

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 05, 2024
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew (Wilson), Roberts
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) McCann, Hawkins, Price
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 pm.
RS 31114: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 31114** to the committee. This legislation helps address the labor shortage in Idaho. **RS 31114** simplifies the unemployment benefit formula and encourages workers to resume work by adjusting the maximum weeks of unemployment available. Full-time workers are eligible for up to 14 weeks of unemployment. Part-time workers are eligible for up to ten weeks of unemployment. Seasonal workers can access an additional six weeks if they are attached workers; example include forestry, industry, the trades, and construction.
MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 31114**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 31029: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 31029** to the committee. This legislation is meant to prevent unemployed persons from scheduling and not attending interviews merely to meet work search requirements for unemployment. This legislation also increased the required amount of work searches per week from two to five. Additionally, terms are defined.
MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to introduce **RS 31029**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jacobi Van Amburg
Secretary