

MINUTES  
**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, February 07, 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:** 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 1:31pm.
- RS 29407:** **Rep. Syme** explained **RS 29407** would give the PERSI board subpoena authority. This would allow PERSI to compel production of evidence from financial institutions deemed necessary in connection with a disputed claim or in the exercise of their duties.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 29407**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29057C1:** **Rep. Syme** said **RS 29057C1** would change the word liability to penalty in a certain section of Idaho Code. In bankruptcy proceedings the term penalty provides for better standing during the bankruptcy process.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 29057C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29058C1:** **Rep. Syme** said **RS 29058C1** would allow PERSI to perform FBI criminal history checks on employees who will have access to sensitive information.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to introduce **RS 29058C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29066C1:** **Rep. Syme** introduced **RS 29066C1** to clarify definitions in certain sections of the Idaho Code.
- Don Drum**, Executive Director of PERSI, explained **RS 29066C1** seeks to make the definition of early retirement in Idaho Code consistent with federal code.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 29066C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29079C1:** **Rep. Horman** introduced **RS 29079C1** which would adjust the PERSI contribution rate for school employees. These individuals tend to retire two years earlier and die two years later which creates a four year gap that needs to be covered.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 29079C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Holtzclaw** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Syme**.
- RS 29390:** **Rep. Holtclaw** explained **RS 29390** would obligate twenty five million dollars of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the State Insurance Fund. He expressed his desire to have the committee aware of how ARPA funding is being spent.

In response to questions about why money would be added in increments, **Rep. Syme** said the goal was to keep the cost to the General Fund down.

**Rep. Hanks** expressed concerns about the future impact of using ARPA funding.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 29390**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 4 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, Syme, Harris, Horman, Weber, McCann, Chew, Necochea, and Toone.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion **Reps. Kingsley, Christensen, Wisniewski, and Hanks.**

**RS 29391:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** said **RS 29391** would obligate one million dollars of ARPA funding to support the Idaho Food Bank.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Chew** made a motion to introduce **RS 29391**.

**Rep. Horman** explained that, while in favor of the appropriations, she has concerns with the process.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 4 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, Syme, Harris, Horman, Weber, McCann, Chew, Necochea, and Toone.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion **Reps. Kingsley, Christensen, Wisniewski, and Hanks.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

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Representative Holtzclaw  
Chair

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Emily Huddleston  
Secretary