

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 04, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be retained in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

RS 29352: **Rep. Yamamoto** presented **RS 29352** which proposes a technical change in the placement on the career ladder of out-of-state teachers and administrators returning to teaching. This proposed legislation would ensure experienced teachers would be placed on the correct location on the ladder. Rep. Yamamoto discussed the fiscal note and explained the impact on the General Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 29352. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29383: **Rep. Yamamoto** presented **RS 29383** which would create a revolving loan fund to enable charter schools to build and improve their schools. This would reduce the overall cost to the school which would keep more funding in the classrooms.
Emily McClure, Lobbyist, Idaho Charter School Network, shared how this proposed legislation would enable new charter schools to build and how it will decrease interest rates. She discussed the requirements for a charter school to apply for the Charter School Revolving Loan Fund.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. McClure** explained the fiscal note and how many charter schools are estimated to potentially use this loan fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 29383. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 461: **Rep. Mathias** introduced **H 461** which would amend section 33-402 of Idaho Code to revise eligibility requirements for the armed forces and public safety officer scholarship.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Mathias** said **H 506** complements **H 461**.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to send **H 461** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 506: **Mike Keckler**, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officers, State Board of Education, introduced **H 506**. This would update sections of Idaho Code to add the Idaho Division of Veterans Services as an agency making disability determinations in regards to the armed forces and public safety officer scholarships.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Keckler** discussed the specific dates within this section of Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 506** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. McCann will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

H 505: **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education, introduced **H 505** and discussed how this is a state managed scholarship. This would amend section 33-4605 of Idaho Code to remove the requirement that a student must have a matching merit based scholarship.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **H 505** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. McCrostie will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary