

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch (Bratnober), Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle and Hawkins

**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.

**Chair Yamamoto** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**H 453:** **Chair Yamamoto** announced that **H 453** would not be heard today, and will be held in committee.

**H 450:** **Rep. Galaviz** introduced **H 450**, which would allow a debit or a credit card to be associated with Activity Fund accounts at the school level.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Galaviz** said concern had been brought by a number of principals to update this statute, and there will be no interest when using credit / debit cards.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 450** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Lanting** spoke **in support**, of the motion, noting how some educators must bring a blank check for activities such as field trips which is less secure than using a debit card associated with the account.

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

**H 452:** **Rep. Petzke** introduced **H 452** regarding Idaho Digital Learning Academy funding. The bill would fund enrollment at \$430, and these funds would not go toward what's irrelevant to IDLA. Also, JFAC could make changes to this dollar amount every year.

**Jeff Simmons**, Superintendent of IDLA spoke **in support** of the bill, and answered committee questions regarding definitions for enrollment and attendance for IDLA, how they differ from public schools, and how currently funding is based on enrollment.

Public testifier, **Brandon Durst**, spoke on his own behalf against the bill. He explained the statute was created during the recession session, and has issue with the \$430 amount. He worries that should there be another recession, the statute will need to change again.

In answer to a committee question regarding if students being enrolled in several classes affects funding, **Rep. Petzke** said yes, enrollment is per class.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made motion to send **H 452** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 454:** **Rep. McCann** introduced **H 454** which gives flexibility with technical education courses through local institutions. Currently the law allows \$500 per course, or \$1,000 per year. This bill would allow \$1,000 per student per year and a rollover of unexpended funds up to \$1,000 per semester. Rep. McCann explained there could be a fiscal note per the Education Department of \$25,000 to \$75,000.

**Rep. McCann** replied to a committee question saying since this has been in code for some period of time, and is not a part of the Launch Program.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to send **H 454** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

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Representative Yamamoto  
Chair

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Monica Anderson  
Secretary