

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 02, 2024

TIME: 9:30 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:** Rep. 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 9:30 am.

Chair Yamamoto turned the gavel over to **Rep. Mendive**.

RS 31762: **Reps. Yamamoto** and **Clow** presented **RS 31762**, proposed legislation regarding school facilities. This is a trailer bill to **H 521** this session that makes several changes: 1) It ensures the executive officer of the state board is Senate confirmed; 2) It lightens the minimum days requirement for schools by eliminating the requirement for contract days, delays implementation to 2025 to ensure legislative oversight of board decisions, and provides the state board flexibility to phase in hours or days requirements; 3) It ensures any misused dollars by a local school district are recaptured to the schools facilities fund and distributed to rural schools; 4) It amends to one-time distributions from the school district facilities fund; 5) It restores public charter school facility funds to what they were prior to unanticipated reductions from funding formulas impacted by the passage of **H 292** in 2023; and 6) It resolves a conflict within Section 33-5209A, Idaho Code.

Committee members spoke about transparency, properly vetted legislation, and the process to appoint the executive officer. In response to questions, **Alex Adams**, Administrator, Division of Financial Management, spoke about a 2 year hold harmless adjustment for the 2025 and 2026 calendar years.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 31762** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Yamamoto and Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary