

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