

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 02, 2021

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**RS 28686C1:** **Blake Youde**, Idaho Charter School Network, presented legislation to allow certified teachers coming from other states and private schools to be provided credit for their full years of certified experience. This legislation will allow school districts to calculate experienced teachers from a higher point on the career ladder.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 28686C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 249:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented legislation to require parental permission prior to human sexuality instruction in schools. The legislation is specifically addressing subjects beyond anatomy, physiology and biological human reproduction, which will not require parental notification. She stated parental rights are already protected by State law in ten areas, this legislation codifies coverage for consent prior to instruction of human sexuality content exceeding biology.

**Quinn Perry**, Idaho School Boards Association, spoke **in support** of **H 249** but requested amendments to the language to better define terms to avoid conflicting with recently introduced Title 9 regulations.

Citizens **Daniel Owsley, Kara Claridge, Robin Metheny, Michelle Casteel, Daniel Hoekendorf, Wendy Smith, Gretchen Winde, Carolyn Fuller, Jhar Fuller**, testified or submitted testimony **in support** of **H 249**.

Citizens **Matilda Gaddi, Ani Rice, Abby Gnojewski, Chelsea Gaona-Lincoln, Jessica Rice, Tanisha Newton, Keira Holder, Sarae Simpson, Violet Conklin, Dr. Jessie Duvall, Alex Bude, Mistie Tolman, Shiva Rajbhandari, and Claire Martin** testified or submitted testimony **in opposition** to **H 249**.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Ehardt** addressed the legislation as related to the recently introduced Title 9 regulations, which would be the responsibility of school districts to implement. She stated definitions in the bill originated from the World Health Organizations (WHO) and does not require parents to opt-in to biological human reproduction, however other instruction in sexuality will require parents to opt-in. Rep. Ehardt stated school board trustees bear the responsibility of reviewing curriculum, however curriculum is often handled by committees and is not reviewed in its entirety annually.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to send **H 249** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Marshall** made a statement that honoring parental rights honors the rights of multiple perspectives. **Rep. Kerby, Rep. DeMordaunt, and Rep. Shepherd** spoke **in support** of H 249.

**Rep. Toone** spoke **in opposition** to H 249 and declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the legislation.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Clow** made a motion to call for the previous question.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 3 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, and Chairman Clow.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. McCrostie, Berch and Toone.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Representative Clow  
Chair

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Christine Reynolds  
Secretary