

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.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 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31650C1: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 31650C1**, relating to property tax exemptions for non-profit hospitals.

In answer to a question from the committee, **Rep. Vander Woude** explained the language on page 2, lines 23-24 is already included in code as it relates to non-profits, and it would be up to the Speaker and committee chairman to decide whether the proposed bill would be heard in committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31650C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Rubel, Necochea** and **Burns** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 31704: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 31704**, which clarifies **S 1354aa** by adding language stating electroconvulsive therapy may not be administered to a child under the age of 18 without the informed consent of a parent, guardian or custodian.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** motion to introduce **RS 31704**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31727: **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 31727**, which adds definitions and requirements to the Idaho Launch program. He explained it adds some sideboards and addresses technical tweaks requested by the Workforce Development Council.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31727**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31685C2: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31685C2**, relating to charter schools funding. He explained the proposed legislation fixes a funding formula problem created by a bill passed last year. It restores public charter school facility funds to what they were previously. It also specifies future virtual charter schools are not eligible for the facility funds as they are online, and it resolves a conflict in code. He requested the RS be introduced with changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31685C2** with the following changes: on page 3, line 5 replace, "paragraph (a) of this subsection" with "Section 33-1003A" and on page 5, line 34 replace, "July 1, 2024" with "its passage and approval". **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31709: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31709**, He explained it is a trailer to **H 521** and addresses some of the concerns in that bill. He detailed the changes as outlined in the Statement of Purpose.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31709**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31718: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31718** and acknowledged there has been ongoing debate on the topic of school choice and he didn't expect the proposed bill to go further in this session, but it could be a starting point for next year. He stated this is an important issue that needs to be resolved because it is not going away. The RS addresses concerns that came up in the tax committee by adding more money for low income grants and it provides a three-year grant commitment to low income recipients.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31718**.
Minority party committee members expressed concern about the late introduction of proposed legislation on an issue that has been dispensed with by another committee, and the increased cost over what was included in the previous legislation, which was also disputed by the previous committee. **Speaker Moyle** responded by stating a similar bill came out of the Senate last year and there are individuals who would like to see it come to the floor for a vote. **Rep. Weber** stated he would support the introduction of the RS, but reserved the right to vote against it if were to come to the floor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 4 AYE and 3 NAY.**
Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Monks, Dixon (1), Manwaring and Weber.**
Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Rubel, Necochea and Burns.**

RS 31721: **Speaker Moyle** requested **RS 31721** be removed from the agenda as a new RS was being drafted. He explained the intent to introduce proposed legislation that incentivizes judges to serve their full terms, so their positions can be filled by elections rather than appointments by the Idaho Judicial Council.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Monks** asked unanimous consent to remove **RS 31721** from the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Representative Monks
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary