

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**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.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31738: **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 31738**, proposed legislation regarding Idaho's Opportunity Scholarship. This legislation would prevent students from accessing Opportunity Scholarship funds if they received a LAUNCH grant and adjusts the implementation date.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 31738** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 742: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 742**, legislation regarding school facilities funding. This bill would make three changes to existing legislation. He said it would ensure the executive officer of the State Board is Senate confirmed, delay the adoption date for districts to attest to days or hours regarding teacher contract and student contact days, and ensure any misused dollars by a local school district are recaptured to the schools facilities fund and distributed to rural schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 742** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about student instruction days, hours, and local school board control.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a substitute motion to send **H 742** to the floor **WITHOUT** recommendation.

The committee discussed department head consistency, transportation expenses, and rural schools. Committee members objected to characterization of other committee member comments.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD H 742** in committee at the call of the chair. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote requested on the substitute motion to send **H 742** to the floor **WITHOUT** recommendation. **Motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 9 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. McCann, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Berch, Galaviz, and Mathias. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Hill, Price, Sauter, and Chair Yamamoto.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Chair Yamamoto called for a vote on the original motion to send **H 742** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Mathias and Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1358aa:

Sen. Den Hartog presented **S 1358aa**, legislation regarding Empowering Parents. She explained proposed changes to the Empowering Parents Micro-grant program. She said this bill would allow for internet expense reimbursement instead of direct payment through the grant distribution platform, clarify student eligibility, and increase the timeframe to expend funds.

MOTION:

Rep. Mendive made a motion to send **S 1358aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chair Yamamoto turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair McCann.**

H 745:

Chair Yamamoto introduced **H 745**, legislation regarding public charter school facility funds.

Blake Youde, Government Relations & Public Affairs, Youde & Assoc., said this bill would restore public charter school facility funds to what they were prior to the unanticipated reductions resulting from funding formulas impacted by previous legislation. He spoke about virtual charter schools, eligibility, and an emergency clause.

MOTION:

Rep. Nelsen made a motion to send **H 745** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Chair Yamamoto** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chair McCann turned the gavel over to **Chair Yamamoto.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary