

AGENDA
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Organizational meeting

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational meeting	

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Rep Wisniewski
Rep Horman

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Rep Cheatum
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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**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.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:32p.m.

Chairman Holtzclaw explained the rules of the Committee, and his expectations. He introduced the Secretary, **Jeremy Collier** and the Page, **Emma Brulotte**.

Chairman Holtzclaw invited **Rep. Nate Roberts** to introduce himself to the Committee.

Chairman Holtzclaw answered questions from the Committee members, stating the Committee will accept remote testimony. He advised members the Committee will be fully electronic.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:40p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Thursday, January 19, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	<u>Division of Human Resources</u>	
RS 29947C1	Personnel system	Rep. Bundy Michelle Peugh, Program Officer
RS 29920C1	State employee compensation	Rep. Bundy Michelle Peugh
RS 29955C1	Agency name	Rep. Bundy Michelle Peugh
RS 29949C1	Apprenticeships	Rep. Bundy Michelle Peugh
RS 29957C1	Overtime calculation	Rep. Bundy Michelle Peugh
RS 30035	Post Traumatic Stress Injury compensation	Rep. Holtzclaw Rep. Rubel
RS 30041	Idaho Launch Program	Rep. Blanksma
	<u>Division of Financial Management</u>	
15-0401-2201	Rules of Division of Human Resources	Josh Scholer, Bureau Chief Michelle Peugh

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, January 19, 2023
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Kingsley
- 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.
- Chairman Holtzclaw** called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 29947C1, RS 29920C1, RS 29955C1, RS 29949C1, RS 29957C1.**
- RS 29947C1:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 29947C1**, proposed legislation updating Title 67 Chapter 53 and Title 59 Chapter 16, relating to the personnel system, by removing outdated language and practices. He stated the changes would ensure best standard practices are applied to development of statewide enterprise resource planning.
- Rep. Bundy** introduced **Michelle Peugh**, HR Policy and Program Officer for the Division of Human Resources, who provided an introduction to **RS 29947C1**. She advised **RS 29947C1** provides clarification for how state law is applied to state employees, ensuring employee best practice standards are applied to all state agencies.
- RS 29920C1:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 29920C1**, legislation providing clarification within established compensation practices by adding language to 67-5309B and 59-1603 to require a current evaluation to be on file for salary increases based on performance. He stated **RS 29920C1** also enabled salary increases based on internal equity or market changes.
- Michelle Peugh** explained **RS 29920C1** creates flexibility within established compensation practices. She stated the changes would address challenges agencies face in recruitment and retention. She said current statutes relating to employee compensation are restrictive and do not allow for effective pay strategies.
- RS 29955C1:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 29955C1**, legislation updating the agency name the to "Division of Human Resources" from the previous agency name of the "Personnel Commission" outlined in 67-3519. Rep. Bundy noted **RS 29955C1** adds the statement "pay or" before "pay grade" in order to match current practice.
- Michelle Peugh** explained **RS 29955C1** updates three sections of code as they relate to the name and responsibility of the Division of Human Resources and the organization and purpose of the Idaho Personnel Commission.

- RS 29949C1:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 29949C1**, legislation adding language to Idaho Code 67-5302 to waive the 1,385 hour limit for employees hired specifically as apprentices under an approved apprenticeship program. Rep. Bundy noted that hiring youth apprentices will be another tool agency heads can utilize to recruit and retain employees more effectively.
- Michelle Peugh** explained the purpose of **RS 29949C1** was to add an additional option under temporary employment for the State of Idaho to hire apprentices. She noted that last year the Work Force Development Council worked with the legislature to pass legislation that allows individuals under public apprenticeship programs to be state employees.
- She advised **RS 29949C1** will support agencies if apprenticeships are implemented within the agency. She testified that **RS 29949C1** would permit **Lori Wolff**, administrator of the Division of Human Resources, to approve an employee to be a temporary employee, with no hour limit restriction, as long as they had an approved apprenticeship program at their agency.
- RS 29957C1:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 29957C1**, legislation to allow for flexibility and clarification related to overtime calculation for certain employees. Rep. Bundy stated that typically time worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek constitutes overtime. He added the proposed language adds another option for overtime calculation within established wage and hour laws. Rep. Bundy testified that certain employees who meet federal exemption requirements will have overtime calculated for time worked in excess of 80 hours in a period of 14 consecutive days. Rep. Bundy noted that **RS 29957C1** meets a specific request from the Department of Veterans Affairs for nurses that tend to work 12 hours shifts.
- Michelle Peugh** explained **RS 29957C1** allows agencies flexibility in scheduling employees with irregular shifts to align with industry standards. She noted the current standard is 8 hours in a 40 hour work week, which has become inflexible. She noted the inability of the agency to schedule nurses over an 80 hour pay period was the number one complaint of employees or applicants when Veterans Services and Health and Welfare try to hire nurses.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Holtzclaw** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 29947C1, RS 29920C1, RS 29955C1, RS 29949C1, RS 29957C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30035:** **Rep. Rubel** presented **RS 30035**, legislation which removes the sunset clause of Idaho Code 72-451; making this statute permanent. She stated **RS 30035** provides permanent coverage under workers compensation for post traumatic stress injuries suffered by first responders. Rep. Rubel introduced **Rob Shoplock**, President of the Professional Firefighters of Idaho.
- Rob Shoplock** noted that as of 2023 first responder work compensation rates are lower than what they were prior to 2019.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 30035 Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30041:** **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 30041**, legislation to expand the Idaho Launch Program to eligible High School Graduates starting in 2024. She stated that eligible graduates can receive a grant of \$8,500, noting the Workforce Development Council would determine grants based upon job necessity and the job market. She noted **RS 30041** includes sunsets.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Rep. Blanksma** explained that means-testing would be secondary to the market demand for jobs. She explained the Workforce Development Council would develop the grants process means testing. She added this would be based upon how many requests would be made for grants, as the funds for the program are capped.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 30041**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 15-0401-2201: **Michelle Peugh** presented **Docket No. 15-0401-2201**, a pending rule regarding the Rules of the Division of Human Resources and Idaho Personnel Commission. She stated the changes clarified and streamlined rules to align with the Red Tape Reduction Act, HR consolidation and best employee practices. She advised for these rule changes comments were accepted until October 26th, 2022. She noted no comments were submitted in opposition to the rule changes, and no changes were made based on the comments. In response to questions from Committee members, she advised that the opportunity to comment on the rules changes was advertised in the Administrative Rules Bulletin.

Chairman Holtzclaw put the committee at ease 1.51 p.m.

Chairman Holtzclaw resumed the meeting at 1.54 p.m.

Michelle Peugh reviewed the rule changes in **Docket No. 15-0401-2201**.

In response to questioning from Committee members, she noted that in the current job market a list of fewer than five qualified candidates is considered adequate. She advised it was difficult to meet the threshold of five qualified candidates for classified positions, making the recruitment process harder. She explained that classified employees have due process and property rights to their positions whereas nonclassified positions are considered at will employment.

Chairman Holtzclaw advised the Committee members that if one body rejects the rule, the rule may still go into effect if the other body decides to approve of the rule.

Michelle Peugh continued to explain the **Docket No. 15-0401-2201** changes.

Due to time constraints, **Docket No. 15-0401-2201** will be carried over to a future meeting to be determined by **Chairman Holtzclaw**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Monday, January 23, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30090C1	Idaho Launch Program Division of Financial Management	Rep. Blanksma Josh Scholer, Bureau Chief

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HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

RS 30090C1: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 30090C1**, legislation to expand the Idaho Launch Program to eligible High School Graduates. She noted the Idaho Launch Program is a Workforce Development Program. Rep. Blanksma advised the grants will be available for four years after the student graduates. Rep. Blanksma stated **RS 30090C1** enables the Workforce Development Council to determine grants based upon market demand, with financial need being a secondary concern.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to introduce **RS 30090C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Josh Scholer, Bureau Chief for Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, presented the Division of Financial Management Idaho Administrative Rules and Rules Process Overview to the Committee. He explained the rules hierarchy to the Committee, noting the Idaho Constitution is the highest law in the state, above legislative statutes which are above state agency rules. He stated a Board, Commission, or Agency Administrator/Director must have statutory authority to adopt rules, noting the Administrative Procedures Act Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code. Mr. Scholer explained there are three types of rules: temporary, proposed and pending. There are two subtypes of rules: fee rules and non-fee rules. He explained any rule imposing a fee is considered a fee rule and these rules must be approved by the legislature.

Mr. Scholer explained the Rule Making Process to the Committee, stating that first an agency files and Initial Notice for Negotiated Rule making. He advised negotiated rule making is conducted both formally and informally. The agency then files the notice for the proposed rule, which requires not less than 21 days for public comment. Once a pending rule is adopted it is printed in the bulletin. Once this happens, the legislative review process begins.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Scholer** advised that notices for rule changes are filed in the monthly public bulletin. He noted the public bulletin is published online at adminrules.idaho.gov and proposed and pending rules must be added to the bulletin.

Mr. Scholer continued to explain the Rules Process to the Committee, explaining the Zero-Based Regulation Executive Order in 2021-2026. Mr. Scholer noted the Zero-Based Regulation process is based on the Red Tape Reduction Act of 2019 which required 75% of all rules to be cut or simplified within one year. It eliminated 250 chapters of regulations. He advised the ongoing review schedule of agency rule chapters required 20% of rule chapters to be reviewed each year. He explained several considerations that guided the review process, and noted that once agencies identify rules for review the agency must conform to the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

Mr. Scholer continued, explaining the legislative review process. He stated this process allows for participation from the public and stakeholders. He noted the Legislature's authority to review Administrative Rules is found in the Idaho Constitution and in Idaho Code Article III Section 29, which states the legislature 'may review any administrative rule'.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Scholer** noted there was no requirement for the Committee to approve or reject a rule the same day they hear it. Mr. Scholer advised in order to reject a pending non fee rule a concurrent resolution must pass the House and Senate rejecting the rule.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 18</u>	Post Traumatic Stress Injury Compensation	Rep. Holtzclaw Rep. Rubel
<u>H 13</u>	Division of Human Resources Personnel system	Rep. Bundy Lori Wolff, Administrator, Division of Human Resources Janelle White, Division of Human Resources
<u>H 14</u>	State employee compensation	Rep. Bundy Lori Wolff Janelle White
<u>H 15</u>	Agency name	Rep. Bundy Lori Wolff Janelle White
<u>H 16</u>	Apprenticeships	Rep. Bundy Lori Wolff Janelle White
<u>H 17</u>	Overtime calculation	Rep. Bundy Lori Wolff Janelle White

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Horman

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.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2023 and January 23, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 18: **Rep. Rubel** presented **H 18**, legislation repealing the sunset provision of Idaho Code 72-451 on the coverage of post traumatic stress injuries for first responders; making this statute permanent. Rep. Rubel introduce **Rob Shoplock**, President of the Professional Firefighters of Idaho.

Rob Shoplock noted 31 claims were accepted and 36 were denied. He noted that all 67 individuals were helped.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Shoplock** stated volunteer firefighters will be included by **H 18** if their employer is required to pay compensation.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to send **H 18** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY, and 1 Absent/excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, Bundy, Kingsley, Wisniewski, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **None.** **Rep. Horman was absent/excused.** **Rep. Rubel** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 13: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 13**, legislation updating Title 67 Chapter 53 and Title 59 Chapter 16, relating to the personnel system, by removing outdated language and practices.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Rep. Bundy** advised that some changes were made to work with the programming of the current software.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 13** to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bundy will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

H 14: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 14**, legislation providing clarification and flexibility within established compensation practices by adding language to 67-5309B and 59-1603. He advised the legislation will have no impact on the general fund as agencies must use existing appropriations to cover the cost.

Fred Birnbaum, representing the Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified in **opposition to H 14**. Mr. Birnbaum expressed concern about the fiscal impact of **H 14**. He noted that expenditures in Fiscal Year 2022 were lower than appropriations with \$121,493,900 of the total appropriation not expended in personnel costs with \$79,973,800 reverted. He stated money that is not reverted could be used to make adjustments according to internal equity. Mr. Birnbaum also stated language referring to 'internal equity' was too vague.

Lori Wolff, Administrator for the Division of Human Resources, was called upon to answer questions from the Committee regarding **H 14**. She advised the term 'internal equity' referred to comparisons between staff who work within the same organization. Ms. Wolff noted **H 14** permits internal equity adjustments within the six month probationary period. She stated if an agency has not appropriated funds they cannot implement wage increases.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to send **H 14** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Bundy will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

H 15: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 15**, legislation updating the agency name to the "Division of Human Resources" from the previous agency name of the "Personnel Commission" outlined in 67-3519. Rep. Bundy noted **H 15** adds the statement "pay or" before "pay grade" in order to match current practice.

Janelle White, Bureau Chief for the Division of Human Resources, was called upon to answer questions from the Committee regarding **H 15**. She stated the strikeout on page 3, section 4 is a result of the establishment of the Office of Administrative Hearings. Ms. White advised the Personnel Commission exists to hear appeals that employees make to their organizations, noting this is not changed by **H 15**.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 15** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY, and 0 Absent/excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Holtzclaw, Bundy, Kingsley, Wisniewski, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts. Voting in opposition to the motion: None. Rep. Horman was absent/excused. Rep. Bundy will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

H 16: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 16**, legislation adding language to Idaho Code 67-5302 to waive the 1,385 hour limit for employees hired specifically as apprentice under an approved apprenticeship program.

Janelle White was called upon to answer questions from the Committee regarding **H 16**. Ms. White advised the language specifying an 'approved apprenticeship program' was included in the legislation in order to prevent agencies from hiring an employee for a part time position but expecting them to work full time. She advised she did not feel this was a risk.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **H 16** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY, and 1 Absent/excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Holtzclaw, Bundy, Kingsley, Wisniewski, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts. Voting in opposition to the motion: None. Rep. Horman was absent/excused. Rep. Bundy will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

H 17: **Rep. Bundy** presented **H 17**, legislation to allow for flexibility and clarification related to overtime calculation for certain employees. Rep. Bundy stated typically time worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek is considered overtime. He noted the proposed language adds another option for overtime calculation within established wage and hour laws. Rep. Bundy explained certain employees will have overtime calculator for time worked in excess of 80 hours in a period of 14 consecutive days.

Mark Tschampl, Chief Administrator for the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, testified **in support** of **H 17**. He explained that 80% of vacant positions within the Division of Veterans Services were for skilled nurses. He stated the lack of shift flexibility has meant the Division of Veterans Services has lost nurses and struggled to recruit new ones. He mentioned employees who chose not to work for the Division of Veterans Services indicated that the number one reason for choosing not to work there was shift inflexibility.

Janelle White was called upon to answer questions from the Committee regarding **H 17**. Ms. White advised that **H 17** would not include employees covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act, she noted those employees not exempted were the ones the flexibility was intended for.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Mr. Tschampl** advised the hours worked over the weekend would be considered regular time hours. He explained 12 hours is the national standard for skilled nursing care with no data indicating a 12 hour shift creates more safety incidents in the workplace compared to an 8 hour shift.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to send **H 17** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY, and 1 Absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, Bundy, Kingsley, Wisniewski, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **None. Rep. Horman was absent/excused. Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30021	Notices, website	Rep. Blanksma

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HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2023
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Wheeler
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.
Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 30021: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 30021**, legislation to remove expired URL links in Idaho Code 45-1506C and 45-1602 and remove obsolete language from Idaho Code 45-1602.
MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to introduce **RS 30021**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, February 07, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30207	Pay advancements, retention bonuses	Rep. Bundy Rep. Weber Lori Wolff, Administrator, Division of Human Resources

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 07, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw (Yorgason), Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey (Galloway), Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Wisniewski, Horman, Miller, Wheeler

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.

Vice Chairman Bundy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2023.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 30207: **Rep. Weber** presented **RS 30207**, proposed legislation providing clarification and flexibility within established compensation practices by adding language to Idaho Code 67-5309B and Idaho Code 59-1603.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 30207** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

Lori Wolff, Administrator for the Division of Human Resources, was called upon to answer questions from the Committee regarding **RS 30207**. Ms. Wolff advised that pay increases will be based on performance and merit. She noted **RS 30207** enables a raise during the probationary period.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Representative Bundy
Vice Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 65	Obsolete websites.	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Weber, Wheeler

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.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 65: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **H 65**, legislation removing obsolete URL links in Idaho Code 45-1506C, 45-1602 and removing obsolete language from 45-1602.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to send **H 65** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Rep. Blanksma** noted obsolete URLs refers to links that are no longer working.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
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AGENDA
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Thursday, February 23, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1020	Eligibility for state employee health insurance plans	Steve Bailey, Director, Department of Administration
H 168	Integrity of the employment security program	Rep. Mitchell
59-0101-2201	Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)	Don Drum, Executive Director, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Horman, Chew

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Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Holtzclaw informed the Committee **S 1020** was removed from the agenda.

H 168: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **H 168**, legislation to require the Department of Labor to perform routine cross checks of existing databases to which they already have access such as new hire records, death records, prison roles and other. Rep. Mitchell noted the importance of tackling fraudulent claims.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 168** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**DOCKET NO.
59-0101-2201:** **Don Drum**, Executive Director of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho [PERSI], presented **Docket No. 59-0101-2201**, rules removing language referring to compliance with Internal Revenue Service [IRS] rules to define who could be admitted to PERSI as an employer.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 59-0101-2201.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

In response to questions from Committee members, **Director Drum** advised that certain definitions are removed in order to remove conflicts between differing definitions. He noted that PERSI attempts to ensure it's rule definitions are aligned with other definitions in Idaho Code. Director Drum noted contribution rates account for life expectancy.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Monday, February 27, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1054	Reemployment of certain retired members	Rep. Bundy Senator Lakey
S 1019	Unemployment insurance benefits to victims of domestic violence and spouses of transferred military members	Rep. Bundy Jani Revier, Director, Department of Labor
S 1020	Eligibility determinations for participation in state employee health insurance plans.	Rep. Furniss Steve Bailey, Director, Department of Administration
21-0101-2201	Idaho Department of Veterans Services Admission, Residency, and Maintenance Charges in Idaho State Veterans Homes	Mark Tschampl, Chief Administrator for the Idaho Division of Veterans Services
17-0101-2201	Idaho Industrial Commission Charging lien	Paul Jeffries, Rule Review Officer, Idaho Industrial Commission
17-0101-2202	EDI 3.1 implementation date	Patti Vaughn, Benefits Administration Manager, Idaho Industrial Commission
17-1101-2201	Peace Officer and Detention Officer Temporary Disability	Kamerron Slay, Commission Secretary, Idaho Industrial Commission

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 27, 2023
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley (Crawford), Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Horman
- 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.
- Chairman Holtzclaw** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1054:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **S 1054**, legislation amending first responder re-employment in Idaho Code 59-1356 to change the sunset clause to 2027, define bonafide separation, remove the retirement date and require safety officers to contribute to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho [PERSI].
- Richard Allen**, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, and **John Evans**, Association of Idaho Cities and City of Garden City Mayor, testified **in support of S 1054**. They noted **S 1054** enhanced legislation currently in effect by removing restrictions regarding retirement dates, giving employers the chance to hire the most experienced officers.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **S 1054** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1019:** **Rep. Bundy** presented **S 1019**, legislation allowing unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who are leaving work due to being a victim of domestic violence or due to their military spouse being transferred.
- Jani Revier**, Director of the Idaho Department of Labor, she noted the unemployment program pays benefits to people who find themselves unemployed through no fault of their own.
- Director Revier** explained unemployment insurance benefits were warranted for claimants leaving employment due to domestic violence or transferring with a military spouse. She noted the fiscal impact of **S 1019** is \$200,000, and is expected to increase by three percent per year.
- Tammie Perreault**, Department of Defense, **Heather Cunningham**, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, and **Jennifer Beazer**, citizen, testified **in support of S 1019**. They stated **S 1019** provides financial security to military spouses and their family members, and helps protect victims of domestic violence by providing people with financial security.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to send **S 1019** to the House with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- S 1020:** **Rep. Furniss** presented **S 1020**, legislation repealing the requirement for the Office of Group Insurance to promulgate rules for determining the eligibility of participants in the state's health insurance plan and adding a member to the Group Insurance Advisory Committee.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **S 1020** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- DOCKET NO. 21-0101-2201:** **Mark Tschampl**, Chief Administrator for the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, presented **Docket No. 21-0101-2201**, a pending rule removing a contradiction with Title 14, Chapter 5, Idaho Code, the Unclaimed Property Act and clarifying the rights of a resident regarding a notice of transfer or discharge and the rights of an applicant regarding notice of a denial of an application for residency.
- In response to questions from Committee members, **Mr. Tschampl** advised the changes do not reference the proposed statute, so each can be passed separately.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 21-0101-2201.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 17-0101-2201:** **Paul Jeffries**, Rule Review Officer for the Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-0101-2201**, a pending rule to remove a subsection to conform with the new language of Idaho Code § 72-404. **Docket No. 17-0101-2201** would remove the necessity for Commission approval in lump sum settlements.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Weber** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0101-2201.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 17-0101-2202:** **Patti Vaughn**, Benefits Administration Manager for the Idaho Industrial Commission presented **Docket No. 17-0101-2202**, a pending rule to change the implementation date for the updated Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) claims system.
- In response to questions from Committee members, **Ms. Vaughn** advised that if the new implementation date is missed then it will have to be changed once again. She noted there are multiple vendors that could help implement the new EDI system, but each vendor works with one state at a time.
- Chairman Holtzclaw** put the Committee at ease at 2:18 p.m.
- Chairman Holtzclaw** resumed the meeting 2:20 p.m.
- George Gutierrez**, Director of the Industrial Commission, addressed the Committee. Director Guterrez noted the contract included a ten percent hold back if the product is not delivered on time, which at the end of the contract is June of 2024.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-0101-2202.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 17-1101-2201:** **Kamerron Slay**, Commission Secretary for the Idaho Industrial Commission, presented **Docket No. 17-1101-2201**, a pending rule to clarify the disputes process relating to injuries sustained by Peace Officers Responding to an emergency; When in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law; or when the injury is caused by the actions of another person.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 17-1101-2201.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2:00 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, March 07, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 203	Provisions regarding the public school health insurance participation	Rep. Furniss

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 07, 2023

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Horman, Weber, Chew

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.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 203: **Rep. Furniss** presented **H 203**, legislation to amend the dedicated fund to permit public schools to buy in to the state's medical and dental group insurance plan. He noted the Appropriations Committee allocated \$75 million to the plan, and 12 school districts had joined the plan. Rep. Furniss noted the group insurance plan had lowered deductibles.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **H 203** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in opposition** to **H 203**. Mr. Birnbaum expressed concern at increasing cost of the legislation. He noted the State was taking on the costs of insuring teachers, noting the agency request was for \$360 million. Mr. Birnbaum stated the cost of the plan is shifted from the school district to the state.

Rep. Furniss noted the state employee insurance plan has low fees and better discounts, advising more people being on the plan helped to reduce costs. He stated school districts costs were lower on the state plan because of the internal costs of non-state health care plans.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 7 AYE, 5 NAY and 3 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Bundy, McCann, Cheatum, Healey, Miller, Wheeler, Roberts.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, Kingsley, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Price.** **Reps. Horman, Weber, Chew were absent/excused.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Monday, March 13, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>15-0401-2201</u>	Rules of the Division of Human Resources and Idaho Personnel Commission - Proposed Rule	Michelle Peugh, Programs Officer, Division of Human Resources

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Horman, Miller
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.
Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0401-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
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AMENDED AGENDA #3
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment
Room EW05
Thursday, March 23, 2023

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of the Minutes	

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023

TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Horman, Chew

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.

MOTION: **Chairman Holtzclaw** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Rep. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Holtzclaw thanked the Committee Secretary, **Jeremy Collier**, and the Page, **Tucker French**, for his work during the session.

Chairman Holtzclaw put the Committee at ease at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman Holtzclaw resumed the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
10:00 AM or Upon Adjournment
Room EW05
Friday, March 24, 2023

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1167	Provisions regarding the Idaho Launch Grant Program and the Idaho In-Demand Careers Fund.	Rep. Blanksma

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MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 24, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M. or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**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.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

S 1167: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **S 1167**, legislation making changes to the Idaho Launch Program by increasing legislative oversight and placing limits on parts of the program.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Rep. Blanksma** advised minimum academic standards refers to graduation requirements. She noted data was included in **S 1167** to indicate that those enrolled in the Idaho Launch Program gain employment after completion. She noted the legislation also removes unnecessary language and grammatical errors. She advised only four year universities would be eligible for Opportunities Scholarship funds and community colleges would be eligible for Idaho Launch Program funds.

Those testifying **in support** were **Pam Eaton**, Idaho Retailers Association; **Liz Hatter**, Idaho State Dental Association; **Caroline Troy**, Higher Education; and **Elizabeth Griner**, Food North West. They were of the opinion **S 1167** would enable greater workforce participation and address current shortages.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to send **S 1167** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

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