

MINUTES  
**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Syme, Representatives Harris, Kingsley, Christensen, Wisniewski, Horman, Hanks, Weber, McCann, Chew, Necochea, Toone

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kingsley

**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 filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Holtzclaw** called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

**Chairman Holtzclaw** introduced **Rep. McCann**, the new member on the committee.

**RS 29120:** **Vice Chairman Syme** presented **RS 29120** explaining that it would freeze unemployment insurance at the current rates.

**Jani Revier**, Director of the Idaho Department of Labor, further explained that **RS 29120** would freeze the base unemployment insurance rate at the 2021 level for both 2022 and 2023. This would save a total of 64 million dollars for Idaho businesses without affecting the General Fund as this pertains to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. This Trust Fund would still have enough money to remain solvent with the 64 million dollars of decreased revenue.

In response to questions, **Ms. Revier** explained that unemployment insurance rates are set on an annual basis for an entire year. The Department of Labor sends new tax notifications yearly. They would provide any businesses that had already paid a higher rate with a refund or credit.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 29120**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Holtzclaw** introduced the Committee Secretary, **Emily Huddleston**, and new Page for the first half of the session, **Audrey Payne**.

**Chairman Holtzclaw** reviewed various committee rules and announced that the Committee will be accepting remote testimony.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

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Representative Holtzclaw  
Chair

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Emily Huddleston  
Secretary