

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 21, 2022
- TIME:** 8:30 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. Galloway
- GUESTS:** The sign in sheet will be retained in the Committee secretary's office; following the end of the legislative session the sign in sheet will be filed in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.
Chairman Clow introduced the new Page for the second half of the session, **Alex Bude**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2022.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- H 656:** **Rep. Yamamoto** presented **H 656** which will amend the career ladder. She shared how **H 656** would enable staff with prior certifications to be placed accordingly on the career ladder.
Brian Pyper, Region 6 Chair, Idaho School Board Association, **Matt Compton**, Associate Executive Director, Idaho Education Association, and **Stoney Winston**, Superintendent, Parma School District voiced their support **H 656**. They explained how this legislation would help schools attract and retain educators by placing them fairly on the career ladder.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to send **H 656** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Yamamoto** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 654:** **Rep. Marshall** presented **H 654** and shared how it would amend existing law to authorize certain professionals to work as school counselors. He discussed the requirements of these professionals becoming a school counselor.
Ken Marlowe, Title IX Coordinator, Bonneville School District, **Brian Pyper**, Region 6 Chair, Idaho School Board Association, and **Matt Compton**, Associate Executive Director, Idaho Education Association voiced their support for **H 654** and how this would enable schools to hire additional school counselors. They discussed how currently many students mental health has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and this legislation would give student's resources to get help.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to send **H 654** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Marshall** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary