

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2025

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Pickett, Vice Chairman Hawkins, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Harris, Marmon, Tanner(13), Mathias, Church

**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 Pickett called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

RS 31963: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 31963**, proposed legislation regarding flag display in public schools, and said this would replace **H 10**. He said this proposed legislation clarifies the United States flag pursuant to Idaho Code and added official flags of recognized foreign nations with which the United States is not engaged in hostile action.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 31963**, and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Committee members spoke about communist representation, School Board Policy and local control.

Chairman Pickett clarified debate should be on items added to proposed legislation, as debate was already heard in **H 10** hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Pickett** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 31963** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31800: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 31800**, proposed legislation regarding the School Safety and Security Advisory Board. He said this proposed legislation would reduce the number of board members from thirteen individuals to six. He explained the struggle to establish a quorum for its required meetings.

MOTION: **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to introduce **RS 31800**.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Pickett** explained motion protocol and called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 31800**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32018: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 32018**, proposed legislation regarding public schools and safe environments. He said this proposed legislation would outline provisions individually and clarify requirements in current law.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32018**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32019: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 32019**, proposed legislation regarding bullying and public schools. He said proposed legislation would ensure families of students involved in a serious incident, be notified so they can take necessary steps.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 32019**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dean Fisher, President of College of Southern Idaho, and **James McKenzie**, Manager of Heglur Creek Electric & Heglur Creek Plumbing, spoke about the need for apprenticeship programs. They spoke about their partnership and benefits of the apprenticeship program. A shortage of contractors in the plumbing and electrical industry was mention.

Chairman Pickett recognized former **Representative Chenelle Dixon**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary