially proclaimed.

Quinn Perry, Idaho School Board Association, testified **in support of H 420** explaining there is a loophole which needs to be closed and this legislation addresses that. In response to committee questions, Ms. Perry clarified it can sometimes take 7-10 days for the results of an election to be certified, but highlighted for the committee recalls are exceedingly rare.

Greg Wilson, State Department of Education, testified **in support of H 420** highlighting **Superintendent Critchfield** is supportive of this legislation. The State Department of Education was in an extraordinary position this summer when they were asked to advise West Bonner School District but were unable to do so without clear code to reference. In response to committee questions, Mr. Wilson clarified the real confusion was regarding what constituted a quorum following the recall of two board members.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to address previous committee questions explaining judicial review normally dictates when two statutes conflict the latest of the two statutes will prevail.

Rep. Sauter closed testimony stating highlighting this legislation only addresses school boards, no other elections and therefore is a narrow bill which has undergone extensive legal review.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 420** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 420** to General Orders.

Rep. Scott spoke to the motion stating Idaho Code 34-1709 needs to be referenced in this legislation and voiced concerns about big education removing conservative trustees.

Rep. Alfieri spoke **in support** of the substitute motion voicing concern about a person up for recall not being able to act in their office before vote results are certified.

Rep. Achilles spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion stating this incident highlighted a gap in code and this is a good way to address this gap.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Allgood** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Sauter** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 563: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **H 563** explaining this legislation narrows the temporary rule gap in two ways. First it states every eight years an agency must legitimize the necessity of each rule chapter. Second, it requires that anything incorporated by reference in a rule be provided to the legislature at the time of rules review. In response to committee questions, Rep. Barbieri referenced a document incorporated in a rule which was over 240 pages long.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 563** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in support** of the motion seconding the comments around incorporated materials.

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

RS 31403: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 31403** explaining this proposed legislation deals with the Division of Public Works by codifying what they have been doing and giving a process to review bids. This can happen through a request of an appeals process or a review before a hearing officer.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31403. Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Crane (13) and Rep. Crane (12)** both declared Rule 80.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 570	Liquor, special distributors	Rep. Moyle
H 487	Utility successors, agreements	Rep. Clow
H 456	State agreements, database	Rep. Scott
H 395	Electioneering messages, gov docs	Rep. Scott
RS 31281	Electioneering messages	Rep. Scott
RS 31380	Paul Nettleton, honoring	Rep. Lambert
RS 30962C1	Wildfire reinsurance, mitigation	Rep. Redman
RS 31139	Knives, regulation	Rep. Redman
RS 31413	Property, duplex	Rep. Redman

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. 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.

Rep. Palmer called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15th, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 570: **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 570** explaining this legislation was created to address special distributors. The Star Mercantile has long been a special distributor for alcohol, but since the state has put in a liquor store, that license has been removed. This legislation allows businesses to continue to be special distributors as long as they are operating under the same regulations as state liquor stores. This protects small private businesses by grandfathering them in if a state liquor store comes to their town.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 570** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 487: **Rep. Clow** presented **H 487** explaining this legislation was drafted after a public utility in Idaho changed ownership. This legislation states the new owners must honor the agreements that were made by the previous owners unless one of three things has occurred. First, more than five years has passed since the merger. Second, the agreement has expired. Third, both parties mutually agree to terminate. This legislation also asks the Public Utilities Commission to respond quickly to complaints. In response to committee questions, Rep. Clow clarified these are development agreements and are made before any lots are sold to the public. Changes in these agreements can drastically change the investment needed to develop the property.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 487** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 456: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 456** explaining this bill clarifies the reporting requirements for state officers and agencies and gives the State Controller the authority to develop a policy explaining the reporting. Last year the House passed **H 97** creating a new section of code and new responsibility of the State Controller to publish a current list of all agency agreements. However, agencies are having difficulty because they don't know what to report or how to report. This allows the State Controller to set up a policy to carry out the provisions and requirements of this section and further improve transparency. In response to committee questions, Rep. Scott explained the State Controller's office is on board with this legislation and their lawyers have helped in its drafting.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 456** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young**.

H 395: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 395** explaining last year the House passed legislation stating elected officials cannot advertise on warrants from the state. However, people are still receiving mail from the state which promotes non-profits in the state. This legislation states there will be no electioneering messages, including support for government programs or nonprofits, on state mail. She explained there is a better section of code for this change to take place, which is the reason for the new RS to come. In response to committee questions, she clarified there are necessary messages that may need to be included with checks from the states, and therefore she is hesitant to restrict all messaging.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to **HOLD H 395.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31281: **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 31281** explaining this proposed legislation is the same as **H 395** with more technicalities surrounding the terms remittance advice/memos. She reaffirmed her hesitancy to restrict all messaging as some additional information regarding checks is needed, this is meant to prevent promotion.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31281** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 31281.**

Rep. Palmer spoke to his motion explaining there are a lot of little changes in this draft and he would like to give the public one more shot to testify if needed.

Rep. Scott spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion stating, this proposed legislation's intent is identical, no advertising on information from the government.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 7 NAY, and 1 absent and excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Palmer, Holtzclaw, Alfieri, Crane (12), and Achilles.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Young, Barbieri, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Allgood, and Gannon.** **Rep. Crane (13)** was absent/excused. **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

RS 31380: **Rep. Lambert** presented **RS 31380** explaining this proposed legislation honors **Paul Nettleton** who is retiring after 50 years of service in the volunteer sheriff's posse. His work began in 1973 as a volunteer special deputy for the rangers. He then spent decades covering the over 7600 square miles of Owyhee County much of which can only be reached by foot or by horse. This proposed legislation thanks him for his many years of successful service.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31380.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30962C1: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 30962C1** explaining this proposed legislation seeks to solve a problem he has seen in which areas with high wildfire risk are not renewed by insurance companies. This seeks to resolve this in two ways. First, it establishes a group which will work on thinning out some of the high risk areas. Second, it sets up a reinsurance pool to assist in stabilizing the market. In response to committee questions, Rep. Redman clarified Idaho has been lucky with wildfires, but this legislation is also in response to a larger national trend.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30962C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31139: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 31139** explaining this proposed legislation prevents any political subdivision from regulating knives and features exemptions for schools and courthouses. He affirmed this is a second amendment issue, as knives are considered arms. Thirteen other states have passed similar legislation. In response to committee questions, Rep. Redman stated this bill would come back to this committee for a full hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31139**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31413: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 31413** explaining this draft legislation is a free market solution to help solve the housing crisis by allowing single family zoned property to include duplexes. He stated often the solution for these problems is to deregulate and this would do that by allowing for extra doors on property. In response to committee questions, Rep. Redman confirmed this would allow for duplexes on single family zoning throughout the state so long as those duplexes meet the utilities qualifications. He further explained this is not meant to eliminate single family housing in Idaho, just allow for more doors. He confirmed it allows for duplexes anywhere they meet regulation, though his belief is the market will dictate much of where they are actually built.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to return **RS 31413** to sponsor.

Rep. Alfieri spoke to his motion stating he believes this legislation would eliminate single family housing across the state.

Rep. Holtzclaw continued the presentation stating this is a piece of proposed property rights legislation. He highlighted this would not add to the density of what can currently be put on these lots. In response to committee questions, Rep. Holtzclaw clarified all regulations must still be followed by duplexes and shared it is his understanding this legislation would receive a hearing in the House Business Committee.

Discussion on the motion was held. Committee members expressed concern about ADUs and duplexes being compared in testimony, as well as the lack of local control in the proposed legislation. Other committee members affirmed duplexes encompass a range of different homes and styles and urged caution in characterizing them negatively.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 464	Compact, border security	Rep. Wisniewski Senator Hart
RS 31438	Admin procedures, scope of review	Rep. Barbieri
RS 31200	Gold, silver, legal tender	Rep. Miller
RS 31425	Qualified electors	Rep. Alfieri
RS 31331	Public works, contracts, limits	Rep. Pickett
RS 31446	Cassia, Minidoka, county boundaries	Rep. Pickett
RS 31458	Divorce, guardian ad litem	Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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.

H 464: **Senator Hart** presented **H 464** explaining this legislation would create an interstate border compact with Texas as is allowed in Article 1 Section 10 of the US Constitution. He recalled during a visit to the US boarder in Texas seeing 66 people who had crossed in one night. He stated this legislation has the best potential to help with the drug problem in the US, by allowing Idaho to take aggressive action with Texas and sending the message the legislature will support the Governor in his support of Texas.

Rep. Wisniewski continued the presentation highlighting two things needed in the definition of invasion. First a person has to enter and second they must have an intent to do harm. He stated these conditions have been met because illegal aliens are overrunning social institutions in the United States and contribute to the drug problems in America.

Julianne Donnelly Tzul, ACLU of Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 464**. She urged opposition to the legislation emphasizing how legislation describes other human beings matters and the language of this bill can be hurtful. In response to committee questions, Ms. Donnelly Tzul explained the number of immigrants in Idaho is stable at 35,000 and highlighted immigrants are moving to the US only when there is a great need. She further highlighted this body's jurisdiction is Idaho and the immigration data of Idaho should be paramount.

Senator Nichols testified **in support** of **H 464** recounting her time at the US boarder in Texas last spring. She affirmed they do not have a complete understanding of how many people are entering the US each day as not all are apprehended, and of those apprehended many were on a terrorist watch list. In response to committee questions, Senator Nichols explained though the focus of testimony was been the Mexico/ US Boarder, there is concern regarding the Canadian boarder as well.

Rep. Wisniewski closed debate acknowledging immigrants are human beings, but it is important for them to enter the US legally. He provided further statistics regarding the volume at the Canadian and Mexican boarders stating 78 percent of illegal immigrants are coming from the Mexico boarder. In response to committee questions, Rep. Wisniewski clarified this legislation does not require legislative approval for the Governor to act because if there is an immediate issue he should not have to call the legislature back into session in order to act.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 464** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke in **opposition** to the motion explaining in addition to authorizing the Governor to act regarding the southern boarder, this legislation also authorized a wall at the Canadian boarder and a surveillance system on state land which he feels is a lot of authority and expense without strong evidence of a problem at that boarder.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Gannon made a substitute motion to send **H 464** to General Orders.

Rep. Scott spoke in **opposition** to the substitute motion stating as a representative from north Idaho she can confirm there is a security concern at the northern boarder as well.

Rep. Young spoke in **support** of the substitute motion stating while she is supportive of concerns about the boarder, she is uncomfortable granting open-ended authority to the Governor.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYES and 11 NAYS. Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Young and Gannon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (12), and Achilles.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

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

RS 31200:

Rep. Miller presented **RS 31200** explaining this proposed legislation codifies gold and silver coin as an official tender in Idaho. Transactions require a willing seller and buyer, so no one can be forced to use gold and silver coins, but the option is there if it is preferred. In response to committee questions, Rep. Miller explained this legislation would allow for gold or silver coins which were minted anywhere foreign or domestic, and clarified this removes capital gains tax on gold and silver which has occurred in code before, though this instance is broader.

MOTION:

Rep. Allgood made a motion to introduce **RS 31200**.

Rep. Barbieri spoke in **support** of the motion stating while he understand concerns about taxation of gold and silver, the value of those changes in relation to the dollar and inflation, not increased value of the actual material.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31331:

Rep. Pickett presented **RS 31331** explaining this proposed legislation relates to inflationary adjustments by increasing the threshold for public works from 50,000 to 100,000.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to introduce **RS 31331. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (13) and Rep. Crane (12)** declared rule 80.

RS 31446:

Rep. Pickett presented **RS 31446** explaining there are currently two different definitions regarding the boundaries between Cassia and Minidoka county leaving portions of ground in the river non-recordable in both counties. This proposed legislation seeks to codify and make consistent the language defining the boundaries and has the approval of both county commissioners.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to introduce **RS 31446. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31458:

Rep. Pickett presented **RS 31458** explaining this proposed legislation outlines the ability of court to appoint a guardian ad litem during court hearings. This issue was brought forward by a constituent already doing this, but wanting assurance in code.

MOTION: Rep. Andrus made a motion to introduce **RS 31458. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31438: Rep. Barbieri presented **RS 31438** explaining this is a reintroduction of a previous draft legislation in this committee. This version includes the word law in the phrase interpretation or the law or rule.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31438. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31425: Rep. Alfieri presented **RS 31425** explaining this proposed legislation seeks to clarify who electors are in the state of Idaho. In order to vote in Idaho a person must be a citizen of the state of Idaho, reside here for at least 30 days, and must be a citizen of the United States. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri clarified the 30 day minimum was previously in statute.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31425. Motion carried by voice vote**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, February 23, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 588	Public records requests, residency	Rep. Galaviz
RS 31480	School district trustees	Rep. Sauter
RS 31408	Counties, boundaries	Rep. McCann
RS 31465	Absentee Ballots	Rep. Kingsley
H 565	Synthetic media, electioneering	Rep. Rubel Rep. Dixon (1)
RS 31417C1	State agreements, notice	Rep. Gannon Rep. Allgood
RS 31420	Occupational licensing, renewal	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 31197C1	Elections, highest number of votes	Rep. Barbieri
RS 31423	Dept of admin, rule rejection	Rep. Crane (13)

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Rep Scott
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Rep Alfieri
Rep Allgood
Rep Crane (12)
Rep Gannon
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2024.
Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2024.
Motion carried by voice vote.

H 565: **Chairman Crane (13)** asked unanimous consent to **HOLD H 565** subject to the call of the chair. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 31417C1: **Chairman Crane (13)** asked unanimous consent for **RS 31417C1** to remain in committee. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 588: **Rep. Galaviz** presented **H 588** stating this legislation addresses the amount of time agencies have to response to public records requests, by updating the deadlines to be 10 working days or in state requests and 21 working days for out of state requests. This allows agencies a little extra time and the ability to prioritize requests. In response to committee questions, Rep. Galaviz clarified an initial response the records request has been received must be issued within three working days of receiving the request for both in and out of state. She also clarified this applies to all state agencies in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 588** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Galaviz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31420: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 31420** explaining this proposed legislation will direct licensing authorities in Idaho to match the national average with additional partial waivers for active military.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31420.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31197C1: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 31197C1** explaining this proposed legislation would ensure Idaho's current form of determining the winner of an election remains the standard with one round of voting and the highest number of votes wins. In response to committee questions regarding run off elections, Rep. Barbieri stated he would gather more information before a full hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31197C1.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 31408:** **Rep. McCann** presented **RS 31408** explaining this proposed legislation addresses county boundary lines in the Clearwater rivers which are causing inconsistency in state surveys. All counties involved, along with the property owners along the boundary lines are in support of this proposed legislation. In response to committee questions, Rep. McCann explained there is no contention amongst the counties, however they will have to redo a lot of things once these lines are updated, including any property deeds which will need to be rewritten to include correct county information. She further stated the counties were not responsible for this confusion being created originally, and this will help the whole state by making maps more accurate.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31408**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31480:** **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 31480** explaining this proposed legislation is a redraft of an earlier bill, **H 420**. Conflicting State Code sections which were brought forward in debate of the previous version are addressed in this draft, along with edits to board operations and the addition of language from the Judge who ruled in the case which inspired this legislation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31480**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young**.
- RS 31423:** **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 31423** explaining this proposed legislation is the concurrent resolution to codify this committee's rejection of the Department of Administration's rules including invitations to negotiate.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31423** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane (13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 31465:** **Vice Chairman Young** asked for unanimous consent to **HOLD RS 31465** in committee. There being no objection, the request was granted.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 26, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO	Rules Governing -	
11-0401-2301	Idaho State Racing Commission	Anisha Jones, ISP
15-1001-2301	Idaho State Liquor Division	Jeffrey Anderson, Idaho State Liquor Division
31-1201-2301	Systems of Accounts for Public Utilities	Stephen Goodson, Idaho Public Utilities Commision
31-2101-2301	Customer Relations for Gas, Electric, and Water Public Utilities	Stephen Goodson
31-2601-2301	Master-Metering for Electric Utilities	Stephen Goodson
31-3101-2301	Gas Service Rules	Stephen Goodson
32-0101-2301	Credit Enhancement Program for School Districts	Chris Anton, Endowment Fund Investment Board
52-0103-2301	Operations of the Idaho State Lottery	Jeffrey Anderson, Idaho State Lottery Commision
RS 30798	Public utilitites	Rep. Palmer
RS 31495	Critical infrastructure	Rep. Hill
RS 31417C2	State agreements, notice	Rep. Gannon Rep. Allgood
RS 31497	Independent candidates	Rep. Monks
RS 31519	Electrical code	Rep. Crane (13)

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Rep Scott	Rep Achilles
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

DOCKET NO. 11-0401-2301: **Anisha Jones**, ISP State Racing Commission, presented this docket explaining following zero based review this docket includes consolidated definitions to be more user friendly. Rules which were no longer used, including fees which are no longer applicable, were taken out of the docket.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0401-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 15-1001-2301: **Jeffrey Anderson**, Idaho State Liquor Division explained the primary changes in this docket include a zero based review chapter rewrite making it easier to navigate, the number of product samples which can be withdrawn by suppliers in a month is increased from 10 wine gallons to 20 wine gallons, and to align with **H 744** distilled spirits may now be donated. There are no changes to fee rules. In response to committee questions on page 144, Mr. Anderson clarified the purpose of this language is to ensure state liquor stores remain in a proper location, which is not always the location with the lowest rent.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-1001-2301. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (13)** requested to be recorded voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 31-1201-2301: **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, explained the changes to this docket include uniform edits across all chapters, streamlining and clarification, as well as incorporation by reference following a zero based review chapter rewrite.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-1201-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 31-2101-2301: **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, explained this rule seeks to ensure fair, just, and reasonable deposit and billing service to customers, and outlines how to handle complaints regarding utilities. It also includes uniform edits across all chapters following zero based review. explaining uniform edits across all. He highlighted rule 306 which extends a deadline by one month in response to feedback. In response to committee questions, Mr. Goodson clarified the edit in section 603 was to streamline process. He explained changes which were made in material incorporated by reference would not come before this body for approval. He clarified instances of physical addresses being struck from the rules is in response to it now being mandated by statute the materials a person could find at that address be listed online. He explained there was not consideration of a summer moratorium in these rules.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-2101-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 31-2601-2301:** **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, stated this docket deals with master metering rules which have been in effect since 1980 and regard the equitable treatment of consumers. In response to committee questions, Mr. Goodson explained in apartment buildings heating, water, and air conditioning are individually metered so no one is paying for their neighbors' utilities. he further clarified the appliances are not individually measured just the units.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-2601-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 31-3101-2301:** **Stephen Goodson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, explained this docket deals with gas service rules and includes uniform edits, strike outs of some incorporations by reference, and puts the commission in line with ANSI standards.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-3101-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 32-0101-2301:** **Chris Anton**, Endowment Fund Investment Board, explained this docket pertains to the rules for the credit enhancement program and includes a chapter rewrite for clarification and word reduction. This program allows school district bonds to be issued with AAA ratings, lowering the borrowing costs. There is an application fee and a one time bond fee for participating schools included in this rule. In response to committee questions, Mr. Anton stated historically the Board has never charged a fee in addition to what is laid out in these rules, however this allows them to charge additionally should they have to engage legal council on an issue.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 32-0101-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 52-0103-2301:** **Jeffrey Anderson**, Idaho State Lottery Commission, explained this docket primarily deals with prize payment of lottery winnings. Currently Idaho Code allows for winnings of \$599 and below to be received where tickets are sold. However stores are expressing concern about safety risks and not having enough cash on hand, so this rule adds different methods of prize payment. It does not change how tickets can be purchased. In response to committee questions, Mr. Anderson explained stores would be allowed to pay out winnings through gift card or electronic fund transfer (EFT). He further clarified the EFTs were not discussed with the committee previously because they were not brought forward until negotiating rule making in December of 2023. He stated method of payment is always chosen by the player, though if a store does not offer a specific method they may have to choose to collect from another store or from Idaho Lottery directly. Lastly, he highlighted the robust process they have in place to protect lottery players and winners personal information.
- Marian Aguilar**, Jacksons Food Stores, testified **in support of Docket No. 52-0103-2301** explaining the gift cards for winnings function exactly like a mastercard debit card and can be used anywhere those are accepted. In response to committee questions, Ms. Aguilar clarified anytime there is over \$150 in the register that money is taken to a safe at which point cashiers no longer have access to it. The gift cards would allow them to pay amounts over \$100 to lottery winners without the issue of having too much cash in the register. She explained Incomm Payments is the company that creates the cards and if one is lost, there is a small replacement fee, but the store is able to replace them.
- Rep. Palmer** clarified to the committee there is a fee paid by the store where the gift card is used.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 52-0103-2301.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a substitute motion to hold **Docket No. 52-0103-2301** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30798: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 30798** explaining this proposed legislation removes several sections of code which are now out of date because they include things the Public Utilities Commission does not have jurisdiction over including various transportation items.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 30798. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31495: **Vice Chairman Young** announced to the committee **RS 31495** will be held due to the sponsor being unavailable.

RS 31417C2: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 31417C2** explaining this proposed legislation requires 30 days notice prior to approval of a state government agency transaction of over \$25 million. There are a number of exemptions outlined in the draft. The State Controller and State Treasurer are both on board with this version of the legislation which also includes suggestions from the committee. The fiscal impact is low and as notice must be delivered by e-mail to legislators, to local media outlets, and one advertisement must be made in the newspaper.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31417C2. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31497: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 31497** explaining this proposed legislation addresses a problem with candidate filing deadlines. When a candidate files with a political party, they are given until September 1st. Currently, independent candidates have to file in a much earlier time frame than the standard parties. This proposed legislation would fix this discrepancy before the filing period is over for the upcoming primary.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 31497. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31519: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 31519** explaining this proposed legislation will be referred to the Business Committee as it deals with an issue with rations in Electrical Code. In previous Administrative Rules review there were some things added into code which should not have been added, this will use Statute to correct those additions.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31519. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 497	Elections, vacancies	Rep. Ehardt
H 477	Auditorium districts, dissolution	Rep. Furniss
H 560	Equality in financial services	Rep. Tanner
RS 31473	Equality in financial services	Rep. Tanner
RS 31522	Synthetic media, elections	Rep. Rubel Rep. Dixon (1)
RS 31495C2	Critical infrastructure	Rep. Hill
RS 31518	State investments, foreign	Rep. Ehlers
RS 31477	America250 in Idaho	Rep. Pickett
RS 31465	Absentee ballots	Rep. Kingsley
RS 31516	Sex education, abortion	Rep. Skaug
RS 31528	No public funds, gender transition	Rep. Young Rep. Skaug
H 486	Veterans, property	Rep. Allgood

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. 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 Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

H 497: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 497** explaining this legislation addresses people serving in multiple offices by declaring a city or local elected office vacant if the same person wins another larger office. In response to committee questions, Rep. Ehardt clarified elected officials do have more power and authority which should not be compounded.

Kelley Packer, Association of Idaho Cities, testified **in opposition** to **H 497** stating it is difficult in small communities to find people to run or office and serve. There are rules in place to address holding multiple offices, and this should be left to the voters to decide.

Rep. Ehardt closed debate highlighting it is not only small communities which have elected officials serving in multiple offices, but large as well.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 497** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Allgood and Achilles** requested to be recorded voting **NAY. Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 477: **Rep. Furniss** presented **H 477** explaining current law requires there to be 3,000 signatures on a petition to withdraw from an auditorium district. However, some places do not have 3,000 voters in their electorate. This changes the language to be either 3,000 signatures or 15% of the electorate to sign the petition to dissolve the auditorium district. This was brought forward because some cities want to ensure they are able to dissolve a district before they join one.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 477** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 560: **Rep. Tanner** presented **H 560** explaining this legislation deals with large scale financial institutions and prohibits their ability to discriminate against customers based on non-financial social scores based on an example seen between JP Morgan Chase and The National Committee for Religious Freedom. In response to committee questions, he clarified the changes between this version and the coming RS are adjustments in which statutes are impacted to avoid any gaps in statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 560** in committee.

Michael Ross, Alliance Defending Freedom, testified in support of **H 560** stating no one should fear they could lose their banking, especially when large banks are too large to fail. In response to committee questions, Mr. Ross clarified this legislation correctly targets only large banks because they receive immense public benefits and are the worst actors in this case. He also asserted the current market is not a free one, and this legislation is a market correction.

Rep. Achilles spoke in support of the motion stating algorithmic bias is a large problem and rather than set a rule, legislation should seek to create an auditing function.

Rep. Gannon spoke in support of the motion explaining legislation should not target specific banks. The free market should allow for other smaller banks to help people who feel unsure about larger banks.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31473:

Rep. Tanner presented **RS 31473** explaining this proposed legislation is a redraft of **H 560** with added language dealing with Protection Act 48605 and another deals with National Banking State Statute tying them both together.

MOTION:

Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31473** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Tanner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31522:

Rep. Rubel presented **RS 31522** explaining this is a redraft of the Fair Elections Act addressing the use of deep fake audio and video in elections. This version does not include changing the 30 day electioneering period to 60 days for a primary and focuses solely on the use of deep fakes in elections. She reiterated it does not prevent AI media, but if media is manipulated one must disclose it was manipulated.

MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 31522.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31495C2:

Rep. Hill presented **RS 31495C2** explaining this proposed legislation deals with China and National Security by prohibiting foreign adversaries from purchasing land near military bases, and protect critical infrastructure including water, gas, telecommunications, emergency services, transportation, and personal storage. Individuals seeking to work at these organizations must be thoroughly vetted. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hill explained this idea was brought to him by a non-profit think tank which helps states across the country implement security measures. He affirmed this may cost more to the state, but it is vital all employees are screened before handling Idaho's critical resources. He expressed there is minimal anticipated confiscation in this bill, it is more preemptive.

MOTION:

RS 31495C2 died for lack of a motion.

RS 31518:

Rep. Ehlers presented **RS 31518** stating state dollars should not go to foreign enemies. This proposed legislation defines foreign adversaries, defines investments, and asks for a report to know how much of state investment funds go to foreign adversaries to be created by the fiscal year end date. The goal is, this report will give the legislature the information they need to draft future legislation on this topic.

MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 31518.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31477:

Rep. Pickett presented **RS 31477** explaining the United States is coming up on the 250 year anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America250 is a national initiative to celebrate this occasion which Idaho will join. This proposed legislation gives authority to establish an advisory council for Idaho's participation in America250.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31477. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31465: Rep. Kingsley presented **RS 31465** explaining this proposed legislation prevents political parties from mailing absentee ballot requests. In response to committee questions, Rep. Kingsley clarified a person can still request an absentee ballot for themselves for any of the existing reasons, and they can do so electronically. This only limits instances in which a ballot can be requested for someone else.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31465. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31516: Rep. Skaug presented **RS 31516** explaining this is a redraft of legislation this committee saw earlier this session. This version removed an incorrect reference in Idaho Code. This proposed legislation prohibits providers of abortion from publishing sex education curricula in schools.

MOTION: Rep. Alfieri made a motion to introduce **RS 31516. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31528: Rep. Young presented **RS 31528** explaining this a replacement draft for **H 520** which ensures tax payer dollars are not used for gender transition surgeries. This version clarifies one of the included exemptions applies to both adults and minors.

MOTION: Rep. Barbieri made a motion to introduce **RS 31528. Motion carried by voice vote**

H 486: Rep. Allgood presented **H 486** explaining this bill helps the Idaho Veterans Home deal with intangible property if veterans in the home pass away and don't have any written directive. Rep. Allgood deferred committee questions to **Mark Chample**, Idaho Division of Veterans Service, who explained intangible property, often money, is given directly to the State Treasurer. Tangible property such as clothes or belongings can be claimed by a next of kin for up to 12 months, at which time it becomes the property of the home.

MOTION: Rep. Andrus made a motion to send **H 486** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Allgood will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 661	Independent candidates	Rep. Monks
H 656	Admin procedure, judicial review	Rep. Manwaring
H 620	Knives, regulation	Rep. Redman
H 572	Guaranteed income prgm, preempt	Rep. Hawkins
HJM 8	Biden admin, immigration	Rep. Hawkins
H 470	Office of election crimes, security	Rep. Alfieri
H 652	Initiative petitions	Rep. Petzke

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. 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 Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

H 661: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 661** explaining this legislation addresses inconsistencies in when candidates for president have to file. Candidates of political parties must file by September 1st to allow time for primary elections. This legislation requires independent candidates to file by August 1st. This allows extra time for the Secretary of State to verify signatures for independent candidates.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 661** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 656: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **H 656** explaining this legislation provides for expedited judicial review for state purchases and pauses the deadline for submitting an appeal until public records are received. In response to committee questions, Rep. Manwaring clarified the expedited judicial review works by requiring a hearing be set for the earliest day possible, no later than 28 days. He also clarified this legislation includes no changes to attorneys fees though it does give the right to affirm the award.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 656** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 620: **Rep. Redman** presented **H 620** explaining this legislation enacts state law preemption to prevent regulation of knives, in the same way Idaho prevents the regulation of firearms. Similar legislation has passed in fourteen other states.
Todd Rathner, Knife Rights, continued the presentation explaining this legislation assures knife laws are consistent across the state. In response to committee questions, Mr. Rathner explained they have no opposition to additional exemptions for jails and police stations. They recognize the authority of law enforcement to regulate the building where they operate.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 620** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 629** subject to the call of the chair.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Young** made an amended substitute motion to send **H 620** to General Orders.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. Skaug made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his substitute motion. There being no objection, the substitute motion was withdrawn.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Gannon spoke **in support** of the substitute motion stating this legislation needs to be vetted by more cities and counties.

Substitute motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Redman will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 572:

Rep. Hawkins presented **H 572** explaining this legislation is a preemption against universal basic income which has pilot programs in 20 states. This legislation will prevent this starting in Idaho. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hawkins explained the state has programs in place and he does not see how adding a program like this would not grow the total number of social assistance programs.

Ian Troesoyer testified **in opposition** to **H 572** explaining universal basic income can be an effective way to allocate resources and cash payments to people in need can be more effective because they can spend it however they need. He highlighted other social aid formats can be a poverty trap because people turn down raises and better jobs because they don't want to lose benefits.

Rep. Hawkins closed debate affirming Idaho does its fair share of assistance services and does not need to add this to the mix. He clarified it does not include any existing unemployment benefits.

MOTION

Rep. Scott made a motion to send **H 572** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HJM 8:

Rep. Hawkins presented **HJM 8** explaining this memorial is drafted to send the strongest possible message to Congress and the Idaho Delegation stating Idaho does not approve of the handling of the southern border. He stated because of the current administration's decisions to halt the national emergency at the southern border and halted construction of the border wall this resolution calls for his impeachment. In response to committee questions, Rep. Hawkins stated this legislation does not address legislation currently moving through the US Congress involving immigration.

Mary Ruckh testified **in opposition** to **HJM 8** asking that the body not encourage impeachment but rather demand the House and Senate work together to solve this issue, and affirmed this resolution does not express the views of all Idahoans.

Robert Gillis, Idaho Tough on Crime, and **Erin Hildreth** both testified **in support** of **HJM 8** highlighting stories of American lives lost to illegal immigrant crime and illegal immigrant gang members. In response to committee questions, Ms. Hildreth explained at the time her brother was killed by an illegal immigrant there was a treaty in place which did not allow for extradition, this has since been changed and her brother's killer was brought back to the US five years after the murder.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association, testified **in opposition** to **HRM 8** as written, with key objection to lines 40-42 which include language inflammatory to dairymen in Idaho. He clarified all workers on Idaho dairies are paid at above average starting wage, drug tests are routine, and they must provide proper paperwork to be hired. In response to committee questions, Mr. Naerebout explained about 90% of the dairy workforce is foreign born. They all supply paperwork and fill out an I9 when hired. ICE does occasional audits of dairies. Around 70% of workers will not pass an ICE audit at which time they could no longer work there since the farming/dairy industry does not have a visa program. He clarified the association takes issue the phrase 'thirst for cheap labor in the bill' along with the statement that immigration reform cannot take place until impeachment is complete. Because the dairy industry has become dependant on foreign born labor, there is a need to be simultaneously working on border security and visa program reform.

Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **HJM 8** explaining the existing language suggests border security cannot be accomplished simultaneously as visa reform. In response to committee questions, Mr. Kelly explained the Food Producers represent over 40 different agricultural and natural resources in Idaho, some of which are corporations, others are small farms. He clarified there is a national congressional delegation who they work with who are focused on immigration reform.

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau, testified **in opposition** to **HJM 8** stating they do not support the President's mishandling of this issue, but feel the memorial mischaracterizes the farming industry. In response to committee questions, Mr. Jensen clarified their opposition lies in lines 40-42 as well as the prioritizing of impeachment over all other reform action, highlighting while other administrations may have enforced the law better, impeachment is unlikely and Idaho farmers and ranchers need help now. He also expressed that while they recognize many individuals do not have the proper documentation, the industry cannot function if they all go away. In response to further committee questions, he stated there has not been an issue finding labor under other administrations. He clarified the difference between guest workers who are not seeking visas and employees who present the proper I9 paperwork. He closed stating they want border security but they need the other part of the equation as well.

Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in support** of **HJM 8** stating the President has taken action which have worsened the situation at the southern border and should be removed. In response to committee questions, Mr. Birnbaum explained this is the only legislation currently in process which asks for impeachment, the others only ask for immigration reform. He stated people are conflating the need for seasonal workers and boarders being wide open.

Brian Almon testified **in support** of **HJM 8** stating though the US is a nation of immigrants it is also a nation of laws which must be enforced. He stated many industries would rather pay higher wages to hire Americans, and it must not be accepted that certain industries are the domain of certain nationalities.

Senator Zuiderfeld and **Rep. Hawkins** closed debate highlighting an estimated cost to Americans of \$182 billion a year spent on immigration problems along with violent crime and drugs crossing the boarder. They stated impeachment will stop this and affirmed this resolution does not single out any one industry.

MOTION:

Rep Barbieri made a motion to send **HJM 8** to General Orders.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to the motion stating it is important this move forward, however he sees how this included language can be disparaging to farmers and hopes it can be removed in the amending order.

Rep. Gannon spoke in support of the motion stating he would support an amendment which would ask for the impeachment of the Speaker of the US House as well.

Rep. Alfieri spoke in opposition to the motion stating the law must be enforced.

Rep. Young spoke in support of the motion stating she support the core message of the resolution but does not want to fall into debate about whose fault this is.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Scott made a substitute motion to send **HJM 8** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 470:

Rep. Alfieri presented **H 470** explaining it establishes an Election Crimes and Security Office under the Attorney General. This office will receive and investigate election fraud complaints and can initiate independent inquiries to address issues swiftly. It will also establish a voter fraud hotline in Idaho as well as require annual reporting to the Governor and Legislature.

Secretary Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, testified in opposition to **H 470** stating his role as chief election officer for the State of Idaho is to oversee all elections however no one in his office was contacted regarding this legislation. They take the integrity of elections very seriously and there are good elements to this bill, but they must work together. In response to committee questions, Secretary McGrane stated this bill could duplicate what is already done in his office since they work with law enforcement to investigate election crime. He also clarified putting this office under the Attorney General does not qualify as a separation of powers since both the Secretary of State and Attorney General are Executive Branch offices. He explained poll worker suppression as a result of this bill would depend on how it was executed and enforced.

Rep. Alfieri closed debate stating election crimes allegations should be enforced separately from the office which runs the elections.

MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to send **H 470** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Achilles made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 470** in committee.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Scott made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD H 470** in committee until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Rep. Allgood spoke in support of the amended substitute motion stating the Secretary of State should be involved and highlighted the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association has expressed concern with the bill.

Rep. Young spoke in support of the original motion stating this is a reasonable second avenue for people to prosecute election crimes.

Rep. Alfieri responded to committee comments stating prosecutors do not oppose the bill, just a section of its language.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE, 8 NAY, and 2 absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Scott, Gannon, and Achilles.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, and Allgood.** **Reps. Barbieri and Crane (12)** were absent and excused.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE, 8 NAY, and 2 absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Allgood, Gannon, and Achilles. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, and Alfieri. Reps. Barbieri and Crane (12) were absent and excused.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Original motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 3 NAY, and 2 absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, and Alfieri. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Allgood, Gannon, and Achilles. Reps. Barbieri and Crane (12) were absent and excused. Rep. Alfieri will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 652:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to HOLD H 652 until Friday, March 1, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 29, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HCR 26	University of Idaho, corporation	Elizabeth Bowen, Legislative Legal Counsel

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 29, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane) (12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

HCR 26: **Elizabeth Bowen**, legislative legal counsel, presented **HCR 26** explaining she is here to give advice on the University of Idaho's purchase of the University of Phoenix. She outlined on May 18th, 2023 the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho voted to authorize the creating of FourThree education a non-profit which would acquire all the assets of the University of Phoenix. The Board of Regents and the University of Idaho would be the sole members of FourThree. She argued the Board has no constitutional or statutory authority to acquire and own another university, create a corporation, or invent new powers for itself. Furthermore, since the constitutional authority to create FourThree does not exist, if the corporation fails a court could hold the University of Idaho responsible for any debts. **HCR 26** asks the Board to reconsider the transactions and what they have done to bypass the legislature, as well as authorizes the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tem of the Senate to take legal action on behalf of the legislature if necessary.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Bowen** clarified there are no laws which would require a non-profit corporation to share records or comply with open meeting regulations. She stated it would be a good idea for the legislature to create a committee to review all the documents related to transactions, seek the advice of experts, and discuss further with the Department of Education. She clarified in their public roles she does not believe University leadership and the Board of Regents had the constitutional authority to form this non-profit, though it does not qualify as misuse of public funds since only bond funds will be used for the transaction. She cited a court ruling in California in which a university was held liable after a non-profit created had gone defunct.

Scott Green, University of Idaho President, testified **in opposition to HCR 26** stating the University has acted in good faith based on counsel of advisors since the beginning. He affirmed though this conversation centers on risk, this transaction can help elevate higher education in Idaho with new learning modalities and degree options. In response to committee questions, President Green stated the University did not have a mechanism to seek the approval of the legislature since this transaction did not require an appropriation. He stated the legal opinions provided by their counsel were shared with JFAC and with this committee. The purchase agreement is on the website and bonding documents will be made available when they are finished. He highlighted they followed their checklists provided by legal counsel which includes their reporting line of the Board of Regents, then the Governor, but does not include the legislature. He spoke to the University

being a land grant institution stating none of the 42 brick and mortar buildings throughout the state will close due to the transaction because they provide other services. Additionally this will allow the land grant mission to be met in new ways by bringing in qualified teachers where the University is currently unable to find them. He mentioned online learning is one of the best ways to provide access to education and serve nontraditional learners. He emphasized University of Phoenix will have its own management team, as will the University of Idaho. He pointed out the other universities in Idaho supported this transaction and believe it will help the development of Online Idaho. He confirmed their legal counsel was hired because of their expertise and stated all materials presented to the Board about this transaction are on the University website. He answered committee questions regarding various actors in the transaction including Apollo Education and Hogan Lovells and affirmed conflicts of interest would have had to have been disclosed before the transaction.

Kent Nelson, Special Counsel to the University of Idaho, answered additional committee questions explaining bonding documents will be shared with the public and the legislature upon their completion, and stated the legally binding contract for this transaction has already been signed. In regard to constitutional authority he clarified the Board of Regents' authority is embedded in the Constitution which is confirmed throughout Idaho case law, making this transaction legal. He further stated he was in charge of interviewing and hiring Hogan Lovells.

Kurt Liebich, State Board of Education, responded to further committee questions stating with hindsight he feels they should have gotten more legislative involvement, however the timeline was key to the seller in this transaction. He highlighted the enormous changes happening in higher education stating online learning is more cost effective and offers growth in student population through adult learners. He affirmed a lawsuit filed by the legislature would put the transaction at risk and closed stating standing still and not considering transactions like this at all also poses great risk to the University.

Mike Stoddard, Hawley Troxell, answered other committee questions, citing Article 9 Sections 2 and 10 as Idaho constitutional authority for the Board of Regents. He clarified the main reason for the creation of FourThree was to limit the liability to the University of Idaho more clearly as FourThree will be responsible for repaying bonds leaving the University and the State with no legal obligation.

April Renfro, Legislative Audits, responded to committee questions about how this transaction will appear on state financial records stating the University of Idaho has included FourThree in their component units and the University's assets and liabilities will be reported.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Vice Chairman Young asked unanimous consent to **HOLD HCR 26** for one legislative day. There being no opposition the request was granted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 01, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 652	Initiative petitions	Rep. Petzke Rep. Vander Woude
HCR 26	University of Idaho, corporation	Elizabeth Bowen, Legislative Legal Counsel
H 602	Taxpayer funds, teachers unions	Rep. Hawkins

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 01, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane)(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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.

H 652: **Rep. Crane (13)** asked unanimous consent to **HOLD H 652** subject to the call of the chair. There being no objection, the request was granted.

HCR 26: **Sasha O'Connell**, Office of Performance Evaluation, presented information on the Health Information Exchange, an example of another non-profit which was partially funded by the state. She proved the organization was treated differently than other private vendors because of its relationship with the state. However, over time the state had no enforcement mechanism and the Exchange was not subject to the transparency requirements of a public entity. The recommendation of Office of Performance Evaluation was for the Exchange to cease business unless they increased transparency.

Raul Labrador, Attorney General of Idaho, testified **in support** of **HCR 26** stating the Hawley Troxell memo does not address the central constitutional question of whether or not the Board of Regents has the power to acquire a private institution. He highlighted that while the University has attested there was no mechanism for them to bring this to the legislature, there was also not anything stopping them.

Rod Lewis testified **in support** of **HCR 26** stating this is the largest change in the history of Idaho higher education history and deserves additional review and debate. In response to committee questions, Mr. Lewis highlighted this purchase is structured entirely on debt and he believes the real risk to the University of Idaho to be much higher than 10 million per year for five years. He expressed concern that only abridged information is provided on the University's FAQ page and expressed a desire to see due diligence documents, financial documents, the contract, and negotiation documents for the transaction. He also expressed concern about the University of Phoenix's bad behavior in the past.

Aaron Williamson testified **in opposition** to **HCR 26** stating he was in attendance at the May 18th Board meeting and felt it was transparent and informative.

Nels Mitchell testified **in support** of **HCR 26** highlighting numerous red flags he sees in this transaction including lack of statutory authority, previous settlements for fraud, and failures to disclose. In response to committee questions, Mr. Mitchell explained all conflicts should be disclosed before an attorney is hired.

Bill Kerns testified in **opposition** to **HCR 26** stating there are many merits to this transaction and it is one of many good things this administration has done for the University of Idaho. He asked legislators to not stop the transaction and instead enter into forward thinking discussion with the University. In response to committee questions, he explained there is not enough time to stop this process and take legal action.

Scott Green, University of Idaho President, responded to further committee questions stating he understands the committee's concerns about risk, but the University feels the revenue streams and equity from Phoenix are strong and doing nothing poses a greater risk to the University.

Elizabeth Bowen, Legislative Legal Counsel, closed debate recommending **HCR 26** to the legislature so they can get all the information they need.

MOTION:

Rep. Gannon made a motion to send **HCR 26** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke to his motion stating he is thankful for the President and the University coming to the table, however he still has concerns about a private company being bought by a public entity and believes this issue needs further review.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Achilles made a substitute motion to send **HCR 26** to General Orders.

Rep. Young spoke in **support** of the original motion and highlighted this committee would like to have the due diligence documents and signed contracts and would like to have a total liability analysis.

Rep. Scott spoke in **opposition** to the substitute motion stating the legislature may need to pursue something legally and this gives them the best opportunity to do so.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Substitute motion failed by a vote of 1 AYE, 10 NAY, and 2 absent and excused. Voting in favor of the motion: **Rep. Achilles**. Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (12), and Gannon.** **Reps. Palmer and Andrus** were absent and excused.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Original motion carried by voice vote. **Rep. Crane (13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 602:

Rep. Hawkins presented **H 602** explaining this bill is not against teachers or unions, but rather ensures taxpayer dollars only pay for teachers while teaching in the classroom.

Maxford Nelson, Freedom Foundation, continued the presentation of this legislation stating it stops tax dollars from being directly contributed to a teachers union, prohibits paid time off for union work, ends special union access to school facilities, and would protect teachers privacy by stopping records from being shared with the union. In response to committee questions, Mr. Nelson explained he helped with the drafting of this legislation and believes taxpayers do not intend to pay for teachers to do union work.

Joe Maloney, American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations, **Jason Hudson**, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and **Shaun Laughlin**, Professional Firefighters of Idaho and the Idaho Fraternal Order of Police, testified in **opposition** to **H 602** expressing concern as other public sector union members about the precedent this sets since similar versions of this legislation have been drafted including their unions.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 602** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Dale Layne, Idaho Association of School Administrators testified **in opposition** to **H 602** stating they did not ask for this legislation, nor did they have any input on it. In response to committee questions, Mr. Layne clarified he supports tax dollars going to professional development which many of the unions provide. He also voiced concerns this action could discourage people from becoming teachers.

Paul Stark, Idaho Education Association, testified **in opposition** to **H 602** stating this is an out of state solution looking for a Idaho problem and expressed concern this could be a first amendment viewpoint discrimination.

Brian Sikma, Workers for Opportunity, testified **in support** of **H 602** stating no teacher should be forced to participate in union activities against their will and this legislation establishes a good line between what should and should not be funded by taxpayers,

Maxford Nelson closed debate stating this would not be an equal protection issue since it only impact Title 33 of Idaho Code which only effects teachers.

Rep. Allgood spoke **in opposition** to the motion stating he spoke with his school districts and affirmed the union and districts work well together.

Rep. Achilles spoke **in opposition** to the motion stating no teachers and districts are in support of this legislation and expressed concern about out of state lobbyists bringing this kind of legislation to Idaho.

Rep. Scott spoke **in support** of the motion stating it is always appropriate to seek help from outside the state when needed.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in opposition** to the motion expressing concerns this legislation will hurt teacher retention and recruitment.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon, Achilles, and Allgood requested to be recorded voting **NAY. Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 04, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 660	State agreements, notice	Rep. Gannon Rep. Allgood
RS 31558	State gov, notice of intent	Rep. Gannon Rep. Allgood
HJR 3	Elections, highest number of votes	Rep. Barbieri
RS 31555	Elections, highest vote number	Rep. Barbieri
HCR 20	Traditional family values month	Rep. Alfieri
RS 31535C1	Traditional family values month	Rep. Alfieri
H 664	Synthetic media, elections	Rep. Rubel

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Rep Barbieri	Rep Crane (12) (Crane)
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Gannon
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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane)(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Crane (12)

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Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Rep. Gannon took a personal privilege to correct a statement made in the Friday March 1, 2024 meeting in which he cited a US Senate bill which did not include immigration reform.

H 660: **Rep. Gannon** presented **H 660** explaining this legislation requires 30 day notice when an institute of the state wants to enter into a transaction of over 25 million dollars with five listed exceptions. There is a new draft coming which specifies which news outlets must be given notice.

Rep. Allgood continued the presentation asking the committee to hold **H 660**.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to **HOLD H 660 in committee. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31558: **Rep. Allgood** presented **RS 31558** explaining this proposed legislation is the same 30 day notice requirement with the added information the notice must be shared with Legislative Service's Capitol Correspondents List.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31558** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Allgood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HJR 3: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **HJR 3** explaining there was a flaw found in this bill and a new draft is coming. He asked the committee to hold the bill.

Norma Staaf, League of Women Voters, testified **in opposition** to **HJR 3** stating changing the Constitution should not be taking lightly and should only be done to give more freedoms and choices, not lessen them.

Karen M Hansen testified **in opposition** to **HJR 3** saying rank choice voting better reflects Idaho voters' voices. Passing this legislation would be in direct conflict with election reform initiative in progress.

Clarice McKenney testified **in opposition** to **HJR 3** stating gathering signatures is a lot of work, but people of every party are excited about rank choice voting and the ability to vote for candidates not parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to **HOLD HJR 3 in committee. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31555: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 31555** explaining changing the Constitution is serious and this should be put in front of the electorate. This draft is updated to specify it does not effect non-partisan run off races. He affirmed this process does select the best candidates, just within individual parties. In response to committee questions, Rep. Barbieri deferred to **Senator Hart** who clarified this would not effect any code involving highway district elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31555** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 20: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **HCR 20** explaining this resolution creates a traditional family values month between Mothers Day and Fathers Day. He asked the committee to hold the current resolution.

Heather Stout testified **in opposition** to **HCR 20** stating it is a direct attack on non-traditional families and will expand intolerance.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to **HOLD HCR 20 in committee.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31535C1: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31535C1** explaining this proposed legislation is not trying to disparage any living methods, just recognize the traditional family and its purpose in society. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri explained the changes in this draft include removal of some of the statistical data, as well as removal of references to the **Reverend Paul Sullens.**

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31535C1** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Rep. Achilles spoke **in opposition** to the motion pointing out there is still a reference to Sullins on page 2 line 1.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a substitute motion to return **RS 31535C1** to sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 664: **Rep. Rubel** presented **H 664** explaining this legislation requires disclosures on AI video and audio involving a candidate created during an electioneering period. Similar legislation is being drafted in 41 states, 25 of which are red states. AI and voter deception is a real threat being addressed in every corner of technology and government. In response to committee questions, Rep Rubel explained legislative legal counsel advised them this type of AI electioneering would not be covered under libel or defamation. She also highlighted the burden to pursue claims is on the candidate and reaffirmed AI media is still allowed, but it must be disclosed in a font reasonably readable and posted throughout the duration of the media.

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

Rep. Barbieri spoke **in support** of the motion affirming the claims this type of media is not enough for defamation when damages are hard to prove.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Reps. Rubel and Dixon (1)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 05, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 665	State investments, foreign	Rep. Ehlers
H 666	Sex education, abortion	Rep. Skaug
H 645	School district trustees	Rep. Sauter
H 416	State govt, org membership, funds	Rep. Scott
H 652	Initiative petitions	Rep. Petzke Rep. Vander Woude
RS 31535C2	Traditional family values month	Rep. Alfieri

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Vice Chairman Young	Rep Alfieri
Rep Palmer (Johnson)	Rep Allgood
Rep Barbieri	Rep Crane (12) (Crane)
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Gannon
Rep Scott	Rep Achilles
Rep Andrus	

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer (Johnson), Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane) (12), Gannon, Achilles

**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.

H 665: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 665** explaining this legislation asks for a report of tax dollars and state investments going towards foreign adversaries to be provided at the end of the fiscal year which will then be presented to the legislature. In response to committee questions, Rep. Ehlers clarified the report would be detailed by fund.

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

H 666: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 666** explaining this legislation would prohibit any providers of abortion from publishing sex education curricula in Idaho.

David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life, continued the presentation stating this builds upon the foundations laid by the No Public Funds for Abortion Act. He said abortion providers have a political and social agenda and this would prevent them from forming relationships with children. In response to committee questions, Mr. Ripley outlined this is different than other organizations providing information in schools since abortion is a crime in Idaho. He gave examples of organizations which could qualify such as Planned Parenthood and the Northwest Abortion Fund and stated hospitals would not qualify as they provide legitimate healthcare.

Mistie Tollman, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 666** stating this would limit young people's access to comprehensive sex education and could include hospitals. She asked that the committee make it easier not harder for students to get the sex education they need. In response to other testimony, Ms. Tollman clarified Planned Parenthood does not promote abortion but rather assists with age appropriate, consent centered, pregnancy prevention based sex ed.

Steve Bender testified **in support** of **H 666** highlighting this legislation prohibits someone who is making money by providing abortion from providing information about abortions, therefore standing to profit and grow their business through the sharing of that information. In response to committee questions, Mr. Bender stated hospitals would not be included if they were providing legal abortions only and did not believe the legislation should be amended to state illegal providers of abortions.

Rep. Skaug closed debate explaining there are no known providers of illegal abortions in Idaho. This legislation is drafted to prevent out of state abortion providers from entering Idaho schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 666** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Young spoke in support of the motion saying this legislation does not speak to any content, just narrows who provides the content.

Rep. Gannon spoke in opposition to the motion stating hospitals need to be exempted from this legislation.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 645: **Rep. Sauter** presented **H 645** explaining this legislation is in response to the West Bonner School District recall and addresses the boards inability to function during that time. Firstly, this legislation defines a quorum after a recall election as a majority of the seated members. Second, it states a vacancy exists once the school board has a proper meeting and declares a vacancy following the county clerks' certified election results. Lastly, it provides trustees subject to recall cannot make new contractual agreements or funding decisions between the date of the election and its certification. In response to committee questions Rep. Sauter clarified the language 'time of the special recall election' was provided by attorneys and refers to the day of the election. He highlighted the restriction language regarding the time between election and certification is clear, and limited to contractual obligation and spending of funds and if the recall election was unsuccessful the person would immediately resume their full duties. He further outlined the process following a recall election stating the county clerk counts all votes in the elections and the county commissioner certifies the election results.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 645** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 3 NAY.** Voting in support of the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Johnson, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Allgood, Crane (12), Gannon, and Achilles.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Scott, Andrus, and Alfieri.** **Rep. Sauter** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 416: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 416** this legislation prohibits public officials, employees, and subdivisions of government from using taxpayer dollars for organization membership fees with listed exceptions, in an effort to reduce General Fund spending. She stated some agencies want to make ensure language is included to exempt professional development which would need to come in an amendment.

Jason Spellman, Legal Counsel to the Administrative Office of the Courts, testified in opposition to **H 416** as written giving the example of a membership organization which allows for the certification of interpreters in courts which would be far more expensive to develop independently from the organization.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 416** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 652: **Rep. Petzke** presented **H 652** explaining this legislation would change the ballot initiative process to require signatures to be submitted monthly, not all at the end of the collection period, and creates a review period of two months following the collection period in which people can remove their signatures if they would like. In response to committee questions, Rep. Petzke explained this does not make the ballot initiative process more restrictive as many things in government must be submitted monthly. He also stated this legislation is modeled after similar legislation in Utah under which they have had multiple successful ballot initiative petitions.

Kendal Shaber, League of Women Voters of Idaho, testified in opposition to **H 652** stating already very few initiatives make the ballot, and this adds a burden to rural volunteers. In response to committee questions, Ms. Shaber affirmed the process is sufficiently stringent as is.

Georgia Boatman testified in opposition to **H 652** stating this legislation takes the power away from the citizens of Idaho to propose laws independent of the legislature and gives an advantage to professional signature collectors over volunteers.

Tracey Olson testified in opposition to **H 652** highlighting concerns about the provision to remove signatures from a petition without identity verification with no provision for reinstating signatures which could be wrongfully removed. In response to committee questions, Ms. Olson explained signatures on a petition are all verified by the Secretary of State and collectors sign an affidavit stating they witnessed the signature.

Norma Staaf, Heather Stout, and Karen Hansen testified in opposition to **H 562** stating concerns the review period is ripe for bad actors, this legislation creates unnecessary hoops to jump through, and affirming the current process is already clear and carefully controlled.

Julie Celeberti testified in opposition to **H 652** stating the collecting and validating of signatures is already secure and this legislation creates no fraud safeguards. In response to committee questions, Ms. Celeberti explained the county clerk verifies all signatures on a petition are registered voters, after the collector attests they have witnessed each signature.

Steve Bender testified in support of **H 652** explaining this legislation does not shorten the time for collecting signatures, it lengthens the time for verifying them and lowers the administrative work load by making it ongoing.

Rep. Petzke closed debate stating the process for removing signatures is already in existing code, this legislation just creates a designated window of time for that to happen. He also clarified this legislation will not effect any current initiatives, but rather establishes a better system going forward. In response to committee questions, Rep. Petzke explained this legislation is not in response to complaints about the current system, but rather to make it more transparent.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to **HOLD H 652** in committee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a substitute motion to send **H 652** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Achilles spoke in opposition to the substitute motion citing four issues he has with the legislation including the review period breaking current statute, the potential impact this could have on overseas voters, the increase of work for clerks, and no process for how the review period will be conducted.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Reps. Petzke and Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31535C2: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31535C2** explaining this is the same Traditional Family Values Month legislation this committee has seen before with all references to the **Reverend Paul Sullins** removed per the request of the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31535C2**.

Rep. Achilles spoke in opposition to the motion expressing concern the draft language is undermining certain family structures by promoting a family structure based on only one viewpoint and stated he would prefer to support a resolution making all families stronger.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Gannon requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 06, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 599	Ballot harvesting prohibited	Rep. Mitchell
H 603	State agencies, donations	Rep. Monks
H 667	Absentee ballots	Rep. Kingsley
H 626	Admin procedure, scope of review	Rep. Barbieri
RS 31568	Electrical code	Rep. Crane (13)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 06, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer (Johnson), Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane)(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

H 599: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **H 599** explaining this legislation makes it illegal to delay or destroy another persons ballot, it allows paid employees and caregivers to deliver ballots. In response to committee questions, Rep. Mitchell clarified a person who is volunteering for a campaign cannot collect and deliver ballots.

Rep. Mitchell deferred additional committee questions to **Jason Hancock**, House Majority Chief of Staff, who clarified previous committee volunteers could deliver in a later election cycle in which they were not volunteering. He also stated the punishment is a misdemeanor to reserve felony punishment for people who are doing this at scale.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, testified **in support** of **H 599** stating this is a practice not seen in Idaho, though it is seen in many other states. In response to committee questions, Secretary McGrane explained he found the term caregiver sufficient and trusted prosecutorial judgment of who that includes.

Kendal Shaber, League of Women Voters Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 599** sharing fears regarding the autonomy of voters and explained individuals with disabilities and those without reliable transportation are anxious about this legislation.

Sam Sandmire testified **in opposition** to **H 599**, expressing concern this would make it illegal to help a one hundred year old neighbor get an absentee ballot to a dropbox.

Rep. Mitchell closed debate highlighting the definition for caregiver exists in Idaho Code 39-5302.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 599** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Achilles spoke **in opposition** to the motion stating there should be zero tolerance for ballot destroying, however this will likely result in less volunteers and more paid ballot delivery.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in opposition** to the motion expressing concern this will have a chilling effect on people acting in good faith and stating issue with the confusing language of the exemptions in the bill.

VOTE ON MOTION **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 603: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 603** explaining this legislation prevents government organizations from donating or sponsoring non-governmental organizations, unless authorized by the governor or CEO. It includes penalties as lined out in code under misuse of public monies.

Kevin Bailey, Idaho Non-profit Center CEO, testified **in opposition** to **H 603** taking issue with the conflation of the terms donation and sponsorship in the legislation and expressed concern it would limit contracting under grant funding. In response to committee questions, Mr. Bailey expressed government organizations have a vested interest in the people and one of the best ways to be in front of the people is to sponsor events. He gave the example of a scholarships given for Americorps members to attend their annual conference and expressed concern those funds may be prohibited under this legislation.

Rep. Monks closed debate explaining a fee for service is still allowed only sponsorships and donations are under consideration. In response to committee questions, Rep. Monks clarified if a government organization purchases advertising space, that is allowed, but sponsoring an event in exchange for advertising would need approval.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 603** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Skaug spoke **in support** of the motion stating it adds proper sideboards to this kind of spending.

VOTE ON MOTION. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 667: **Rep. Kingsley** presented **H 667** explaining this legislation stops political parties from mass mailing ballot request forms to citizens of Idaho. In response to committee questions, Rep. Kinglsey clarified the word jurisdiction refers to where a person votes. He also explained the only penalty included in the legislation is the ballot being disqualified.

Kendal Shaber, League of Women Voters Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **H 667** explaining this adds confusion about who can request an absentee ballot. She stated no excuse absentee balloting is popular in Idaho. In response to committee questions, Ms. Shaber explained she understands the bill to mean people within their jurisdiction on election day cannot request an absentee ballot regardless of their work schedule.

Douglas Miller, Trent Tripple, and Kathy Ackerman all testified **in opposition** to **H 667** as county clerks and employees stating this legislation eliminates no excuse absentee ballots and expressing concerns this could be used against officials if an absentee ballot is issued when the recipient does not meet the outlined expectations. They also highlighted clerks tireless work to ensure the security of elections. In response to committee questions, Mr. Miller explained his interpretation of jurisdiction to be within precinct boundaries. He also raised the questions of who would be investigating whether or not ballot recipients were actually outside of their precinct on voting day.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, testified **in opposition** to **H 667** emphasizing this legislation doesn't touch on security of elections just adds additional impediments. In response to committee questions, Secretary McGrane explained the signature verification process which includes law enforcement training on verifying signatures against those on voter registration and drivers licences. He also shared his interpretation of jurisdiction to mean county. He also gave the example of counties in which the total number of registered voters in the precinct is less than 140 and absentee ballots are the only method of voting.

Karen Hansen testified in opposition to H 667 explaining it can be beneficial to vote absentee ahead of election day to avoid unexpected problems, which is only one of many good reasons to allow voting by mail to any voter who requests absentee.

Rep. Kingsley closed debate highlighting this legislation is to reel in absentee voting. He expressed he was willing for the legislation to be sent to General Orders.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 667** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a substitute motion to send **H 667** to General Orders.

Reps. Alfieri and Barbieri spoke **in support** of the original motion stating there are many ways a person can vote and it is the responsibility of the state to ensure everyone can vote, not that they get to vote.

Reps. Achilles and Gannon spoke **in support** of the substitute motion stating concerns around the lack of a definition of jurisdiction and the bill not accounting for election day not being a holiday and some working voters needing absentee ballots, despite being local.

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

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

H 626: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **H 626** explaining this bill states in a legal review of administrative rules and codes instead of the judiciary determining the definition of a word is what the agency says it is, they should decide in favor of a reasonable definition which protects individual liberties.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 626** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31568: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 31568** explaining this proposed legislation is a reprint of legislation which came through this committee last week. The previous version had exemptions which were originally in statute but were left out. This version puts those exemptions back in. He stated if printed this legislation will go to the Business Committee.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31568. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 07, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 630	Cassia, Minidoka, county boundaries	Rep. Pickett
HCR 31	America250 in Idaho	Rep. Pickett
H 584	Daylight saving time, exemption	Rep. Alfieri
HR 6	Texas, supporting	Rep. Alfieri
HJR 5	Qualified electors	Rep. Andrus
H 646	Counties, boundaries	Rep. McCann

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 07, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer (Johnson), Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approve minutes of February 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 630: **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 630** explaining this legislation makes technical correction to the definitions of the boundaries between Cassia and Minnedoka counties which surveyors are currently unable to define.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 630** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 31: **Rep. Pickett** presented **HCR 31** explaining 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is approaching. This resolution establishes an appointed advisory council in Idaho who would define how the celebration would be carried out in Idaho. In response to committee questions, Rep. Pickett clarified the number in the fiscal note reflects the budget requests from several participating agencies which have been approved through JFAC. He also clarified it is the intention the advisory council be bipartisan and stated he would include this in his floor debate.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **HCR 31** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Reps. Barbieri and Alfieri both stated they would support the motion but were troubled by the spending amount.

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

H 584: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 584** explaining this legislation removes Daylight Savings Time by keeping Idaho on Standard Time year-round similar to Arizona and Hawaii. This would take effect when two other surrounding states pass the same legislation. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri highlighted this legislation did not pass the Senate in Oregon this year, so the earliest this could go into effect would be next year.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 584** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HR 6: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **HR 6** explaining this resolution states Idaho's support of Texas in its border actions to defend against invasion.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **HR 6** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Achilles spoke in **opposition** to the motion stating he would rather the focus be on fixing the broken immigration system.

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

HJR 5: **Rep. Andrus** presented **HJR 5** explaining this legislation ensures only American citizens can vote in Idaho elections.

Jack Tomczak, Americans for Citizen Voting, continued the presentation explaining the Idaho Constitution states every citizen is allowed to vote which sets the floor of who can vote. This legislation creates a ceiling on who can vote by adding the language 'no person who is not a citizen of the US shall be a qualified elector in the state of Idaho.' In response to committee questions Mr. Tomczak explained his organization has members all over the US who support citizen only voting in state, local, municipal, and school board elections. He also clarified no municipalities have tried to allow non-citizen voting in Idaho yet, though it could come. He also stated this legislation and its surrounding research does not include dual citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **HJR 5** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Reps. Gannon and Achilles spoke in **opposition** to the motion stating this is not an issue in Idaho and expressing a preference to defer to local control.

Rep. Skaug and Barbieri spoke in **support** of the motion stating there is a loophole in code which needs to be closed and the state of Idaho should be proactive.

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

H 646: **Rep. McCann** presented **H 646** explaining this legislation addresses one hundred miles of unclear county boundary which was set before Idaho was a state and includes six different counties. This boundary now poses a challenge for the surveyors in the area. This legislation includes a one time fiscal note of \$10,000 to each county, to fund the necessary changes. All counties are in support of this legislation.

Johnathan Ellsbury, Laytah County Land Surveyor, continued the presentation explaining the counties' number one concern was property taxes, however counties are required to retain an expert land surveyor to create new legal descriptions of the boundaries and no citizen will lose any property. In response to committee questions, Mr. Ellsbury explained there are currently both overlaps and gaps in taxed land on this boundary. There are conflicting property deeds which will need to be updated following the passage of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 646** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. McCann** will sponsor this bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 11, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 384	Harmful materials, libraries	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 31627	Libraries, prohibited materials	Rep. Crane (12)
H 659	Public utilities	Rep. Palmer
H 561	Canvass report, elections	Rep. Lambert
HCR 28	Paul Nettleton, honoring	Rep. Lambert
H 627	Gold, silver, legal tender	Rep. Miller
RS 31628	Legal tender, gold, silver	Rep. Miller

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 8:30 AM.

H 627: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **HOLD H 627** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31628: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **HOLD RS 31628** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 659: **Rep. Palmer** presented **H 659** explaining this legislation deals with things the Public Utilities Commission and removes things they do not regulate anymore from Idaho Code.

Will Hart, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Company, testified **in support of H 659** stating the clarification in this legislation is valuable and streamlines many processes. In response to committee questions, Mr. Hart explained this would allow willing buyer and willing seller agreements not to require a public hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 659** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 561: **Rep. Lambert** presented **H 561** explaining this legislation updates the canvass language by standardizing the reporting process, and striking the requirement to send by registered mail. In response to committee questions, Rep. Lambert explained the additional time allotted for the report following the election allows the Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and State Controller time to meet.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, testified **in support of H 561** explaining the time frames for these reports was set before the addition of post-election audits. With the addition work, an update to the time frame is needed. In response to committee questions, Secretary McGrane explained this would delay the period in which an election can be challenged but it would not shorten that period. He also clarified what the election audit process looks like which involves randomly selected counties and randomly selected precincts within those counties.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 561** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Lambert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 28: **Rep. Lambert** presented **HCR 28** explaining this legislation honors **Paul Nettleton** who is retiring from the Owyhee County Volunteer Sheriff Department. He was involved in searching for an escaped fugitive and the capture of murderer Claude Dallas. The sponsors of this legislation are happy to honor his years of service.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **HCR 28** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Lambert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 384: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 384** explaining this bill passed out of this committee, then it was replaced with a Senate bill which has failed, so this is back for public hearing before being held to introduce a new version. The largest change in this version is the Miller Test is the only thing used to determine what is harmful to minors. The 30-day written relocation request is now also standardized in the legislation. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) clarified the Miller Test is the uniform standard for determining what is harmful to minors in Supreme Court case law. He highlighted this bill does not eliminate the option to simply have a conversation and ask for a book to be relocated, the form and civil cause of action are there as second and third steps.

Abigail Wallace testified in opposition to **H 384** stating books have a positive impact and add perspective and the majority of Idahoans do not support this bill. In response to committee questions, Ms. Wallace shared fears this legislation and its included fine will scare librarians into removing books since it includes subjective terms.

Ron Pisaneschi testified in opposition to **H 384** stating there are tools in place for parents to decide what their children should read. This legislation is unnecessary and unworkable. In response to committee questions, Mr. Pisaneschi expressed he is unaware of any materials in the library which are graphically sexually explicit. He also explained many of the books which may include explicit content would still pass the Miller Test when considered in their entirety. He closed stating there is no need for this legislation and parents should determine age appropriateness for their own children.

Eric Gironda testified in opposition to **H 384** singing 'You've Got to be Carefully Taught' from South Pacific. In response to committee questions, Mr. Gironda stated none of this is happening in libraries or schools and expressed fears about the lawsuits which would follow the passage of this legislation.

Rebecca Proctor testified in opposition to **H 384** explaining this legislation could potentially deny access to hundreds of excellent books for teens and kids which are appropriate and teach lessons and provide hope and healing for students suffering from harm.

Lance McGrath, Idaho Library Association President, testified in opposition to **H 384** highlighting librarians care about the wellbeing of kids and do not provide harmful materials. He stated 69% of families trust librarians. He expressed concerns about this legislation placing a financial burden on libraries and infringing on parental rights. In response to committee questions, Mr. McGrath explained materials which do not pass the Miller Test are not entered into the library collection as is recommended by the American Library Association. He affirmed he has not seen obscene materials in libraries, but if it is there systems are in place to handle it.

Jenny Emery Davidson testified in opposition to **H 384** stating Idahoans do not want one person to prevent everyone else from reading something. In response to committee questions, Ms. Emery Davidson clarified many of the books quoted in previous debate on this topic do pass the Miller Test when read in their entirety. She questioned if the Miller Test is already in Idaho Code, why is this legislation needed if not to bring fear. In response to further questions, she explained all employees and volunteers at her library must pass a background check.

Jeff Kohler testified in **opposition** to **H 384** stating every library in the Meridian Library District has a written process to follow, request for reconsideration forms, and a thoughtful multi-hour review process to determine if a book fits and is shelved correctly. If a person disagrees with that decision they can appeal to the board. To date none of those decisions have been appealed.

Bonnie Shuster and Erin Kennedy testified in **opposition** to **H 384** expressing concern about the Miller Test only being used by the courts, not by the complainant leading to lawsuits even if the book passes the Miller Test. They affirmed the legislation is unnecessary because libraries have processes to request consideration and these processes work. In response to committee questions, they stated this problem is not actually occurring in Idaho libraries and if it is, patrons are encouraged to come discuss with librarians and use provided resources to choose proper materials.

Rep. Crane (12) closed debate stating this legislation includes no book banning or removal. There are differing viewpoints from taxpayers and relocation is the best way to hear both sides. He closed saying if libraries have these systems in place, this bill seeks to codify them.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 384** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31627: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 31627** explaining this is an updated draft of **H 384** with the aforementioned changes. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) explained the definition for harmful materials is almost verbatim from the Miller Test. In regard to this bill impacting private schools, he clarified providing harmful material to minors is still illegal under Idaho Code. He affirmed a private cause of action suit is standard to provide a route to question something and the court can throw out lawsuits they believe are frivolous.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31627** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Rep. Gannon spoke in **opposition** to the motion voicing concerns around this legislation promoting lawsuits and the legality of including private libraries.

Rep. Achilles spoke in **opposition** to the motion voicing concern about the bill's definition of obscene material which omits the third prong of the Miller Test regarding contemporary community standards.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. 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 9:59 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 708	Corporations, state gov	Rep. Manwaring Rep. Ehlers
HCR 35	Traditional family values month	Rep. Alfieri

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TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Vice Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

H 708: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 708** explaining this legislation provides accountability and limited liability to the state by prohibiting the state to act as an incorporator unless authorized by law with listed exceptions. Current state created non-profit will have three options following passage of this legislation including dissolving, disassociating, or reforming. The reform process will begin with a report filed with both the Secretary of State and State Treasurer. In response to committee questions, Rep. Ehlers explained there is not a list of these non-profits but it is believed there could be dozens of them. This list would be part of the report and would also include financial information. He gave examples of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association and University Booster Clubs as example of acceptable non-profits. He clarified this applies to all existing state corporations and would impact them unless they dissolve before the legislation passes. He closed stating decisions can be made to allow more in the future, but those decisions should be made by the legislature, not agencies.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 708** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke to the motion stating he will vote to send to the floor but has a concern the restrictions for board members may be too rigid.

Rep. Alfieri spoke **in support** of the motion complimenting the good bill and the transparency it provides.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Reps. Manwaring and Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 35: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **HCR 35** explaining this legislation establishes traditional family values month between Mother's day and Father's day. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri did not know the exact source of the statistics included in the legislation.

Matt Edwards testified **in support** of **HCR 35** stating it is exciting for Idaho to lead the way in this celebration of families. In response to committee questions, Mr. Edwards stated the statistics are what they are and should move people to support those communities.

Sadie Toews, Christiani Toews, and Stefanie Fetzer testified in support of **HCR 35** stating Idaho was founded on the principle of family and affirmed the stats regarding an increase crime in nontraditional homes is from the Department of Justice. In response to committee questions, Ms. Fetzer stated single or step parent situations inevitably lead to poorer outcomes for children.

Heather Stout testified in opposition to **HCR 35** stating a religious statement does not belong in state code and expressed concerns this legislation will be challenged in courts for being discriminatory. In response to committee questions, Ms. Stout clarified religious terms should not be included in legislation and highlighted how this resolution is discriminatory against those not in traditional families.

Vickie Fadness testified in opposition to **HCR 35** explaining healthy families come in all styles and felt this language was more suited for church than law. In response to committee questions, Ms. Fadness explained other holidays celebrate all people and do not alienate different families.

Mistie Tolman, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates Idaho, testified in opposition to **HCR 35** stating it is a threat to the LGBTQ+ community by including harmful stereotypes and a narrow definition of family. She also emphasized the lack of research regarding positive outcomes of non-traditional families in the bill.

Rep. Alfieri closed debate stating this resolution is not looking to offend any community it simply adds another celebration.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HCR 35** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke in opposition to the motion stating this resolution includes statistics which are not applicable to Idaho and are insulting to non-traditional families. He would like to see it be positive without the derogative narrative.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Achilles** 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 9:50 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 15, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1291	Public contracts, boycotts	Senator Ricks
SCR 117	Erik Peterson, honoring	Rep. Bundy
HJM 7	United Nations, world econ forum	Rep. Lambert
H 627	Gold, silver, legal tender	Rep. Miller
RS 31628	Legal tender, gold, silver	Rep. Miller

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27 and 28, and March 1, 4, 5, and 6, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1291: **Senator Ricks** presented **S 1291** explaining this legislation is similar to **H 189** from last session and deals with public contracts by preventing companies which boycott industries that are important to Idaho from doing business with the state. If they wish to enter into a contract with the state they must disclose any discrimination against Idaho industries. There are listed exceptions including instances where there is no other suitable company which can provide the service, or if the company has less than ten employees. In response to committee questions, Senator Ricks explained fossil fuels are an important resource for the agricultural industry making them important to Idaho even if they do not make up a large portion of Idaho's economy.

Aoibheann Cline, National Rifle Association, testified **in support of S 1291** stating this legislation safeguards Idaho values by requiring entities to disclose discriminatory policies against the firearm industry before entering into a contract with the state, allowing Idahoans to see through discrimination up front.

Braden Jensen, Farm Bureau, testified **in support of S 1291** applauding this clear policy stating businesses cannot be actively boycotting the industries which make up Idaho's economy while in a contract with the state. This legislation does not stop them from boycotting but lets them know they are not likely to win large contracts with the state if they are boycotting important industries.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1291** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to the motion stating he would support the legislation but is disappointed certification is still required for the exemptions. If companies are exempt from the anti-boycott provision, they should also be exempt from certification.

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

SCR 117: **Caroline Nilsson Troy** presented **SCR 117** explaining this resolution honors the 3-Star General **Lt. General Erik Peterson**, who began his service career with ROTC in Idaho and will retire on March 31, 2024

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **SCR 117** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Achilles spoke in support of the motion emphasizing the impressive nature of **Lt. General Peterson's** career highlighting his 38 years in active duty including special operations aviation and his receipt of six bronze stars.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

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

MOTION:

Rep. Barbieri made a motion to **HOLD HJM 7, H 627, and RS 31628** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1244	Electioneering at polls prohibited	Rep. Sauter
S 1235	Library board elections, terms	Senator Herndon
S 1374aa	Weapons, public property	Senator Herndon
S 1376aa	Public officials, ballot measures	Senator Okuniewicz
S 1377	Petitions, paid signature gatherers	Senator Okuniewicz

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane)(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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.

S 1244: **Rep. Sauter** presented **S 1244** explaining this legislation increases the number of feet from a polling place in which electioneering is not allowed from 100 to 250 feet and increases the penalty to misdemeanor for repeat offenses. It provides law enforcement a clear way to address this issue and Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs are **in support** along with the county clerks and Secretary of State. In response to committee questions, Rep. Sauter explained outside of 250 feet from a polling place entrance this legislation has no effect on giving gifts.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified **in support** of **S 1244** stating their office has seen a growing problem with interactions at the polls. He gave examples of complaints they have received from throughout the state. In response to committee questions, Secretary McGrane explained in the examples he gave law enforcement was called, but it was difficult to enforce anything. He also explained there is nothing in this legislation which could prevent similar issues from happening in parking lots of polling places, provided they were larger than 250 feet from the entrance. He clarified prohibitions are free speech restrictions and must be narrowly tailored. He did not anticipate this interfering with any potential future voter guides published from their office.

Douglas Miller testified **in support** of **S 1244** stating he is grateful for the work on this bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **S 1244** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to **HOLD S 1244** in committee.

Rep. Alfieri spoke to his motion stating this is not fixing the problem, just moving the problem out. It is a candidate's right to illicit votes.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Substitute motion failed by roll call vote of 3 AYES and 10 NAYS.** Voting **in support** of the motion: **Reps. Barbieri, Scott, and Alfieri.** Voting **in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Young, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Andrus, Skaug, Allgood, Crane (12), Gannon, and Achilles.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Alfieri, Barbieri, and Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep Sauter** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1235: **Sen. Herndon** presented **S 1235** explaining this legislation changes the terms of library trustees from six years to four years to be more in line with school boards and other states. In response to committee questions, Sen. Herndon explained he was not able to find the legislative intent for why they were changed to six years.

Chairman Crane (13) answered committee questions, explaining the terms were increased to address a lack of candidates for those positions.

Elinor Chehey, League of Women Voters Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **S 1235** stating this is an unnecessary intrusion into local library boards and six year terms are preferable for continuity.

Norma Staff testified **in opposition** to **S 1235** stating this bill singles out library boards and could create a complete changeover of trustees which is not desirable.

Sen. Herndon closed stating trustees serve on staggered terms, so continuity is still there with shorter terms and affirmed taxpayers should be able to regularly weigh in on what public establishments tax dollars are funding.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **S 1235** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Achilles and Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1374aa: **Sen. Herndon** presented **S 1374aa** explaining this legislation allows for the carry of firearms on property which is open to the public normally and habitually even when a private person rents that property, with exceptions. This listed exceptions include private events which are invitation only, commercial events which charge admission, or locations with restricted access. In response to committee questions, Sen. Herndon explained if it is lawful to carry a gun somewhere today it will continue to be lawful under this legislation. He explained the definition of restrictive access is purposefully vague to avoid overprescribing. He stated following the amendments made to the bill, the Idaho Association of Cities is **in support** of the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1374aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in opposition** to the motion stating concerns citizens will be intimidated to go to public parks.

Rep. Achilles spoke **in support** of the motion as the legislation codifies an Idaho Supreme Court decision and has the support of Idaho Cities.

Rep. Barbieri spoke **in support** of the motion stating bad actors may take advantage of the gun free zone currently in public parks.

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

S 1376aa: **Sen. Okuniewicz** presented **S 1376aa** explaining this legislation allows elected legislators to use their official e-mail, letterhead, and social media to advocate for or against ballot initiatives.

Elinor Chehey, League of Women Voters Idaho, testified **in opposition** to **S 1376aa** stating this bill allows legislators to use government funded printing to campaign against petitions and initiatives which she feels is a bad use of public resources.

Sam Sandmire testified **in opposition** to **S 1376aa** stating initiatives are not like other legislation and it is unfair and likely unconstitutional for legislators to campaign for or against them.

Sen. Okuniewicz closed stating the fiscal impact of this legislation is small as this does not allow for any additional postage and email is a fixed cost. He believes constitutional concerns are misplaced. In response to committee questions, **Sen. Okuniewicz** clarified this bill addresses official communication only and does not include funding any travel. He affirmed no legislature is bound by the action of past legislatures and it is within the body's purview to change this. He argued all types of legislation are the same and they should be able to give their expertise as legislators. He clarified the verbiage elected and serving was added to prevent short-term substitute legislators from using this tool.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **S 1376aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to his motion stating legislators may have to defend themselves as to why the legislature has not taken action on a particular issue which is now the subject of a ballot initiative making this a good use of official e-mail.

Rep. Crane (12) spoke in support of the motion stating legislators should be able to debate all laws.

VOTE ON MOTION

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Achilles requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1377:

Sen. Okuniewicz presented **S 1377** stating this legislation would require people who are paid to gather signatures to wear a badge, to tell people they are paid, and the document on which they collect signatures must have language which states they are paid. This is the standard in other states and gives the signer the opportunity to ask questions.

Karen Hansen testified in opposition to **S 1377** stating this legislation should not take effect in the middle of an ongoing ballot initiative process arguing it will likely end in a lawsuit.

Ryan McGouldrick, Conservation Voters for Idaho, testified in opposition to **S 1377** stating identification is good but there are lots of outstanding questions regarding what happens if someone fails to disclose this information and concerns it is the signers not the gatherers who are punished. In response to committee questions, Mr. McGouldrick stated his organization has not run any ballot initiatives or gathered signatures.

Mary Ruckh testified in opposition to **S 1377** asking what problem this bill is seeking to address, and expressing concern about the number of bills coming up which are aimed at the initiate process. In response to committee questions, Ms. Ruckh stated paid signature gatherers can still contribute to a grassroots movement because signers are still able to make their own decision on whether or not to sign.

Sen. Okuniewicz closed debate stating the Secretary of State will make rules regarding regulation of this legislation. In response to committee questions, **Sen. Okuniewicz** stated volunteer signature gatherers all sign an affidavit stating they are not being remunerated in any way.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1377** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to the motion stating he will support the legislation but would prefer to include the language 'subject to legislative' review regarding the Secretary of State's rules.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Achilles made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1377** in committee.

Rep. Achilles spoke to the substitute motion stating he supports this in general, but has large concerns about the enforcement and the July 1 effective date.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion failed by voice vote.

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Achilles requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1381	Liquor, resort city restaurants	Senator Guthrie
S 1236	Bingo-affle board	Rep. Dixon (1)

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 9:01 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 29, March 7,11,12, and 15, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1381: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **S 1381** explaining this legislation allows for 3 additional restaurant liquor licenses in resort cities as defined in the bill.

Mel Dick testified **in opposition** to **S 1381** in its current form asking what will happen to the additional liquor licences when a resort city's population reaches more than 10,000. He also expressed concerns with these restaurants being competition for restaurants which have purchased their liquor licences for over \$200,000. In response to committee questions, Mr. Dick clarified the current paths for getting a liquor licence include either purchasing an existing for a high price, or waiting on the list managed by Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) which can take multiple years. He also expressed concerns about the legislation allowing Mayors and City Councils to assign these licences without having to go through ABC. He also raised concerns about additional liquor licences creating a demand for additional police presence.

Christina Giordani, City of Bellevue Council President, spoke **in support** of sending **S 1381** to General Orders stating this legislation ensures the hospitality industry can thrive year round in Idaho and encourages local control. In response to committee questions, Ms. Giordani explained she has no concerns with the 60% liquor sales threshold as the average is closer to 20 or 25%.

Jay Veregge, Cutthroat Club, testified **in support** of **S 1381** explaining the lack of a liquor licence puts his restaurant at a deficit. In response to committee questions, Mr. Veregge explained the ability for an upscale restaurant to thrive is in the details and having a liquor licence instead of a beer and wine licence could be an important detail.

Reps. Nelson and Burns testified **in support** of **S 1381** explaining people may not realize how unique resort cities are and how difficult it can be to find a solution for these types of problems. These Idaho cities need flexibility and this bill allows flexibility to foster further economic development and compete nationally.

Blake Youde, Resort Cities Coalition, testified in support of **S 1381** clarifying ABC administers the licences and therefore is still involved in this process. He also explained the proposed amendments which would more clearly define restaurant and allow the city to further restrict the dates and times liquor can be sold. It also clarifies the definition of resort city by adding the provision it can not be within 15 miles of a city with a population of over 50,000 and must have a high peak sewer flow 20% higher than low season. In response to committee questions, Mr. Youde stated they have had conversations with ABC regarding this legislation and their only request was that the fees be clearly outlined. He highlighted these new licences cannot be sold, leased or transferred.

Doug Self, Driggs Community Development Director and **Ralph Mossman** testified in support of **S 1381** stating this legislation is similar to bills in Wyoming and Utah which have worked well to allow for excellent restaurants contributing to a healthy tourist environment.

Sen. Guthrie closed stating these licences are very tailored and specific and will allow for more upscale restaurants leading to healthy economic development.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **S 1381** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1236: **Tony Pittz**, Idaho Lottery Director of Lottery Security, presented **S 1236** explaining this legislation covers changes to operation and oversight of charitable gaming in Idaho. The included changes were all proposed by the current members of the Bingo Raffle Advisory Board. The changes include abolishing the advisory board and instead having two volunteer advisors, raising administrative expenses from 18% to 25% to meet current market standards, raising the top prize limit from \$1000 to \$5000, raising the max number of digital bingo cards to be played on a single device from 54 to 108, and making other clarifying changes. In response to committee questions, Mr. Pittz explained the board has asked to be abolished because they have a hard time finding members and have no power to make changes.

Further committee questions were yielded to **Tina Miller**, Idaho Lottery Charitable Gaming Coordinator, who explained nightly logs are used to fill out an annual report, so the changes in reporting requirements are to make it easier for operators to understand what must be reported directly and what information is recorded in other reports.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **HOLD S 1236** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Monday, March 25, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 727	Public utilities, social sec number	Rep. Moyle
S 1394	Voting systems	Rep. Mitchell
SJR 104	Extraordinary sessions, limit	Rep. Andrus
RS 31629	Candidates political committee, def	Rep. Barbieri
RS 31658	Timber, grazing lands, support	Rep. Crane (13)

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MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Johnson), Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 727: **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 727** explaining this legislation prevents a public utility from holding customers full social security number on record longer than five days, after which point they may only retain the last four digits. This legislation was brought in response to a public utility being hacked.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 727** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1394: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **S 1394** explaining this bill codifies that voting machines cannot be connected to the internet, cleans up outdated language and terms to increase transparency, and makes it a felony to tamper with voting machines.

Jo Dee Arnold testified in support of **S 1394** stating she supports the legislation but would like see e-poll book and unique identifier testing added. In response to committee questions, Ms. Arnold explained the public logic and accuracy testing (L & A) is the tests of all machines used in an election. She provided two examples of when a machine counted a photocopied ballot as valid during a L & A, along with a time non-republicans were wrongfully allowed to vote in a primary. Regarding the photocopied ballots she explained a board hearing was held regarding the machines which were manufactured by Hart.

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, testified in support of **S 1394** explaining the code section this legislation looks at relates to voting equipment. This code is currently written around punch card machines and these changes make it more modern including the codified ban on internet. This also outlines clearly for the counties how the L & A testing should occur. In response to committee questions, Secretary McGrane clarified the current system for certification of voting machines includes them first being federally tested, then tested again to meet Idaho's standards. He explained the results of elections are sent via the internet, but that is a separate process from the counting of votes which happens via machines that are never connected to internet. He explained the difference between an audit which is hand count only and a recount which uses the machines and occurs when results are within five percent. L & A testing is administered before and after recounts. He further explained as part of device testing they ensure machines do not have the parts to be connected to the internet, and while some models include modems in

other states, they do not in Idaho. He explained counties cannot own machines until they have been tested and approved by the Secretary of State's office. In response to examples given in earlier testimony, Secretary McGrane stated there is statute which should have been followed that were not, and the e-poll book had been incorrectly set up. His office has used these examples as learning opportunities. He explained if a voting machine were to go down on election day it would likely be set aside and other machines would be used, or a repairman from a pre-approved list could be called. He closed stating this legislation does not address e-poll books because they exist in another section of code and are intentionally connected to the internet to prevent fraud as it happens.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1394** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SJR 104: **Rep. Andrus** presented **SJR 104** explaining this legislation proposed a constitutional amendment which states if there is a special session, it cannot last more than 20 days. This 20-day limit is already in statute if the Governor calls a special session. In response to committee questions, Rep. Andrus stated it is the original intent of the Constitution to ensure Idaho has a part-time citizen legislature and this helps to ensure that. He also explained there is no limit on the number of special session which can be called in a year. He recalled the last time the legislature was called into special session it only lasted one or two days.

Rep. Gannon stated concern with the legislation stating constitutional amendments should be really important, and he does not see the legislature wanting to be here more than 20 days.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD SJR 104** in committee for time certain until April 15, 2024.

Rep. Scott spoke to her motion stating the legislature should not give away any more authority, especially after what happened during the Covid-19 crisis.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a substitute motion to **HOLD SJR 104** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 31629: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 31629** explaining this proposed legislation establishes a definition of a candidate political committee and ensures they follow the same campaign finance reporting requirements as other committees. This ensures transparency regarding these organizations.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31629**.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in support** of the motion stating this is really necessary giving the example of a mailer he received which quoted legislators, but had no responsible party attached to it.

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

Chairman Crane turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young**.

RS 31658: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **RS 31658** explaining this proposed legislation states if large parcels of land become available in Idaho, the state should look into purchasing it. Land is a finite resource and the state should look for opportunities to purchase land. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (13) explained he was unsure if the State had a fund of money set aside for this kind of purchase, but encourages such a fund if they do not. He also explained the market will determine the price of land, but the state should have a seat at the table. He explained there is intentionally not an exact definition of large parcel of land, it would be up to the discretion of the state. He closed stating the land which prompted this legislation is privately owned land that likely will be sold soon.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to introduce **RS 31658**.

Rep. Andrus spoke to the motion stating his concern surrounds the state is bidding against private citizens, as many people came to the United States in order to own personal property.

Rep. Crane (12) spoke **in support** of the motion stating though the land would be bought with taxpayer dollars, it would then be taxpayer land, accessible to everyone.

Rep. Scott spoke to the motion stating concerns about the state being able to outbid all others. She also explained many lands in northern Idaho are closed down and not accessible to the public, so that is not guaranteed.

Rep. Barbieri spoke **in support** of the motion and stated it would be preferred if the legislation included provisions stating the land would be publicly accessible.

Rep. Achilles and Rep. Gannon spoke **in support** of the motion stating keeping Idaho lands in public hands is important and there is a lot of foresight in this resolution.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1314aa	State investments, silver and gold	Senator Hart
15-1001-2301	Rules of the Idaho State Liquor Division	Rep. Andrus

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Rep Gannon
Rep Achilles

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MINUTES
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TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Johnson), Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Skaug

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 9:01 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21 and 25, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1314aa: **Sen. Hart** presented **S 1314aa** explaining this legislation requires the state to invest money from the idle money funds into gold and silver which would be held in a secure facility in Idaho. The State Treasurer currently has thirteen types of investments, they are all debt instruments. This investment would act as a hedge against the other investments. This legislation was amended in the Senate, the amendment capped the amount in the idle money fund.

Rep. Ehardt continued by stating owning gold and silver is a hedge on inflation and other states are making these investments including Utah, Texas, and Ohio.

Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in support** of **S 1314aa** stating the public debt of the United States has increased by \$3 trillion. This bill is a proactive measure for the state of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1314aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**DOCKET NO.
15-1001-2301:** **Rep. Andrus** explained when this docket was under review by the committee, he asked why the number of sample wine gallons was doubled and was told it was in response to **H 744**. Having had further time to review the legislation which was referenced, he did not find anything in that bill which justified the increase.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-1001-2301**, except for Section 21 Subsection 09. Subsection 09 is declared as not being consistent with legislative intent of the enabling statute as code does not dictate the amount of wine used as samples, and the legislation referenced by the agency, **H 744**, only references spirits. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1313	Indian affairs, cochairs	Senator Hart
RS 31739	Immigration	Rep. Crane (12)

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Johnson), Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Crane (13) and Andrus

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 Young called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

S 1313: **Sen. Hart** presented **S 1313** explaining this bill deals with the Idaho Council on Indian Affairs. The council has ten members including one from each of the five federally recognized tribes in Idaho, four from the legislature, and one member appointed by the governor. The council currently has a chairman and vice chairman. This legislation would change that to two co-chairmen, one tribal member and one legislator. These council meetings are supported by the Legislative Services Office and it would make it easier to administer with a legislator as a co-chair, while still promoting an atmosphere of equality. In response to committee questions, Sen. Hart clarified the tribes are supportive.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1313** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31739: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 31739** explaining this creates a new crime called illegal entry and creates penalties for that crime. It also allows local law enforcement to act and detain illegal immigrants in Idaho, who can then go before a judge and be immediately deported. There are three ports of entry in Idaho and the US Constitution provides states authority to protect those ports and borders in the case of invasion. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) explained there are official ports of entry to the US in every state where people can legally enter the country. He further clarified there are provisions in this proposed legislation for people in the US on a work visa, he also stated there would have to be some kind of funding set up to administer this legislation. He claimed the actions taken by the federal government have not been enough to address immigration and this is Idaho's take on legislation which has been brought forward in Texas. He explained law enforcement is excited about this kind of legislation, though further conversation is needed to discuss details.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31739**.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to his motion stating the fiscal note needs to be updated to address the necessary funds for enforcement.

Rep. Achilles spoke in **opposition** to the motion stating it is not a good use of taxpayer money to create programs modeled after legislation which is currently tied up in the federal courts. He expressed concerns this legislation is based on a flawed theory of state's role regarding immigration and advocated for a bipartisan approach to immigration reform.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles and Gannon requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, March 28, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 753	Immigration	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 31553	Illegal immigration	Rep. Boyle Senator Trakel
S 1323	Public utilities, terms	Norman Semanko

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Johnson), Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 753: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 753** explaining there is an updated fiscal note which includes a \$250,000 2024 appropriation and \$1 million 2025 appropriation with additional costs to county governments which cannot be reliably predicted at this time. This legislation creates a new crime known as illegal entry which is a misdemeanor for a first offense and a felony for the second offense. This is based on legislation from Texas which was upheld in their supreme court though there has been a stay in the implementation of it. Idaho has three ports of entry through which people can legally enter the country, this legislation empowers law enforcement to ask the necessary questions when that is not the case. If people are found to be in the state illegally they can choose to stay and receive penalty or leave the country. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) stated law enforcement will still do their due diligence to not misuse the powers given to them in this legislation. He also clarified this legislation would allow judges to issue a removal order which would demand the person return to their country of origin. He highlighted it is identical to legislation from Texas with the exception of sections which were omitted because they were already part of Idaho code.

Jullianne Donelly Tzul, ACLU of Idaho, and **Estefania Mondragon**, PODER of Idaho, spoke **in opposition** to **H 753** highlighting the humanity of immigrants in the United States and pushing back against the misconceptions about undocumented people who are in the US to work and contribute to their communities. In response to committee questions, Ms. Mondragon clarified immigrants are able to get a I10 number and pay income tax. She also highlighted the issues at the southern boarder in the US are thirty-five years in the making.

Robert Gillis, Idaho Tough on Crime, testified **in support** of **H 753** listing examples of people being killed by undocumented immigrants and voicing concerns about cartels.

Rick Naerebout, Idaho Farm Bureau, testified **in opposition** to **H 753** stating it grows government, has an uncertain fiscal note, and is unconstitutional citing the 5th Circuit Court's stay on enforcement. He expressed deep concern about the expenses and litigations which will follow this legislation. In response to committee questions, Mr. Naerebout explained the roll of the Idaho Farm Bureau and agreed the US government is failing to secure the boarders.

Robert Norris, Kootenai County Sheriff, testified **in support** of **H 753** stating this gives law enforcement more tools to address this problem. In response to committee questions, Sheriff Norris explained the foreign national inmate population in his county is higher than ever before. He stated many sheriffs support this though the Association of Idaho Sheriffs has not yet had a chance to vote on it. He also stated they do not believe anything will be done at the national level to address this problem.

Mariella Del Pilar Diaz, Idaho Immigration Lawyers Association, testified **in opposition** to **H 753** stating this bill is unconstitutional as the federal government has the power to address immigration and voiced concerns surrounding the stay issued in Texas and the huge expenses in this bill. In response to committee questions Ms. Diaz affirmed this is a federal problem, not an Idaho problem and explained this will prevent immigrants from access to immigration lawyers under international law. She also affirmed the constitution protects all people and clarified asylum seekers are not only protected in the first country they enter. She stated her organization is in conversations with the federal government addressing immigration.

Rep. Crane (12) closed debate stating Article 1 Section 10 of the US Constitution grants states power to address invasion. He highlighted the legislative fund for litigation already exists and is not included in the fiscal note. He expressed immigrants are welcome here, but they must come here legally. In response to committee questions, Rep. Crane (12) explained there are statistics surrounding immigrants coming from Canada published by the Department of Homeland Security.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 753** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in opposition** to the motion expressing concern with the concept of invasion which would need to be from a neighboring country which could pose further legality issues.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep Crane (12) and Rep. Skaug** will sponsor on the floor.

RS 31553: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31553** explaining this proposed legislation adds immigration definitions and restrictions as well as establishes E-Verify in Idaho. It does not take anyone out of the country, but creates future roadblocks to discourage illegal immigration.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31553. Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1323: **Norman Semanko** presented **S 1323** explaining this legislation updates definitions in the code of the Public Utility Commission (PUC) eliminating certain entities which are not regulated by the PUC. This would codify the one customer rule which states the furnishing of water to one person or corporation under a contract does not constitute a delivery of water to the public meaning it is not regulated by the PUC. In response to committee questions Mr. Semanko explained if multiple people are receiving water they are not exempt from regulation, this legislation only addresses cases which are not regulated by codifying their exemption.

Eric Anderson, Idaho PUC Director, testified **in opposition** to **S 1323** stating this legislation would not allow the commission to regulate many companies which they do currently regulate and would deny customers access to the commission's customer protection resources. He stated the PUC is not looking for things to regulate and this legislation is coming in response to one company's problem. In response to committee questions, Director Anderson clarified when the commission issues orders they can always be reconsidered or taken to the supreme court. He clarified there are many complaints they receive which do not result in them taking up regulation, but any contract supplying water to more than one party is subject to regulation.

Albert Barker testified **in support** of **S 1323** stating it is intended to conform to the existing law and existing PUC guidance which states non-profits are not regulated by the PUC, including homeowner's associations. In response to committee questions, Mr. Barker explained this would not deny service as it is simply codifying an existing structure.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1323** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUB MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1323** for one legislative day.

AMENDED SUB MOTION **Rep. Barbieri** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD S 1323** in committee.

Rep. Barbieri spoke to his motion stating it is difficult to see how carving out a single contract is within the purview of the existing law, which means there is a change and seeing there are major impacts from this legislation he would rather it be handled when there is more time.

VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Amended substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

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

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon, Barbieri, and Allgood** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW40
Friday, March 29, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 744	Candidate political committee, def	Rep. Barbieri
S 1260	City elections, population req	Rep. Gannon
S 1364aa	Beer, brewer's license	Rep. Mathias
S 1421	Liquor licenses, transfer	Rep. Manwaring
SJM 104	Hearing protection act	Rep. Boyle
S 1251	Political committees, definition	Rep. Crane (13)

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TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Johnson), Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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 8:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 744: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **H 744** explaining this clarifies political action committee (PAC) transparency disclosures. It was recently discovered some political organizations in Idaho were not formally registered with the Secretary of State and were publishing materials for voters. This legislation states if organizations are addressing political issues taxpayers should know where the money is coming from.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 744** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1260: **Rep. Gannon** presented **S 1260** explaining this legislation requires that in a city of over one hundred thousand people, an unopposed candidate for city council must be listed on the ballot.

Luci Willits, Boise City Councilwoman, testified **in support** of **S 1260** stating she ran unopposed and was not on the ballot. There would have been no additional cost to the city to list her on the ballot.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1260** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1364aa: **Rep. Mathias** presented **S 1364aa** explaining this legislation consolidates licensing for breweries and states a brewer who exceeds 30,000 barrels of production in a year can still sell retail if they have operated continuously in the state of Idaho for 5 years, have not violated any provisions, and they have surrendered their wholesale licence. In response to committee questions, Rep. Mathias clarified this does not allow anyone to brew more or less beer, it only allows them to continue to sell retail in a tasting room.

Jeremy Pisca, Idaho Beer and Wine Distributors Association, testified **in support** of **S 1364aa** stating this statute was written to carve out space for smaller brewers to develop their brand. Now, one brewer in the state of Idaho is approaching a production number at which they would lose their retail licence at their brewery, but this legislation will prevent that. In response to committee questions, Mr. Pisca explained this legislation protects the capital investment of a tasting room while still allowing them to sell to retailers, but they must do so through a distributor.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1364aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1421: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **S 1421** explaining last year **S 1120** ended some speculation around state issued liquor licences. This legislation provides important next steps. As of July 1 of last year, licences cannot be sold, leased, or transferred. This legislation allows the licence to transfer to a new location within the same city. It also allows for the lease of a legacy licence issued before July 1 and allows for additional flexibility if the licenses is tied to the brick and mortar building instead of the operator. In response to committee questions, Rep. Manwaring clarified onetime only is intended to mean occurring once, not former.

Rex Chandler, Steve Thomas, and David Krick, FAIR Idaho, testified **in support** of **S 1421** stating the legacy/landlord provisions help restaurants in Boise, and the FAIR Idaho Assn. supports the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **S 1421** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Johnson spoke to the motion stating he hopes the state can get out of the liquor business one day altogether.

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

SJM 104: **Rep. Boyle** presented **SJM 104** explaining the memorial sends a message to congress to take up the Hearing Protection Act. She explained the current suppressor regulations went into effect in 1934 as an attempt to address poaching, and are now handled similarly to a machine gun. This legislation would change regulations to those of a regular firearm. In response to committee questions, Rep. Boyle explained there is not a difference between a silencer and suppressor and would apply to all firearms.

Owen Miller, Vice President American Suppressors Assn., testified **in support** of **SJM 104** stating encourage Idaho has a long history of supporting second amendment legislation and ask they support the reduction of federal regulations on suppressors.

Aoihbeen Cline, National Rifle Association, testified **in support** of **SJM 104** stating the NRA supports both this resolution and the Hearing Protection Act in Congress.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **SJM 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Skaug spoke to his motion stating he has a suppressor and it was difficult to get and he must carry a licence for it at all times.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon and Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

S 1251: **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **S 1251** explaining this legislation requires federal election political action committees to comply with Idaho election and reporting standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1251** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke **in support** of the motion stating this is one of the best bills on election reform this session and he is delighted to vote for it.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (13) will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary