

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill (Brown), 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 9:00 am.

RS 31284: **Rep. Bundy** presented **RS 31284**, proposed legislation regarding military leave for public school employees. He said this legislation would provide a baseline for public school districts and charter schools by providing a minimum of ten paid contract days for those employees who are members of the reserve component of the United States Military.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31284**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31357: **Rep. Erickson** presented **RS 31357**, proposed legislation regarding teachers and corporal punishment. He said this legislation would provide updated language to clarify the use of physical escort as a classroom management technique and further clarifies when action is needed to terminate a physical restraint.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31357**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, spoke about Idaho's US Senate Youth Program and introduced the top two finalists. She said students need to be actively serving in a leadership position in their area and spoke about the opportunity of traveling to Washington DC this spring.

Alyson Reed and **Ann Marie Wolfley**, top finalists and student representatives, Idaho's US Senate Youth Program, spoke about their leadership positions, opportunities, and interests for the future. Other finalists introduced themselves and told the committee members where they attend school.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary