

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 03, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle and Ehardt

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.

Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

RS 30469: **Rep. Wheeler** presented **RS 30469**, proposed legislation which would expand the capacity of career technical education to grades 7-12.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 30469**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30472: **Sen. Lent** presented **RS 30472**, proposed legislation which would specify the frequency and type of school board training.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 30472**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Clow, Hawkins, and Wisniewski** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 30542: **Sen. Lent** presented **RS 30542**, legislation which would extend career exploration courses to students in grades 7-8.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 30542**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1043: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **S 1043**, legislation which would add to existing law to remove the Public Charter School Debt Reserve Fund and to provide for a revolving loan fund. She said interception ensures Charter Schools pay back the loans.

Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network, **Darren Uranga**, Elevate Academy, **Bryan Fletcher**, Gem Innovation Charter Schools, **Marc Carignan**, Bluum and **Vincent Kane**, Idaho Novus Classical Academy, testified in support of **S 1043**. They spoke about past loan transactions and how the money saved is used to help more students.

Reps. Nelsen, Lanting, McCann, Wisniewski and Price spoke in support of **S 1043**. **Reps. Lanting and Galaviz** spoke in favor of **S 1043** and said they would like to see a revolving loan fund for traditional public schools.

Chair Yamamoto turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair McCann**.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **S 1043** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Clow will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chair McCann turned the gavel over to **Chair Yamamoto**.

Chair Yamamoto put the meeting at ease at 9:11 am.

Chair Yamamoto called the meeting back to order at 9:17 am.

H 219: **Rep. Mathias** presented **H 219**, legislation which amends existing law, to revise eligibility and other provisions regarding Armed Forces and public safety officer scholarships. He said **H 219** is a state sponsored scholarship program made available to eligible students. He said the social security administration would confirm disability but federal money would not be used.

MOTION: **Rep. Hill** made a motion to send **H 219** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to send **H 219** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Berch** asked unanimous consent to withdraw his substitute motion to send **H 219** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. There being no objection the request was granted.

Rep. Hawkins spoke in opposition to **H 219** and spoke about the social security administration and VA benefits.

Nicole Trakel, testified in opposition to **H 219**. She spoke about concerns regarding disability.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 219** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hawkins** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 243: **Rep. Galaviz** presented **H 243**, legislation which would amend existing law, to authorize duties of the State Board of Education regarding professional school personnel. She said this bill would put teacher certification back in to administrative rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to send **H 243** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to questions, **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education, spoke about how educator preparation programs can help teachers recognize math and dyslexia issues in students.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary