

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.

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Representative Young  
Chair

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Kennedy Jones  
Secretary