

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, January 11, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30856	Organizational Meeting Accelerating Public Charter Schools Act	Rep. Boyle

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Yamamoto

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 11, 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, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehardt, Boyle

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.

Chair Yamamoto welcomed audience and committee members and asked the Legislative Page to introduce herself.

Chair Yamamoto spoke about the Idaho Constitution in regard to Education.

Chair Yamamoto spoke about entering an agreement of mutual respect, attentive listening, honoring time and the process.

RS 30856: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 30856**, proposed legislation which would amend existing law concerning Public Charter Schools. She said Idaho has 74 charter schools serving approximately 30,000 children.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 30856**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a substitute motion to hold **RS 30856** in committee for one meeting. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Original motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, January 15, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	From the bottom to the top: Curriculum re-design & student-focused instruction	Joni Stevenson, Superintendent, Cascade School District
	IEA Day on the Hill	Layne McInelly, President, Idaho Education Association

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Berch

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

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chair Yamamoto welcomed educators visiting for IEA Day on the Hill.

Joni Stevenson, Superintendent, Cascade School District, spoke about curriculum re-design and student focused instruction. After learning Cascade School District was one of the lowest performing districts in 2018, focus was placed on improving curriculum, instruction and assessment. She spoke about investing in the children and implementing change. She said things improved when the focus shifted to the student. Currently Cascade is #1 for Science Proficiency in Idaho, a Top 10 District for Math Proficiency, a Top 20 District for English Proficiency, and 2022-23 #4 IHSAA School of Excellence. She said their mission is, "Engaging every student, every day, in character development and rigorous education." She asked the committee to simplify, clarify and remember the target.

In response to committee questions, **Superintendent Stevenson** spoke about the demographics of the school district, professional development, teacher turnover, and student attendance. She expressed the importance of educating all personnel on what's important, students and their achievement. She also spoke about the impact of the School Board having trust in District operations and personnel. She said data-based decisions work and when measured, things get done.

Chair Yamamoto put the committee at ease at 9:44 am.

Chair Yamamoto reconvened the meeting at 9:45 am.

Layne McInelly, President, Idaho Education Association, acknowledged the committee for changes and policies. He spoke about salary improvements and school facility issues which need to be addressed. He also spoke about safety for students, mental well-being, and providing more help for students.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Room EW41
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
08-0102-2301	Rules Governing the Postsecondary Credit Scholarship Program	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education
08-0113-2302	Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education

Testimony Limited to Two Minutes

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Chairman Yamamoto	Rep Wisniewski
Vice Chairman McCann	Rep Garner
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Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting
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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

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

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

DOCKET NO. 08-0102-2301: **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0102-2301** regarding postsecondary credit scholarship program. She said this Administrative Rule is a full repeal.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0102-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0113-2302: **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0113-2302** regarding the opportunity scholarship program. She spoke about changes made to ensure use of the same language and terminology as FAFSA. She said there is no change in student eligibility but will have the flexibility to adjust due dates if there are delays. She said community colleges cannot be recipients of the opportunity scholarship program.

Committee members spoke about the need to have different requirements for High School students and Adult students. They also compared academic progress verses full time student qualifications. They had questions about rules and federal regulations which **Ms. Thompson** responded by explaining rules cannot be changed but sections can be omitted and consideration can be taken for the next cycle.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-2302**.

Committee member said there are too many unanswered questions and would prefer more time for review and research. They spoke about what the committee may or may not be qualified to do. They said a section cannot be re-written but can be excluded.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 08-0113-2302** in committee.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a amended substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 08-0113-2302** for two weeks.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 15 AYE, 1 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Galaviz, Mathias. Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep. Berch. Rep. Boyle was absent/excused.**

Vice Chair McCann returned the gavel to **Chair Yamamoto**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

Representative McCann
Chair

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Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	K-12 Outlook	Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction
08-0203-2301	Rules Governing Thoroughness	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education
08-0401-2301	Rules of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education

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Rep Ehardt	Rep Nelsen

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Ehardt, Berch

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

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

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of the State Board of Education, spoke about the Board's experiences, communication and relationships with educators around the state. She said a missing component was leadership and how to use allotted money. She believes every student deserves one year of growth in one years time. She said curriculum choices are crucial and the Board is reviewing curriculums and rules and will provide results to school districts to help them be well-informed.

Superintendent Critchfield discussed 2024 goals, graduation requirements, and preparing Idaho kids for life as well as college and career. She spoke about growth and the need to modernize the educational funding structure and said the current formula was implemented in 1994. The Board would like to consolidate K-12 budgets and discontinue certain line items. A change would implement weighted, per student funding and reduce transportation funding complexity and address rising costs. She emphasized the importance of attracting and retaining exceptional teachers and leaders. Unfortunately 30% of educators leave after the first three years so she would like to see improvements to teacher prep programs. She also mention recruitment incentives for student teachers.

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

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-2301: **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0203-2301**, regarding thoroughness. She said there is a simple reference which needs to be removed.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0401-2301: **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0401-2301** regarding Idaho Digital Learning Academy, (IDLA). She spoke about the need to clean up definitions and to change the use of "on-line school" to "virtual."

In response to committee questions, **Jeff Simmons**, Superintendent, IDLA, spoke about final projects and said student projects are comprehensive. He said a final project may be better than scheduling a proctor to be with a student for a final test. He spoke about communication and the network available to provide help to students.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0401-2301** retaining the revision of changes in section 102.03. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chair McCann returned the gavel to **Chair Yamamoto**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Overview of Administrative Rules	Josh Scholer, Bureau Chief, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, Division of Financial Management
<u>08-0401-2301</u>	Rules of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy No further testimony will be taken.	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education
<u>RS 30831</u>	Student Data - use, limitations, and penalties	Rep. Lanting
	School Safety and Security	Mike Munger, Program Manager of School Safety & Security, State Board of Education

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Rep Wisniewski

Rep Price

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Hill

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

Josh Scholer, Bureau Chief, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, Division of Financial Management gave an overview of administrative rule making. All rules must be available to the public and allow for testimony. He said two changes were made last year. Every pending rule must now be approved by both houses and if a rule is rejected, legislature must give a statement of facts explaining why the rule doesn't meet legislative intent. He said agencies should be prepared to answer questions as to why a change is made. He also spoke about the committee voting process.

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

Vice Chair McCann brought **Docket No. 08-0401-2301** before the committee for reconsideration.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0401-2301 with the exception of section 102, paragraph 03**, noting the language would revert back to the original text. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chair McCann returned the gavel to **Chair Yamamoto**.

RS 30831: **Rep. Lanting** presented **RS 30831**, proposed legislation regarding student data.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 30831. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mike Munger, Program Manager of School Safety & Security, State Board of Education spoke about ISSSP statutory mandates, goals and vulnerability assessments. He said schools are visited every three years for assessment. He spoke about statewide vulnerabilities, solutions and school resource officer support. He said proper training for officers is crucial. He addressed the expansion of the statewide Tipline, which is available to all students, in all schools throughout the state.

Mr. Munger explained how money is distributed and in response to committee questions, he addressed bullying and security threats in schools. **Stu Hobson**, SRO Support, School Safety & Security spoke about law enforcement in schools.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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Monday, January 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	The PLC Process: Driving Student Achievement	Jason Lords, Director of Instruction and Learning, Bonneville Joint School District 93
RS 30977	School Board Vacancies	Rep. Sauter

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DATE: Monday, January 22, 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, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

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

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 17, and 18, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Jason Lords, Director of Instruction and Learning, Joint School District 93, spoke about driving student achievement using the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Process. He shared four areas of focus; To provide extended learning opportunities, establish a guaranteed and viable curriculum, develop and use common formative assessments, and to provide systematic and tiered interventions.

RS 30977: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 30977**, proposed legislation concerning school board vacancies. He said the main points in this proposed legislation, addresses the number of school board members needed to make a quorum, when vacancy begins and recall elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 30977**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Wisniewski, Hawkins and Price** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	The History, Value, & Mission of Idaho PTA	Alexis Morgan, President, Idaho PTA
RS 30982	Public Charter Schools	Rep. Boyle
55-0103-2301	Rules of Career Technical Schools	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education
55-0104-2301	Rules Governing Idaho Quality Program Standards Incentive Grants and Agricultural Education Program Start-Up Grants	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

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Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Alexis Morgan, President of Idaho PTA, spoke about the history, value and mission of Idaho PTA. She said there are almost 100 PTA units in Idaho and spoke about a new program of students, PTSA.

RS 30982: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 30982**, proposed legislation regarding Public Charter Schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 30982**.
Committee members voiced concern over the size of proposed legislation and asked stakeholders be made aware and available to answer questions when this legislation returns to the committee.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 30982**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Berch** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.
Chair Yamamoto turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair McCann**.
Vice Chair McCann put the committee at ease for 5 minutes at 9:26 am.

**DOCKET NO.
55-0103-2301:** **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, spoke about rule making and the voting process. She said there is a rule making bulletin and public meetings available to inform the public during the rule making process. **Tracie Bent**, Chief Administrative Officer, Division of Career Technical Education presented **Docket No. 55-0103-2301** regarding Career Technical Schools. She spoke about changes throughout administrative code, credit hours, participation, and other language changes already established elsewhere in statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 55-0103-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
55-0104-2301:** **Tracie Bent**, Chief Administrative Officer, Division of Career Technical Education, presented **Docket No. 55-0104-2301** regarding Idaho quality program standards incentive grants and agricultural education program start-up grants. She spoke about simplifying and streamlining the language and omitting duplicate language.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 55-0104-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote**.
Vice Chair McCann returned the gavel to **Chair Yamamoto**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.

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Chair

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Public Television Education Overview	Jeff Tucker, General Manager, Idaho Public Television
<u>H 411</u>	Education data	Rep. Lanting

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

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

Jeff Tucker, General Manager, Idaho Public Television, spoke about appropriation, viewership, and empowering parents. He touched on Idaho in Session, the KNOW VAPE, and JOBS EXPLAINED programs. **Kari Wardle**, Education Manager, Idaho Public Television, spoke about the learning ecosystem. She explained the importance of supporting families and said PBS KIDS prepares children for school, boosts early literacy skills, improves math knowledge and skills, strengthens parent support, and increases teacher knowledge of students' math learning and development.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22 and 23, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 411: **Rep. Lanting** presented **H 411**, proposed legislation regarding Education Data. He spoke about the programs running student data, data breaches, and communication requirements to inform families of a data breach. **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, spoke about additional clarification and the data management council.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 411** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about the type of student data collected. They also spoke about private data and public records requests.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 411** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Lanting** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 422	Public charter schools	Rep. Boyle

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DATE: Thursday, January 25, 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, 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 January 24, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 422: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 422**, proposed legislation regarding Public Charter Schools. **Alex Adams**, Administrator, Division of Financial Management, spoke about the need to update Charter School statute. He discussed the balance of accountability and earned autonomy, performance certificate reviews and providing support to Charter Schools. He said **H 422** de-clutters language, fixes cross references, and he explained the application of the law concerning Charter Schools.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Adams** spoke about the authorizers fund, rules and provisions, and the application process of education service providers.

Jacob Smith and **Alan Reed**, Charter School Commission and **Tom LeClaire**, Coalition of Idaho Charter School Families, spoke **in support of H 422**. They said this bill supports families, allows schools to be more efficient, and spoke about collaboration and education service providers.

Blake Youde and **Terry Ryan**, Idaho Charter School Network, and **Jon Wood** spoke about negotiations and collaboration. They spoke **in support of H 422** and said this bill provides efficiency and more resources for the growing population. **Janet Cox**, Idaho Home Learning Academy, also supports **H 422** and asked committee members to consider changing growth limits.

Monica White, Elevate Academy, and **Andy Johnson**, spoke **in support of H 422**, and emphasized accountability, high standards, and teacher certification. **Kelly Trudeau** also supports **H 422** and said the landscape has changed and this bill allows for updates.

Dr. Victoria Young and **Dr. Jean Henscheid** spoke **in opposition of H 422**. Dr. Young spoke about laws and rules which govern the replication of Charter Schools, commission structure and public input. Dr. Henscheid voiced concerns over state leadership not being involved.

Brandon Durst and **Nicole Garnett**, Professor, Notre Dame University, spoke **in opposition of H 422**, and said public funds should not be withheld from private schools.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Education, State Department of Education, and **Alex Adams** spoke about fostering and providing support in the creation and language of the bill.

MOTION: **Vice Chair McCann** made a motion to send **H 422** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Berch spoke in **opposition** of the motion, stating his concern over multiple charters under the Local Education Agency and raised questions about funding.

During discussion on the motion, committee members spoke in **support** of the motion. They spoke about collaboration, accountability, support for Charter Schools, and innovation. Committee members discussed the applicability of the Blaine Amendment. They said all involved parties had to make compromises in the writing of this legislation and said this would simplify the charter process.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 422** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 15 AYE, 1 NAY, 1 absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Galaviz, and Mathias. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep. Berch. Rep. Boyle** was absent/excused. **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, January 29, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Introduction and General Vision of ISU	Robert Wagoner, President, Idaho State University
	9th Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey	Dr. Matthew May, Survey Research Director, School of Public Service, BSU Lantz McGinnis-Brown, Research Associate, Idaho Policy Institute, BSU

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Yamamoto	Rep Wisniewski
Vice Chairman McCann	Rep Garner
Rep Boyle	Rep Hawkins
Rep Clow	Rep Hill
Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting
Rep Ehardt	Rep Nelsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 29, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, McCann

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.

Dr. Linda Clark, President, Idaho State Board of Education, introduced the newly appointed President of Idaho State University, **Dr. Robert Wagoner**. Dr. Wagoner spoke about recruitment, student retention and innovative ways to provide student success. He said ISU will continue to be a student-centric University while sustaining the needs of Idaho.

Chair Yamamoto put the committee at ease for one minute.

Dr. Matthew May, Survey Research Director, School of Public Service, Boise State University (BSU), and **Lantz McGinnis-Brown**, Research Associate, Idaho Policy Institute, BSU, delivered the annual Idaho Public Policy Survey results. Topics included in the 2023 survey were Policy Preferences, Education, Growth and Housing, and Elections.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Overview of IACTE Collaboration	Kevin Talbert, President, Idaho Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
<u>08-0113-2302</u>	Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program - Proposed Rule No further testimony will be taken.	Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, OSBE

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Rep Clow	Rep Hill	Rep Galaviz
Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting	Rep Mathias
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 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, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Hill, Price

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.

Dr. Kevin Talbert, President, Idaho Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, gave an overview of IACTE collaboration. He said IACTE is an association of representatives from all of Idaho's accredited colleges and universities with state-approved educator preparation programs focused on producing professional teachers, principals and superintendents for Idaho communities. He spoke about recruiting, teacher preparation, available resources and teacher support. He spoke about changes in the certification process for behavior management. **Kate Mathias**, Director of Assessment and Reporting, College of Education at Boise State University, spoke about alumni and employer satisfaction survey results.

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

DOCKET NO. 08-0113-2302: **Vice Chair McCann** opened discussion for **Docket No. 08-0113-2302**, regarding the Opportunity Scholarship Program, which was previously introduced to the committee. Committee members spoke about required credits and academic success results.

MOTION: **Rep. Hawkins** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-2302**, with the exception of section 302-01. He said the change in language infers different intent for this section.

Jenn Thompson, Chief Policy & Government Affairs, Office of the State Board of Education, said the change in language accounts for students who previously received scholarships. She said this is a no harm clause, conforming to new legislation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-2302**. **Substitute Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chair McCann returned the gavel to **Chair Yamamoto**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #4
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 30900</u>	School District Activity Funds	Rep. Galaviz
<u>RS 31044</u>	Reading Assessment Exemption	Rep. Galaviz
<u>RS 31111</u>	Idaho Digital Learning Academy	Rep. Petzke
<u>RS 31081</u>	State Board of Education	Rep. Raybould
<u>RS 30976</u>	Advanced Opportunity Scholarship	Rep. McCann

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Rep Mendive
Rep Ehardt

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Rep Hawkins
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Rep Galaviz
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, January 31, 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, Galaviz, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Ehardt
- 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 January 25 and 29, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30900:** **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 30900**, regarding School District Activity Funds. She said this legislation would allow for debit and credit cards to be used in addition to checks.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 30900**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31044:** **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 31044**, proposed legislation regarding reading assessment exemption. She spoke about students who do not speak English and cannot take the required test. This legislation would allow students an exemption for two years to allow time to learn English.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 31044**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31111:** **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 31111**, proposed legislation regarding Idaho Digital Learning Academy to modernize the funding formula.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 31111**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31081:** **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 31081**, proposed legislation regarding the State Board of Education. She said this legislation would establish seven geographical regions for appointment to the State Board of Education. Each region would hold five legislative districts. She also spoke about board member requirements.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 31081**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**
- RS 30976:** **Rep. McCann** presented **RS 30976**, proposed legislation regarding the distribution for CTE Workforce training courses. She said this legislation would make changes to the current payment structure for a CTE workforce training course under Opportunities.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 30976**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 05, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Annual IDeal Program Update	Marilyn Whitney, Executive Director, IDeal - Idaho College Savings Program
	Performance Review	Chair Yamamoto
	Review of Education Base Budget	Chair Yamamoto

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 05, 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, 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.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve minutes for the January 30 and 31, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**

Marilyn Whitney, Executive Director of IDEal, spoke about the annual report and how IDEal is helping to make post education more affordable for Idaho families. Ms. Whitney also discussed the new changes made for 2024, including a Roth IRA rollover option.

In an answer to a Committee question regarding four-year colleges being the only ones reviewed every October, **Jenn Thompson**, Chief Policy and Government Affairs Officer for Idaho State Board of Education responded that community colleges present every April, and all data is reviewed every October.

Chair Yamamoto walked through Division of Financial Management website for the committee to navigate where to find the Education budget requests, models, and reach goals.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Monica Anderson
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 06, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 450	School district activity funds	Rep. Galaviz
H 452	Digital learning academy	Rep. Petzke
H 454	Advanced opportunity scholarship	Rep. McCann
H 453	Board of education, regions	Rep. Raybould

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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

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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.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Monica Anderson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 07, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	CTE Students and Agency Presentation	Clay Long, State Administrator, Idaho Division of Career Technical Education Madi Levitt, Idaho FCCLA President Luke Crosby, Idaho TSA President
<u>RS 31189</u>	Idaho Opportunity Scholarship	Rep. Clow Rep. Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 07, 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:** Rep. Boyle

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 minutes for the February 5, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Clay Long, State Administrator from Idaho Division of Career Technical Education, reviewed the CTE's mission statement, did an overview of programs in high schools, technical schools, community colleges, and four-year universities in Idaho. He also reviewed successes from the past year, and program applications. Mr. Long discussed post graduate data, and the Skill Stack.

In answer to committee questions, **Clay Long** clarified what secondary program application means, saying it includes applications started, changed, and reinstated.

Tracie Bent, Chief Administrative Officer, CTE explained if a student receives certification or a degree but doesn't continue on to get an additional certification or a degree, they wouldn't be included in the go-on rate. Mr. Long said the bottlenecks for CTE is educator certification with too few staff members and wait lists of students, also, the funding for ongoing maintenance and support. CTE was supported during last year's legislature with the Career Ready Student Grant, which focuses on rural expansion. However, large districts have significant wait lists that causes challenges for students.

Mr. Long also stated the Inspire Ready Program starts with a week long boot camp, and can go up to three years for competency. As to problems obtaining staff for CTE at the College of Southern Idaho, Mr. Long said they are in discussions about the friction with variable pay and is proposing a pay scale to institutions and a comprehensive overhaul to address continued growth and faculty costs. CTE does have a wish list of areas in the state to have new career tech centers, and it is on their radar. Some school districts partner for joint facilities but it is not always easy for out of area students to travel there.

Clay Long introduced students **Madi Levitt**, Idaho FCCLA President, and **Luke Crosby**, Idaho TSA President to speak to the committee.

RS 31189: **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 31189**, Idaho Opportunity Scholarships. This proposed legislation allows community colleges to be eligible for use of these scholarships with money that's already been appropriated annually. Last year community colleges were removed. It also prohibits use of an opportunity scholarship and a Launch grant to the same student in order to make scholarships available to more students. The proposed legislation also creates eligibility rules for renewing scholarship timing and provides guidance to the State Board of Education. The proposed legislation allocates 5% to adult learners who qualify.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 31189**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Monica Anderson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #3
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 08, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 451	ELP Exemption Teacher of the Year (Trent VanLeuven)	Rep. Galaviz Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education
RS 31016C1	Revolving Loan Fund	Senator Den Hartog

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 08, 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, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

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 451: **Rep. Galaviz** presented **H 451** which would allow multilingual students in grades K-3 an exemption from Idaho Reading Indicator for literacy - the state test for literacy. The indicator is mandatory for all Idaho public schools in fall and spring for K-3. The exemption would apply to students who have not been enrolled in U.S. schools for more than two years, and scored less than a two on the English Language Proficiency Assessment. If another language besides English is spoken in the home, a screener is prompted to indicate 6 levels of reading, talking, listening and writing. Each local school district has various language instruction programs to help students who receive the exemption. The data without this proposed legislation will not be accurate for educators.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Galaviz** said there is potential for financial impact. 50% of funds are provided up front, the other half is distributed based on proficiency from the state test. Rep. Galaviz also explained there are state dollars available based on student population. Rep. Galaviz clarified that the strike-outs in the bill were to clean up two outdated assessments that are no longer conducted. As to whether parents are included in any of this, Rep. Galaviz said assessments are communicated to all parents at the local district level. Parents will also be notified if their children are exempt. She stated parents have the right to not allow their children to take the test. Rep. Galaviz responded that they will not need to sit for an exam that they don't understand, it will reduce their stress, as well as prevent false-negatives in reports for schools, and the child will then get the tailored instruction they need.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **H 451** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Galaviz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Education for the State Department of Education introduced the Idaho Teacher of the Year, **Trent VanLeuven**, and explained the selection process to the committee.

Trent VanLeuven, agri-science instructor at Mackay High School, presented on how to develop talent pipelines and talent scouts, and their importance. He also discussed partnerships with Idaho colleges, and also discussed the dual credit program benefits. He mentioned the importance of professional volunteers working with students.

In response to a committee question, **Trent VanLeuven** would be willing to present information about the Mackay High School fish lab to the committee.

RS 31016C1: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **RS 31016C1**, Charter School Revolving Loan Fund. This is a technical correction to last year's legislation - IHFA cannot directly draw down funds from the revolving loan fund, this allows the State Treasurer to direct the funds from the public charter school revolving loan fund to be withdrawn and distributed to the school after certification from IHFA. This will make sure the flow of the funds is appropriated and can be directed.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 31016C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Monica Anderson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, February 09, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31278	Reporting Requirements for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying	Rep. Mathias
RS 31248	Appropriate Age for Instruction in Sex Education	Rep. Young

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 09, 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, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Ehardt, Hill

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

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve minutes for the February 6 and February 7, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31278: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 31278**, which attempts to begin to reduce the risk that kids who are bullied pose to themselves and others. Districts are required to report how many incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying occur in their district. These reports vary widely, and the majority of districts reported no incidents. This proposed legislation would update the reporting requirements and would not go into effect until July 1, 2025 in order to modify out of date definitions of harassment, intimidation, and bullying in statute by next session.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31278**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chair Yamamoto announced the committee will hear **RS 31248** on Monday or Tuesday.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Monica Anderson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 12, 2024

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	University of Idaho - Lupine Flats: Affordable Housing Education and Community Partnership	Randall Teal, PhD. Architecture Dept. Chair Jim Severt, Student
RS 31284	Military Leave for Public School District and Public Charter School Employees	Rep. Bundy
RS 31248	Appropriate Age for Instruction in Sex Education	Rep. Young

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 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, Galaviz, Mathias

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

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Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Dean **Shauna Corry**, University of Idaho, introduced **Jim Severt**, a non-traditional student. Mr. Severt spoke about the Lupine Flats, Affordable Housing Education and Community Partnership Project. He explained the construction process for building a housing structure in Moscow, Idaho. **Dr. Randall Teal**, Architecture Department Chair, University of Idaho, spoke about the affordable housing trust.

RS 31248: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 31248**, proposed legislation regarding appropriate age for instruction in sex education. She said this legislation would prohibit sex education of all types prior to the 5th grade within the school system. In response to committee member comments, Rep. Young explained this legislation would be for formal instruction.

MOTION: **Rep. Price** made a motion to introduce **RS 31248**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 31248**, with the addition of the word "planned" before "instruction" on line 16.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 31248** with the following changes: on line 16, add the word "planned" before "instruction" and omit lines 18 and 19.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 7 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Garner, Lanting, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, and Mathias. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Clow, Mendive, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Hill, Nelsen, and Price. Reps. Boyle and Ehardt were absent/excused.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31301	Outcome - Based Funding, Education Community College Update	Rep. Petzke Dr. Rick Aman, President, College of Eastern Idaho Dr. L. Dean Fisher, President, College of Southern Idaho Dr. Nick Swayne, President, North Idaho College Mr. Gordon Jones, President, College of Western Idaho

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Rep Boyle	Rep Hawkins	Rep Berch
Rep Clow	Rep Hill	Rep Galaviz
Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting	Rep Mathias
Rep Ehardt	Rep Nelsen	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

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

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. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8 and 12, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31301: **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 31301**, proposed legislation regarding outcome based funding. He said this legislation would modernize Idaho's K-12 school funding formula by adding an outcomes-based funding component. This will include growth and proficiency targets for math (grades 5-8) and also for attaining college and career readiness credentials.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 31301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Rick Aman, President, College of Eastern Idaho, spoke about students transfers, digital textbooks, and low student debt. He said CEI is a big proponent of Idaho Launch and asked the committee members to support this program. He spoke about growth in programs like cyber-security, nursing, and auto and diesel. He expressed concern about employee funding, staff turnover rates, and mental health issues.

Dr. Dean Fisher, President, College of Southern Idaho, spoke about student enrollment, transfers, and driving student success. He spoke about faculty training, turnover and funding. He stated a high percentage of students suffer from anxiety and depression and mentioned mental health rates and counseling for students. He reviewed thank you's written from students who received scholarships which had a positive impact on their families lives.

Dr. Nick Swayne, President, North Idaho College, spoke about student enrollment, graduation rates and student transfers. He explained the 2 + 2 program, which allows students to complete two years with NIC then complete two years with a University partner to obtain a degree. He spoke about cyber-security support, funding for health professions and vehicle operation training courses.

Mr. Gordon Jones, President, College of Western Idaho, said CWI is the largest community college in the state with 98% of enrollment being Idahoans. He spoke about providing life long learning opportunities, workforce preparation, and affordable education. He said CWI supports the Launch program for students and he also spoke about the need to increase faculty pay to meet the cost of inflation.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 529	Charter school funding	Senator Den Hartog
RS 31308	Holocaust education	Rep. Mickelsen
RS 31342	Reading assessment exemption	Rep. Galaviz
H 500	Opportunity scholarship	Rep. Clow
H 539	School harassment and bullying	Rep. Mathias

Testimony Limited to Two Minutes

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

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 February 9, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 529: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **H 529**, proposed legislation regarding the Public Charter School Revolving Loan Fund. She said this legislation would provide new public charter schools with a zero percent interest loan to assist with facility acquisition, construction or renovation. She explained a technical correction to the statute in regards to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to send **H 529** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31308: **Rep. Wheeler** presented **RS 31308**, proposed legislation regarding age-appropriate Holocaust education. **Rep. Mickelsen** explained why this legislation is presented as a resolution instead of a bill. Committee members discussed other types of history not be forgotten.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31308.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31342: **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 31342**, proposed legislation regarding reading assessment exemption which would replace **H 451.** She said this legislation would include a section on dyslexia.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31342.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 500: **Rep. Clow** presented **H 500**, legislation regarding the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship. He said this legislation would eliminate the potential for duplication of funding for students who may qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship and Idaho Launch Grants. He explained how students would be allowed to use the funds at a community college and spoke about availability adjustments made for adult students.

In response to committee comments, **Rep. Mathias** said the legislative intent would help part time students as well as full time students.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to send **H 500** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 539: **Rep. Mathias** presented **H 539**, legislation regarding the handling of harassment, intimidation, and bullying of students. He said this legislation would require corresponding action be done and update recording requirements. He stressed the importance of support for parents by providing information about mental health awareness.

Committee members spoke about local district policy and proper training. They said schools may have differing views of the definition of bullying and mentioned guidance for school districts. Suicide prevention and possible school shooting was discussed. They also spoke about parent liability for student actions.

Ryan Cantrell, Chief Deputy Superintendent, State Department of Education, spoke in response to committee questions. He said the cost and burden this legislation may require differs depending on current policy at schools and districts. He explained the need for administrators to not just provide material but to take action. Student survey's and student behavioral mental health working groups were also discussed.

Those speaking **in support of H 539**, were **Morgan Ballis**, School Resource Officer, and **Katie Russell**, Idaho School Boards Association. They said **H 539** would help bring equity to school safety practices, communication, and parent engagement concerning violence and self-harm prevention.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **H 539** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members said parents and families are critical partners with schools and spoke about the need to address these issues.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 539** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Mathias will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 15, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31284	Military Leave for Public School Employees	Rep. Bundy
RS 31357	Teachers, corporal punishment	Rep. Erickson
	Senate Youth Program	Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education AnnMarie Wolfley, Student Alyson Reed, Student

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman McCann	Rep Garner	Rep Sauter
Rep Boyle	Rep Hawkins	Rep Berch
Rep Clow	Rep Hill (Brown)	Rep Galaviz
Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting	Rep Mathias
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 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

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

RS 31284: **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 31284**, proposed legislation regarding military leave for public school employees. He said this legislation would provide a baseline for public school districts and charter schools by providing a minimum of ten paid contract days for those employees who are members of the reserve component of the United States Military.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31284**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31357: **Rep. Erickson** presented **RS 31357**, proposed legislation regarding teachers and corporal punishment. He said this legislation would provide updated language to clarify the use of physical escort as a classroom management technique and further clarifies when action is needed to terminate a physical restraint.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31357**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, spoke about Idaho's US Senate Youth Program and introduced the top two finalists. She said students need to be actively serving in a leadership position in their area and spoke about the opportunity of traveling to Washington DC this spring.

Alyson Reed and **Ann Marie Wolfley**, top finalists and student representatives, Idaho's US Senate Youth Program, spoke about their leadership positions, opportunities, and interests for the future. Other finalists introduced themselves and told the committee members where they attend school.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 19, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Data-driven instructional decisions	Ryan Cantrell, Chief Deputy Superintendent, State Department of Education Cora Larsen, Principal, Horseshoe Bend Elementary
RS 31348	Adult workforce diploma program	Rep. Petzke
RS 31402	Outcomes-based funding	Rep. Petzke
	Demystifying AI: A Quick Look at Past, Present, and Future	Josh Jones, CEO, Quanthub

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Rep Ehardt

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Rep Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 19, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Hawkins

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

Ryan Cantrell, Chief Deputy Superintendent, State Department of Education, spoke about positive changes made at Horseshoe Bend School after they used data to guide instruction. He introduced Principal Cora Larson to report improvements.

Cora Larson, Principal, Horseshoe Bend Elementary, spoke about data driven instructional decisions. She said the school has a four day week with bell-to-bell teaching. She explained how data is used to make instructional decisions and teach with integrity. She spoke about student assessments, meeting students where they are for continued growth, and intervention for reading and math.

Chair Yamamoto put the meeting at ease for one minute.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 14, and 15, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31348: **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 31348**, proposed legislation regarding adult workforce diploma program. He said this legislation would provide an option for students when they age-out of high school.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 31348**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31402: **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 31402**, proposed legislation regarding outcomes-based funding. This legislation would replace **H 557**.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31402**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Josh Jones, CEO, QuantHub, demonstrated Artificial Intelligence (AI). He spoke about data literacy, long term value and the ability to be more competitive. He said the best place to learn data literacy is K-12, where students and teachers can make AI work for them instead of against them.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Lincoln Auditorium
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	K-12 Budget Requests	Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education
	The Dietrich Story on Literacy Goals	Starr Olsen, Dietrich School District Trustee
	School Safety	Jason Sevy, Marsing School District
	The Story of the Oldest Charter School in Idaho	Leslie Baker, Moscow Charter School
	School Facilities in Small Districts	Teresa Rae, Boundary County School District
	School Facilities in Large Districts	Eric Smallwood, Twin Falls School District
	Rural Schools & The 4-Day Week	Karen Pyron, Butte County School District
	FFA In Idaho - Beyond the Horizon	Delainee Ellsworth, President Carson Suchan, Vice President Hallye Duckett, Secretary Clayton Moore, Treasurer Josiah Knapp, Reporter Kamille Mirkin, Sentinel

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Rep Clow	Rep Hill	Rep Galaviz
Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting	Rep Mathias
Rep Ehardt	Rep Nelsen	
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Price	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Sauter

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.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, spoke about K-12 budget requests submitted in September 2024. She explained where money comes from, how it is distributed, and modernizing school funding. She explained consolidating the K-12 budget into three budgets aligned with the state's constitutional obligations and supporting local flexibility. The three budgets include staffing and operations, student achievement and accountability, and weighted per student funding. She spoke about implementing weighted per student funding, providing outcomes-based funding and reducing transportation funding complexity and addressing rising costs.

Starr Olsen, Dietrich School District Trustee, spoke about Dietrich literacy goals and the changes implemented to accomplish these goals. He explained how proper training helps students improve in literacy.

Jason Sevy, Marsing School District Trustee, discussed school safety. He spoke about intervention, collaboration and ways to ensure school safety.

Leslie Baker, Moscow Charter School, said her school opened in 1998 and is the oldest charter school in Idaho. She spoke about technology updates, social development, wellness benefits, and communication with parents.

Teresa Rae, Boundary County School District, spoke about school facilities in small districts. She explained the poor conditions of older buildings, state funds and school bonds.

Eric Smallwood, Twin Falls School District, spoke about school facilities in large districts. He expressed the need to upgrade HVAC systems in several older buildings.

Karen Pyron, Butte County School District, spoke about advantages of a 4-day school week. She said Friday is available to provide extra instruction for struggling students or for teacher preparation.

Delainee Ellsworth, State President, Future Farmers of America (FFA), spoke about individual needs and personal growth. She said FFA gives students a purpose and provides service opportunities.

Carson Suchan, State Vice President, FFA, explained career and leadership events which prepare students for life after high school.

Hallye Duckett, State Secretary, FFA, spoke about leadership conferences, competitions, and advocating for Idaho agriculture.

Clayton Moore, State Treasurer, FFA, explained the impact and overall experience of FFA. He spoke about a three circle education model to provide a well rounded experience.

Josiah Knapp, State Reporter, FFA spoke about experience opportunities and how to share with peers.

Kamille Mirkin, State Sentinel, FFA, spoke about different career opportunities and leadership skills in the agriculture industry.

Chair Yamamoto put the committee at ease for one minute.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Budget & Policy Analysis	Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, Budget & Policy Division
RS 31370	Indebtedness, limits	Rep. Furniss
H 580	Military leave, public schools	Rep. Bundy
H 581	Teachers, corporal punishment	Rep. Erickson
HCR 25	Holocaust education	Rep. Wheeler

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, Budget & Policy Division, spoke about education budget recommendations to present to JFAC. He explained budget policy and negotiations, state wide impact, and demonstrated how to find budget analysis reports on the legislative website.

RS 31370: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 31370**, proposed legislation regarding limitations on county and municipal indebtedness, including schools. He spoke about statewide elections and percentage requirements to approve indebtedness.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31370**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 580: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 580**, legislation regarding military leave for public school district and public charter school employees. He spoke about differing policies throughout the state concerning military leave and said this legislation provides support for military members by providing a minimum of ten paid contract days.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to send **H 580** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 581: **Rep. Erickson** presented **H 581**, legislation regarding physical restraint. He said this legislation provides updated language to clarify use of physical escort as a classroom management technique and when action is needed to terminate a physical restraint.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 581** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 25: **Rep. Wheeler** presented **HCR 25**, legislation regarding Holocaust education. He spoke about developing resources and guidance for educators and accurate curriculum material. **Rep. Wheeler** stated **HCR 25** asks to prioritize Holocaust education in the next Idaho State Standards review.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **HCR 25** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Norma Staaf testified in support of **HCR 25** and spoke about the value of teaching accurate history and said those who do not know history will repeat it.

Pastor David McGarrah, Christians United for Israel (CUFI), testified **in support of HCR 25**. He said there is a great need for this resolution and it is greatly overdue. He said CUFI leadership reviewed and support **HCR 25**.

Committee members commented on denial of history and the importance of properly educating students. They shared support of this legislation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:**

Chair Yamamoto called for a roll call vote on the motion to send **HCR 25** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a vote of 16 AYE and 0 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, and Mathias. Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31370	Indebtedness, limits	Rep. Furniss
RS 31419	Broadband Infrastructure	Rep. Horman
RS 31234	School Boards, libraries	Rep. Palmer
	Hispanic Education Climate in Idaho	Margie Gonzalez, Executive Director, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs
	Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine Update	Dr. Tracy Farnsworth, President & CEO, ICOM
RS 31459	Early Childhood Services	Rep. Blanksma

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Yamamoto Rep Garner
Vice Chairman McCann Rep Hawkins
Rep Clow Rep Hill
Rep Mendive Rep Lanting
Rep Ehardt Rep Nelsen
Rep Wisniewski Rep Price

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Mathias

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 9:01 am.

RS 31370: **Chair Yamamoto** explained the motion for **RS 31370**, proposed legislation presented February 21, 2024, regarding limitations on county and municipal indebtedness, was out of order. The deadline for introducing Joint Resolutions has past and would require a signed letter from leadership allowing the introduction.

Rep. Furniss explained how constitutional changes require legislation be a joint resolution. He said the deadline for introducing joint resolutions was legislative day 36. He obtained a letter from leadership, waiving the deadline provision which allows for the introduction of **RS 31370**.

RS 31419: **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 31419**, proposed legislation regarding the broadband infrastructure fund. She said this legislation would change the state agency from the "State Department of Education" to the "State Board of Education."

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 31419**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31234: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 31234**, proposed legislation regarding School Boards and libraries. He said many schools do not utilize the library and this legislation would allow a school district board to determine whether to equip and maintain a library in any school.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31234**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to move **RS 31459** to the top of the agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31459: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 31459**, proposed legislation regarding early childhood services. She spoke about family choice and accountability for the use of public funds. She mentioned an incorrect implementation date of July 1, 2025 and said it should read July 1, 2024.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31459** with the correction date of July 1, 2024 in section 3. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Margie Gonzalez, Executive Director, Idaho Commission of Hispanic Affairs, spoke about Hispanic education in Idaho. She spoke about enrollment percentages, achievement test results and Hispanic enrollment at public postsecondary institutions in Idaho. She explained some challenges, such as test scores, academic achievement gaps, increase in bilingual educators, and representation on school boards. She spoke about recruiting and retaining teachers of color.

Dr. Tracy Farnsworth, President and CEO, College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM), gave an update on Idaho's first medical school. He spoke about ICOM partnerships with Idaho hospitals, health systems and the medical community. He spoke about student academic and professional performance and the need for more doctors in Idaho.

Jeff Murray, third year student, ICOM, said he is a graduate of the University of Idaho. **Annie Hoffman**, second year student, ICOM, said she is a graduate of Boise State University. They spoke about their experiences at ICOM.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31474	Geographical regions, State Board of Education	Rep. Raybould
RS 31358	Student-based funding	Rep. Boyle

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Sauter and Galaviz

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

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 20, and 21, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31474: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 31474**, proposed legislation regarding Board of Education geographical regions. She said this would replace **H 453**. She said Regions 3, 4, and 5 have been modified.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31474**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 26, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 31496</u>	School internet use policy The Science of Reading in Action: Phonics-Based Classroom Instruction	Rep. Green Ryan Cantrell, Chief Deputy Superintendent, State Department of Education Shane Williams, Superintendent, West Jefferson School District Kyle Johnson, Principal
<u>HJR 2</u>	Indebtedness, limits	Rep. Furniss
<u>S 1274</u>	Diversity statements, prohibition	Rep. Petzke
<u>H 634</u>	Broadband, state board of ed	Rep. Horman

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, 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.

RS 31496: **Rep. Green** presented **RS 31496**, proposed legislation regarding school internet use. She said this would add new requirements for local school boards to update internet use policy. She spoke about digital literacy for students in grades 6-12.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 31496**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 31496**, with the exception of section 1-33-132-C on page one.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 10 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Mendive, Ehardt, Hawkins, Hill, and Price. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Clow, Wisniewski, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, and Galaviz. Rep. Mathias** was absent/excused.

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:** **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 31496. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Ehardt and Price** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Ryan Cantrell, Chief Deputy Superintendent, State Department of Education, spoke about a reading program instituted at West Jefferson School District. He introduced **Shane Williams**, Superintendent of West Jefferson School District. Superintendent Williams explained the science of reading in practice and spoke about research-based reading instruction, intervention, and literacy improvements. He said teachers have regular data meetings to see what adjustments need to be made. He spoke about small school districts and funding.

Kyle Johnson, Principal, spoke about believing in students, showing support and watching growth happen.

HJR 2: **Rep. Furniss** presented **HJR 2**, legislation regarding indebtedness limits. He spoke about elections and percentage requirements.

Teresa Rae and **Dale Layne** testified **in support** of **HJR 2**. They spoke about school bonds, poor conditions of school facilities, and encouraging voter participation.

Ron Nate, President, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in opposition** of **HJR 2**, and said there is potential confusion over the language in the bill. He spoke about national and local debt and said this legislation would make it too easy to incur debt.

Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, testified **in opposition** of **HJR 2** , and said it is important to retain the 2/3 voter support from the community. He spoke about taxes, bonds and additional levy's for farmers and ranchers. He believes there are better solutions to provide money for school facilities.

Quinn Perry, Idaho School Boards Association, and **Chris Parri**, Idaho Education Association, testified **in support** of **HJR 2** . They spoke about local community obligations to schools, how the bond threshold affects smaller areas, and the costs associated with building new schools. They mentioned fewer election dates and spoke about volunteers who prepare bond information.

Committee members expressed concern for families, and said there is already an inflation problem and increasing property taxes would add to the burden. They spoke about revenue bonds, funding from the State, and shifting the responsibility to businesses instead of home owners. They spoke about restricting rights verses expanding rights and said this legislation would allow the community to decide on tax increases during elections. Committee members spoke about an obligation to the children attending schools in need of repair and said student safety is most important.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **HJR 2** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Ehardt, Mendive, Wisniewski, Price and Hawkins** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 634	Broadband, state board of ed Lewis-Clark State College Update University of Idaho Update Idaho State University Update Boise State University Update Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Rep. Horman Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College C. Scott Green, President, University of Idaho Dr. Robert Wagner, President, Idaho State University Dr. Marlene Tromp, President, Boise State University Rep. Clow Dr. Mark Crandall

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Vice Chairman McCann	Rep Hawkins	Rep Berch
Rep Clow	Rep Hill	Rep Galaviz
Rep Mendive	Rep Lanting	Rep Mathias
Rep Ehardt	Rep Nelsen	
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Price	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Price** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 634: **Rep. Horman** presented **H 634**, legislation regarding broadband. She said this would transfer broadband program funds from the State Department of Education to the State Board of Education.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to send **H 634** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), spoke about the small college experience and returns on investment. She said LCSC offers affordable education, open education resources, workforce training, and a GED program. She spoke about nursing, radio graphic, social work and teacher education programs. She spoke about being a partner with Idaho State University with medical industry education.

Scott Green, President, University of Idaho (U of I), spoke about the value of University research to the state of Idaho, an increase in enrollment, and meeting needs of Idaho. He spoke about financial turnaround, scholarship funding, and returns on student investment. He gave an explanation of the agriculture program, new associate degrees, enrollment increase in cyber security, and spoke of the need for more medical professionals. He said U of I has the highest Reserve Officers' Training Corp. (ROTC) enrollment in the state and touched on military history and training.

Jeff Seegmiller, Regional Dean and Director, U of I, spoke about the University of Washington School of Medicine, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) program and the direct impact of enrollment and retention rates in medical schools due to new laws passed.

Dr. Robert Wagner, President, Idaho State University, spoke about enrollment and tools which foster transformation and growth. He described the significant progress made in student retention and the commitment to provide affordable and relevant education. He said ISU is the only public University to offer a tuition lock program. He spoke about the health care and engineering programs and said it is important to keep facilities and resources up to date to maintain proper instruction.

Dr. Marlene Tromp, President, Boise State University (BSU), spoke about enrollment growth, graduation rates, and financial efficiency. She explained research experiences, philanthropy, and programs for in-demand occupations. She spoke about the increase in ROTC enrollment and their full service veterans center. In response to committee comments, she spoke about semiconductor and data driven programs which help students succeed and she described the character and creativity of the athletics program.

In response to committee comments, each president spoke about CEC administrative funding and the impact Idaho Launch will provide students.

Rep. Clow introduce **Dr. Mark Crandall**, Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the United Way, who spoke about the history of this early literacy program and ways to help it grow in Idaho.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 644	Board of education, regions	Rep. Raybould
	Advanced Placement Career Kickstart Pilot and Computer Science Courses in Idaho	Penny Kotterman, Sr. Director of Government Relations Alexa Schlechter, Director of Career Kickstart Pilots
	Education Budget Recommendations	Rep. Yamamoto

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehardt, Hawkins, and Wisniewski

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 February 22, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 644: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 644**, legislation regarding Board of Education regions. She spoke about the importance of representation throughout all of Idaho and said this bill would create seven statewide regions. She spoke about the application and election process and gave an explanation of possible temporary region assignments.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 644** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Penny Kotterman, Sr. Director of Government Relations, College Board, spoke about creating opportunity for Idaho students by using the Career Kickstart program. She explained how building on current resources can help grow this program. She spoke about computer science, cyber security, and career preparation.

Alexa Schlechter, Director of Career Kickstart Pilots, College Board, spoke about career exploration and providing options for students. She introduced the Career Kickstart program, which builds high school courses to create complete pathways to careers. She spoke about Career Technical Education (CTE) and high quality instruction which prepares students for post secondary success. She emphasized high-growth industries, cybersecurity, and career salaries.

Chair Yamamoto introduced Educational Budget Recommendations and asked members to review requests from the State Department of Education and the Governor's office to prepare for future discussions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 29, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 636	Office of early childhood	Rep. Raybould
RS 31538	Office of early childhood	Rep. Raybould
RS 31541	Behavioral telehealth, schools	Rep. Healey

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Mathias and Ehardt

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

**H 636:
RS 31538:** **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 636** and **RS 31538**, legislation regarding Office of Early Childhood. She said **RS 31538** would replace **H 636**, due to an incorrect implementation date. She said **RS 31538** shows the correct implementation date of July 1, 2024.

Rep. Raybould said **H 636** would create an Office of Early Childhood to oversee the state's early childhood services. She spoke about accountability, transparency, and flexibility. She said this would remove the barrier of two departments and help identify ways to do the job better.

Dr. Jean Henscheid, League of Women Voters of Idaho, testified **in support of H 636** and said this would allow state and private agencies to align, lower mediation costs, and support parents and families.

Ron Nate, Idaho Freedom Foundation, spoke **in opposition to H 636**. He said this legislation mingles state funds with private funds. He spoke about federal code and dependence on the federal government.

Emily Allen, Idaho Voices for Children, testified **in support of H 636**, and said early childhood is complex. She said there is no need to create new programs as infant and toddler programs would transfer from the Department of Health and Welfare.

Committee members spoke about early childhood education and the Idaho Constitution. Other committee members spoke about the responsibility to children.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 31538**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 636** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 31538** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 6 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, and Galaviz.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Clow, Mendive, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Hill, and Price.** **Reps. Ehardt and Mathias were absent/ excused.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31541: **Rep. Healy** presented **RS 31541**, proposed legislation regarding behavioral telehealth and schools. She said this legislation would allow schools to provide a safe and secure area for a student to access telehealth appointments. She said this would allow parents to remain at work and students would miss less school.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 31541**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, March 01, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 595	Outcomes-based funding	Rep. Petzke
S 1274	Diversity statements, prohibition	Rep. Petzke
H 663	School internet use policy	Rep. Dixon (24) Rep. Green
H 684	Behavioral telehealth, schools	Rep. Healey
	Educational Budget Recommendation Review	Rep. Yamamoto

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 01, 2024

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 27, and 28, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 595: **Rep. Petzke** presented **H 595**, legislation regarding outcome-based funding. He said this bill creates a formula for outcome-based funding based on student success. He spoke about math proficiency and growth, graduation rates and post-secondary achievements. He explained a section about the legislative review process.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, spoke about modernizing school funding and aligning outcomes to expectations. She described funding initiatives for math, graduation, and career readiness, and explained the statewide accountability plan and support for school districts.

Trent Van Leuven, Idaho Teacher of the Year, **Pam Kantack**, Shelley School District, and **Beverly Hott**, Idaho Falls School District, testified **in support of H 595**. They spoke about Career Technical Education, workforce readiness, and said this legislation would be a good incentive for teachers.

Committee members discussed data driven instruction, extra support for non-english speaking students, future funding, and matrix monitoring.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 595** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members voiced concern about discretionary funds distribution.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 595** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1274: **Rep. Petzke** presented **S 1274**, legislation regarding diversity statement prohibition. He spoke about diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and state policy regarding hiring and admission decisions.

Grace Howat, Idaho Family Policy Center, testified **in support of S 1274**. She spoke about DEI and group characteristics vs. merit.

Committee members spoke about diversity groups and views, preferential treatment, and hiring based on experience, not specific ideology. They mentioned statutory support.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **S 1274** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about racial minorities who overcome barriers, discrimination, and efforts to undo historical discrimination.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1274** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Berch, Mathias, and Galaviz** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 663: **Rep. Green** presented **H 663**, legislation regarding school internet use. She said this bill would allow limited access to websites and material on devices owned by schools, including WIFI. She said policy prohibiting personal devices would be left up to local school board of trustees.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 663** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 684: **Rep. Healey** presented **H 684**, legislation regarding behavioral telehealth in schools. She said this bill would help students obtain counseling while limiting time away from school. She explained schools do not have any rights or access to the student or counselor, they only provide a safe and secure room for the student during telehealth appointments.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to send **H 684** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Healey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chair Yamamoto put the committee at ease at 9:41 am.

Chair Yamamoto reconvened the meeting at 9:51 am.

Chair Yamamoto spoke about educational budget recommendations which will be presented to JFAC.

Ryan Cantrell, Deputy Superintendent, State Department of Education (SDE), explained educational budget requests for SDE. He spoke about funding distribution and budget cut ramifications. He detailed the base budget and priorities yet to be funded.

In answer to committee questions, **Gideon Tolman**, Chief Financial Officer, SDE, spoke about appropriated and discretionary funds, and Higher Education funding.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, March 04, 2024

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31580	Rules approval, education	Rep. Garner
	Open educational resources in Idaho higher education	Dr. TJ Bliss, Chief Academic Officer, Office of the State Board of Education
	Educational budget recommendation review	Rep. Yamamoto

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Yamamoto Rep Garner
Vice Chairman McCann Rep Hawkins
Rep Clow Rep Hill
Rep Mendive Rep Lanting
Rep Ehardt Rep Nelsen
Rep Wisniewski Rep Price

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehardt and McCann

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.

RS 31580: **Rep. Garner** presented **RS 31580**, proposed legislation regarding pending rules of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy. He said this would amend **Docket No. 08-0401-2301**, to exclude section 102.03.

MOTION: **Rep. Price** made a motion to introduce **RS 31580** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Garner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dr. TJ Bliss, Chief Academic Officer, Office of the State Board of Education, discussed open education in Idaho. He spoke about open educational resources, instructional material access and affordability plans.

Chair Yamamoto and committee members discussed educational budget recommendations.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, March 05, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Higher Education Budget	Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education
SCR 116	Civics education	Rep. Wisniewski

Testimony Limited to Two Minutes

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Hill

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

Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education, spoke about the Higher Education Budget. He described maintenance budgets, line items, Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) funding, and increased enrollment demands.

Committee members discussed educational budget recommendations to present to JFAC.

SCR 116: **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **SCR 116**, legislation regarding civics education. He spoke about the history of human civilization and said this Concurrent Resolution would ensure students are taught the importance of Western Civilization history in applicable courses. He spoke about founding principles of our form of government and responsible participation in civic life.

Senator Carlson said **Superintendent Critchfield** supports this legislation and she spoke about setting parameters to promote the history of western civilization within applicable courses.

Committee members discussed history curriculum, accountability, and education standards.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, spoke about review process, social studies standards, and said Civics is a requirement for graduation. She spoke about refining standards and content specialists who update districts and educators.

Committee members spoke about Democracy vs. Republic and the legislative process for new curriculum.

MOTION: **Rep. Hawkins** made a motion to send **SCR 116** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Wisniewski** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, March 08, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1308	Education, adoption	Senator Den Hartog
S 1359	Education, advanced opportunities	Senator Den Hartog
S 1362aa	Public schools, flags	Rep. Price
S 1361aa	School district boards, public	Rep. Nelsen

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Vice Chairman McCann
Rep Clow
Rep Mendive
Rep Ehardt
Rep Wisniewski

Rep Garner
Rep Hawkins
Rep Hill
Rep Lanting
Rep Nelsen
Rep Price

Rep Sauter
Rep Berch
Rep Galaviz
Rep Mathias (Church)

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 08, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Wisniewski

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 February 29, March 1, 4, and 5, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1308: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **S 1308**, legislation regarding education and adoption. She spoke about options for unplanned pregnancy, including adoption education.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **S 1308** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1359: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **S 1359**, legislation regarding educational advanced opportunities. She said this bill would increase funds for advanced opportunities and raise the cap on allotted number of courses and funds distributed per student, per year. She spoke about non-public student qualifications, usage, and reimbursement.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **S 1359** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1362aa: **Rep. Price** and **Sen. Trakel** presented **S 1362aa**, legislation regarding third party flags in public schools. They said this bill would create a non-political environment for children in the classroom.

Kristi Hardy testified in support of **S 1359**. She spoke about public classrooms and division verses unity.

Those speaking in opposition to **S 1359** were **Mistie Tolman**, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, **Liliana Rauer**, **Julia Sharkey**, Idaho Education Association, **Julianne Donnelly Tzul**, ACLU of Idaho, and **Nissa Nagel**. They spoke about experiences, vulnerability, unification, acceptance, and student safety.

Committee members spoke about unification, language in the bill, certain teaching aides, the National Motto, school policies and penalties.

MOTION: **Rep. Hawkins** made a motion to send **S 1362aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members discussed political ideology, the "official" American flag, and focusing on education. They spoke about the First Amendment and local level policy. They mentioned school and club flags.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Mathias made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1362aa** in committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 5 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Yamamoto, McCann, Clow, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, and Mathias. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Mendive, Ehardt, Hawkins, Hill, and Price. Rep. Wisniewski was absent/excused.**

S 1361aa: Rep. Nelsen and Sen. Carlson presented **S 1361aa**, legislation regarding public school district boards. They said this bill would adopt procedures for regular school board meetings and allow public participation, regarding agenda items.

Pam Johnsen testified in support of **S 1361aa**. She spoke about public participation and parental rights.

Jim Foudy, Superintendent, Blaine County School District, testified in opposition to **S 1361aa**. He spoke about elected local board members, public comment policies, and board meeting transparency.

Quinn Perry, Idaho School Boards Association, testified as being **neutral** to **S 1361aa**. She spoke about local school boards, reasonable time limits, and agenda items. She said this bill would enhance policy and statute.

Committee members spoke about civil disobedience, exceptions, and language in the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ehardt made a motion to send **S 1361aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Nelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, March 11, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Early Childhood Development as a Bipartisan Priority	Dr. Dan Wuori, Founder & President, Early Childhood Policy Solutions

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman McCann

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Rep Mendive

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Mathias, Hawkins, Ehardt, and Hill

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.

Dr. Dan Wuori, President, Early Childhood Policy Solutions, spoke about early childhood development as a bipartisan priority. He said early development is different than early school education, and the fundamental architecture of the brain is wired during the early years. He spoke about insufficient care for children under the age of three, costs, long term benefits, and the economic impact of investing in early childhood learning.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, March 15, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31637	Student Funding	Rep. Horman

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Hill

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 8:42 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the meetings of March 8 and 11, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31637C1: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **RS 31637C1**, proposed legislation regarding school funding. She explained proposed changes to the way school funds would be distributed.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Education, State Department of Education, explained how proposed legislation would better align with education priorities and student characteristics.

Gideon Tolman, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education, spoke about discretionary funds, support units, student enrollment and a "hold harmless" clause.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 31637C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31738	Opportunity Scholarship	Rep. Clow
H 742	School Facilities Funding	Rep. Monks
S 1358aa	Empowering parents grant	Rep. Horman Senator Den Hartog
H 745	Charter Schools Funding	Rep. Yamamoto

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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

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, March 28, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31715	Public Education Facilities Fund	Rep. Furniss Rep. Galaviz

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 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.

RS 31715: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 31715**, proposed legislation regarding the public education facilities fund. He said this bill would create a fund in the State Treasury to support education facilities. He discussed the application process and the facilities fund formula. Money in the fund would be distributed as a needs-based grant to finance construction, remodel, and maintenance of school facilities.

Rep. Galaviz spoke about school facilities in Salmon, Idaho and thirteen failed bond attempts. She addressed primary safety concerns and constitutional responsibility. She said this grant process would help close bonding gaps to provide a safe learning environment.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 31715**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, April 02, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31762	School facilities	Rep. Clow

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 02, 2024

TIME: 9:30 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:** Rep. Ehardt

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 9:30 am.

Chair Yamamoto turned the gavel over to **Rep. Mendive**.

RS 31762: **Reps. Yamamoto** and **Clow** presented **RS 31762**, proposed legislation regarding school facilities. This is a trailer bill to **H 521** this session that makes several changes: 1) It ensures the executive officer of the state board is Senate confirmed; 2) It lightens the minimum days requirement for schools by eliminating the requirement for contract days, delays implementation to 2025 to ensure legislative oversight of board decisions, and provides the state board flexibility to phase in hours or days requirements; 3) It ensures any misused dollars by a local school district are recaptured to the schools facilities fund and distributed to rural schools; 4) It amends to one-time distributions from the school district facilities fund; 5) It restores public charter school facility funds to what they were prior to unanticipated reductions from funding formulas impacted by the passage of **H 292** in 2023; and 6) It resolves a conflict within Section 33-5209A, Idaho Code.

Committee members spoke about transparency, properly vetted legislation, and the process to appoint the executive officer. In response to questions, **Alex Adams**, Administrator, Division of Financial Management, spoke about a 2 year hold harmless adjustment for the 2025 and 2026 calendar years.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31762** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Yamamoto and Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

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Secretary