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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehardt, Hawkins, and Wisniewski

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 644: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 644**, legislation regarding Board of Education regions. She spoke about the importance of representation throughout all of Idaho and said this bill would create seven statewide regions. She spoke about the application and election process and gave an explanation of possible temporary region assignments.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 644** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Penny Kotterman, Sr. Director of Government Relations, College Board, spoke about creating opportunity for Idaho students by using the Career Kickstart program. She explained how building on current resources can help grow this program. She spoke about computer science, cyber security, and career preparation.

Alexa Schlechter, Director of Career Kickstart Pilots, College Board, spoke about career exploration and providing options for students. She introduced the Career Kickstart program, which builds high school courses to create complete pathways to careers. She spoke about Career Technical Education (CTE) and high quality instruction which prepares students for post secondary success. She emphasized high-growth industries, cybersecurity, and career salaries.

Chair Yamamoto introduced Educational Budget Recommendations and asked members to review requests from the State Department of Education and the Governor's office to prepare for future discussions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary