

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 03, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Representatives Weber, McCann, Cheatum, Healey, Beiswenger, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, Tanner(13), Egbert, Achilles

**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 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2025 minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32159: **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **RS 32159**. He explained current law allows for audio recordings and third-party observers to be present during psychological and neuropsychological testing, required for certain worker's compensation case. This can compromise the integrity and validity of results. This proposed legislation removes these allowances for these types of tests only.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Fuhriman** stated he did not know whether the proposed legislation had been reviewed by the Worker's Compensation Advisory Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32159**.

In answer to additional questions from the committee, **Rep. Fuhriman** clarified audio recordings will not be allowed only for psychiatric examinations, as well as psychological and neuropsychological testing because they are very expensive, proprietary to the examiners and recorded testing poses a security risk of being altered or shared. He further explained employees retain the right to an audio recording on other types of examinations, but the RS removes this ability for these types of tests only.

**VOTE ON
MOITON:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 34: **Rep. Cheatum** presented **H 34**. He explained an unintended consequence of current law makes it easier for state agencies to do business with out-of-state universities than Idaho colleges and universities. This bill will amend this. He explained the proposed legislation passed in the Senate late last year, but ran out of time in the House.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Cheatum** deferred to **Valerie Bollinger**, Administrator for the Division of Purchasing. She explained agencies currently are required to run a full blown procurement process, which is very challenging because universities are not accustomed to selling their services like businesses do. This amendment will allow agencies to reach out directly to Idaho universities and colleges. She also emphasized the intent is to streamline the process, but there remains a level of oversight.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 34** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Cheatum** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 55: **Rep. Dygert** presented **H 55**, which defines bona fide volunteer as it relates to PERSI. According to current law, he explained retirees are unable to provide even the simplest form of assistance to their former employers for 90 days following retirement, or risk impacting their benefits. This bill will amend this.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to introduce **H 55** with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 55** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dygert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary