

MINUTES  
**HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 28, 2024

**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Weber (Weber), Representatives Monks, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns

**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 Monks** called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. and March 25, 2024, 1:30 p.m. meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31757:** **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31757**, a trailer to **H 521**. He explained it is intended to ensure school districts with qualifying bonds are made whole under the bond equalization for 2025 and 2026, but prevents districts from duplicating collection of state facilities funds and property taxes on bond levies that have not been let out yet.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Speaker Moyle**, along with a clarification from **Chairman Monks**, stated it was his understanding the proposed bill would still cover affected districts with the hold harmless clause through FY 2026, and only one school district is affected.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31757**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Necochea** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**RS: 31758:** **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31758**. He explained the proposed legislation is a combination of amendments included in a previous House bill as well as language from **RS 31757**. It will ensure charter schools are taken care of, as well as the issues of days per week versus hours of instruction, and bond equalization are addressed prior to the end of the legislative session. It also will provide an option to move forward should the Senate make objectionable amendments to the previous bill.

In answer to a question from the committee, **Speaker Moyle** said the language from **RS 31757** and **RS 31758** is complementary even if they both pass, but the primary purpose of **RS 31758** is to have it ready to send to the Senate if it is needed.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31758**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31744:** **Rep. Mendive** presented **RS 31744**, relating to an administrative rule of the Department of Lands and the opposing actions of the House Resources and Conservation Committee and Senate Resources and Environment Committee as it relates to rules governing Dredge and Placer Mining operations.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31744** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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Representative Monks  
Chair

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Wendy Carver-Herbert  
Secretary