

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 24, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M. or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Bundy, Representatives Kingsley, Wisniewski, Horman, Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Hawkins, Healey, Miller, Price, Wheeler, Chew, Roberts

**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.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

S 1167: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **S 1167**, legislation making changes to the Idaho Launch Program by increasing legislative oversight and placing limits on parts of the program.

In response to questions from Committee members, **Rep. Blanksma** advised minimum academic standards refers to graduation requirements. She noted data was included in **S 1167** to indicate that those enrolled in the Idaho Launch Program gain employment after completion. She noted the legislation also removes unnecessary language and grammatical errors. She advised only four year universities would be eligible for Opportunities Scholarship funds and community colleges would be eligible for Idaho Launch Program funds.

Those testifying **in support** were **Pam Eaton**, Idaho Retailers Association; **Liz Hatter**, Idaho State Dental Association; **Caroline Troy**, Higher Education; and **Elizabeth Griner**, Food North West. They were of the opinion **S 1167** would enable greater workforce participation and address current shortages.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to send **S 1167** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Jeremy Collier
Secretary