

MINUTES  
**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 01, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

**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, Harris, 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 1:32pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Necochea** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21 and February 23, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 591:** **Rep. Ruchti** explained **H 591** would improve the process by which the governor appoints the attorney representative on the Idaho Industrial Commission. Currently, the governor seeks applicants by asking for recommendations and accepting applications. In order to get the best candidates for the position, there needs to be better advertising. This legislation would enact the same process used to appoint judges by going through the Idaho Judicial Council. Notice of the application would be sent out across the entire state, surveys would be taken, and promising candidates would be interviewed thereby collecting more information than the current hiring process. A few candidates would then be selected and their names would be passed on to the governor to make the final decision.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 591** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ruchti** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 701:** **Jeremy Pisca**, lobbyist representing the Idaho Realtors, Northwest Credit Union Association, and the Idaho Housing and Finance Association said **H 701** replaced **H 592**. The changes made to this legislation include removal of the provisions creating the Idaho Workforce Housing Advisory Commission and the addition of a sunset clause which would cause this legislation to expire after the American Rescue Plan Act funds have been expended.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to send **H 701** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Wisniewski** spoke **in opposition** to **H 701** because, while there is a shortage of labor force and housing, this is caused by federal and state policies. Government created these problems and is now trying to fix it by spending more money taken from someone else.

**Rep. McCann** voiced her support of the motion because as the housing market adjusts to the high rates of growth in Idaho, there are many who need assistance in finding housing.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE:**

**Rep. Hanks** requested a roll call vote on **H 701**. **Motion carried by a vote of 7 AYE, 3 NAY, and 3 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in support** of the motion: **Reps. Holtzclaw, Syme, Weber, McCann, Chew, Necochea, and Toone.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Hanks, Christensen, and Wisniewski.** **Reps. Harris, Horman, and Kingsley** were absent/excused. **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Holtzclaw** put the committee at ease at 1:49pm.

**Chairman Holtzclaw** called the meeting back to order at 1:58pm.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.

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Representative Holtzclaw  
Chair

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Emily Huddleston  
Secretary