

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Chew

GUESTS: Laurel McMahan, Roy Valdez, Darlene Carnopis, Ken Edmunds, Josh McKenna, Michael Johnson and Georgia Smith, Idaho Department of Labor

Chairman Hartgen called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

RS 25069: **Rep. Syme** presented **RS 25069**, a Concurrent Resolution to reject a portion of the Department of Labor rule, Docket No. 09-0130-1601.

Chairman Hartgen recognized the presence of **Ken Edmunds**, Director, Department of Labor and noted Director Edmunds had concerns about **RS 25069**. Chairman Hartgen encouraged the Committee to return the RS to the sponsor while any issues were worked out.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to return **RS 25069** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 63: **Georgia Smith**, Deputy Director of Communication and Research, Department of Labor, presented **H 63**. This bill authorizes changes in Idaho Code to update references from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). During the print hearing the Committee asked Ms. Smith to return with some hard data on the programs authorized by WIOA. Ms. Smith introduced **Laurel McMahan**, Workforce Programs Administrative Manager, to provide the Committee with these numbers.

Laurel McMahan presented on the services provided via WIOA. She noted the program has experienced a 10-15% funding decrease each year, due to the improving economy and a decreasing need for unemployment services. The Department of Labor tracks statistics for adults, dislocated workers and youth. The majority of individuals who exited the WIOA program entered directly into employment.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 63** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary