

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 15, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Syme, Representative(s) Harris, Kingsley, Christensen, Giddings, Wisniewski, Horman, Hanks, von Ehlinger, Weber, Chew, Necochea, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Harris, Horman

GUESTS: Jani Revier, IDOL

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

RS 28590: **Rep. Chew** presented **RS 28590** to the Committee. She stated this resolution would commend Taiwan for their friendship and for their efforts to break down barriers to trade. She stated the sister statehood of Idaho and Taiwan has reached thirty-seven years and in 2019 Taiwan became Idaho's third largest export market as well as the largest import market. She stated this market deals largely in agricultural products as well as technology. Additionally in 2020 when there was a PPE shortage Taiwan gave 100,000 medical masks and other PPE to Idaho. She concluded with a statement praising Taiwan for breaking down barriers to the trading of animal products as well as for their consistent friendship.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to introduce **RS 28590** with the following changes; removal of "Republic of China" on lines 10, 38, and 39.

In discussion the Committee found another instance where "Republic of China" was found in the text.

Chairman Holtzclaw put the Committee at ease at 2:06 PM.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Toone** requested unanimous consent to withdraw her motion. There being no objection the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to introduce **RS 28590** with the following changes; removal of "Republic of China" on lines 4, 10, 38, and 39.

In Committee discussion **Rep. Wisniewski** brought up difference between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China and questioned the need to change the language. He stated opposition to the motion and a preference for the original language and the differentiation it already contained. The Committee acknowledged the difference and discussed public perception, stating that Taiwan is more widely understood. **Rep. Chew** added she had checked with the Government of Taiwan and stated they were fine with dropping the "Republic of China" and being listed simply as Taiwan in this proposed Resolution.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Wisniewski** made a motion to introduce **RS 28590** .

Chairman Holtzclaw put the committee at ease at 2:14 PM.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 2:21 PM.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

H 75:

Jani Revier, Director, Idaho Department of Labor, presented **H 75** to the Committee stating the legislation clarifies the appeals process for denied wage claims. She further stated it would also allow appeals to be submitted electronically and extend the deadline from 5 PM until midnight. There would be no impact to the general fund.

MOTION:

Rep. Syme made a motion to send **H 75** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary