

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman (Reed), Packer, Redman, Kingsley, Moon, Syme, King, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Georgia Smith and Roy Valdez, Department of Labor
Chairman Hartgen called the meeting to order at 1:29 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24843: **Georgia Smith**, Deputy Director, Communications and Research, Department of Labor, presented **RS 24843**, proposed legislation that will change technical references in Idaho Code from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). These Code references authorize the implementation of several workforce programs funded by the US Department of Labor and operated by the Idaho Department of Labor. Other significant changes between the WIA and WIOA include: alignment of US Departments of Education and Labor workforce programs; and a requirement for a single, statewide plan with standardized performance measures between the state agencies charged with carrying out these programs, which include Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education, Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

In response to Committee questions, **Georgia Smith** and **Roy Valdez**, Deputy Director, Department of Labor, promised to bring the relevant statistics on federal funding and measurable results for the program before the Committee at the bill hearing.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Anderson** made a motion to introduce **RS 24843**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary