

MINUTES  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 29, 2024

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Lent, Vice Chairman Toews, Senators Den Hartog, Nichols, Carlson (Forsmann), Herndon, Lenney, Ward-Engelking, and Moser (Semmelroth)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies, and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Lent** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m.

**H 454**      **ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - Amends existing law to change the limit on the amount that may be distributed under the advanced opportunity scholarship for certain workforce training courses. Representative McCann** stated that **H 454** amended Idaho Code 33-4602, Subsection D. This legislation aimed to provide students with the opportunity to take career and technical courses by removing the \$500 limit per course. The maximum allowable did not change.

**MOTION:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **H 454** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 580**      **MILITARY LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES - Adds to existing law to establish military leave for public school and public charter school employees. Representative Bundy** explained **H 580** would permit reservists and guardsmen working in public schools and charter schools with a minimum of 10 days paid military leave.

**MOTION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to send **H 580** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 529**      **EDUCATION - Amends existing law to require the superintendent of public instruction to authorize funding from the Public Charter School Revolving Loan Fund upon the approval of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association. Senator Den Hartog** said **H 529** was a technical fix to allow the State Treasurer to direct funds from the Public Charter School Revolving Loan Fund.

**DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Lent** restated that **HB 529** was a technical fix in legislation passed last year. **Senator Den Hartog** confirmed and explained the collaboration with the Idaho Housing and Finance Association in last year's legislation, and the recent realization of the oversight.

**MOTION:** **Senator Toews** moved to send **H 529** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Nichols** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2024. **Senator Lenney** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Herndon** moved to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2024. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2024. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Lenney** moved to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2024. **Senator Moser** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Nichols** moved to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2024. **Senator Herndon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lent** adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

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Senator Lent  
Chair

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Lisa Stein  
Secretary

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Victoria Fitzpatrick  
Assistant Secretary