

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 07, 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:** None

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 30568: **Rep. Erickson** presented **RS 30568**, proposed legislation regarding classroom behavior management. He said this legislation would replace **H 218** with the following change: chemical restraint will not be used for any reason.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 30568**, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive and Price** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Lanting said a hearing for this legislation occurred previously and **Rep. Erickson** made the changes requested by the committee.

H 113: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 113**, legislation which would amend existing law regarding certain procedures for charter and virtual schools. She introduced **Jeremy Chou**, Stride Inc., who spoke about **H 113** and charter school standards. He said school districts would be allowed to authorize a virtual charter school. He spoke about Educational Services Providers.

Donna Hutchison, Pearson Virtual Schools testified **in support** of **H 113**. She spoke about Education Services Providers and virtual authorizers.

Irene Shaver and **Jessica Lecertua**, testified **in support** of **H 113**. They spoke about the benefits of Idaho Virtual Academy.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **H 113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to questions, **Jeremy Chou** said education service providers are not on the charter school board and spoke about public transparency.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to call for the previous question. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 228: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 228**, legislation which would amend existing law to revise sex education definitions, specifically abstinence. She said this bill would not change curriculum, just define abstinence.

Reps. Mathias and Berch spoke in opposition to H 228. They said "abstinence until married" is in this section but marriage is not anywhere else in the curriculum. **Rep. Ehardt** said parents need to be made aware of what abstinence means if it is in the sex education curriculum.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send H 228 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Mathias and Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 268: **Sen. Lent** presented H 268, legislation which would make changes to existing law, to establish training requirements for school board members. He spoke about financial responsibilities, data and vision training.

Rep. Nelsen spoke about the benefits this legislation would provide. He said properly trained board members is worth the expense.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send H 268 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Reps. Clow and Mendive spoke in opposition to H 268. They said they do not support removing Excellence in Education.

Quinn Perry, Deputy Director, ISBA, spoke about approved trainers and the value of proper school board training.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 5 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann, Garner, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias and Yamamoto.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Clow, Mendive, Wisniewski, Hawkins and Price.** **Reps. Boyle and Ehardt were absent/excused.** **Rep. Nelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 269: **Sen. Lent** presented H 269, legislation which would add career exploration courses to existing law. He said the purpose of education is to teach students to be self reliant, responsible, and able to give back to the community. He spoke about the importance of parent involvement and said this is a self direction tool for parents and students. He said the course would be one semester.

In response to questions, **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education, said career pathway plans have been in place since the late 1990's. She said the option to opt out is already in state law.

Paul Stark, Idaho Education Association, testified in support of H 269.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to send H 269 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 4 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann, Clow, Garner, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias, and Yamamoto.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Mendive, Wisniewski, Hawkins and Price.** **Reps. Boyle and Ehardt were absent/excused.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary