

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 25, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway (Hancock), Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end the session the sign-in sheet will be filed in Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order 9:01 a.m.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

RS 29656: **Chairman Clow** introduced **RS 29656**. He discussed the changes made from **H 627** to **RS 29656**. This proposed legislation would amend current code to change the funding formula from Average Daily Attendance to Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment (FTE-E). **RS 29656** has clarifying language and it does not intend to create a full-day kindergarten program. He noted there was a change to add funding back in for school grades 4, 5, and 6.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to introduce **RS 29656** and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

In response to Committee questions, **Chairman Clow** discussed the fiscal note and explained how many schools are already using FTE-E. Chairman Clow noted there is a \$23.8 million increase to the general fund. He shared how they are tracking enrollment of students currently. Chairman Clow indicated this would lead to a 1-2% difference in attendance numbers.

Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education noted there is a minimum number of hours which students must be under instruction. She discussed the different methods of student learning, including Idaho Virtual Academy.

There was discussion on the different programs, four day programs, partially online (virtual hybrid learning), and on how the change from ADA to FTE-E could allow students to be counted when they are working from home. Concern was expressed that schools would be getting money when there could be instances where students are not being taught.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Wisniewski** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 29656**.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Vice Chairman Kerby** called for a vote on the substitute motion to introduce **RS 29656**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Representative Kerby
Vice Chair

Elbia Christensen
Secretary