

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2025

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane(12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Achilles, Green

**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 Crane (13)** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**RS 32044C1:** **Rep. Achilles** presented **RS 32044C1** which addresses the growing threat to consumers and competitive markets from coordinated price fixing through the use of pricing algorithms and artificial intelligence.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 32044C1**.  
Committee members asked about sales listing agencies and how it will affect that area of the market and will it be enforced.

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

**H 98:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 98** which prohibits public officials from allowing school district funds, personnel, and other resources to be used in support of teachers' unions. Depending on the outcome of district-by-district bargaining negotiations, some school districts may experience a modest indeterminate increase in revenue. This could occur if unions are required to reimburse the district for any time teachers spend on union-related activities during school work hours.

Committee members had questions regarding any data with paid time off and paid by the union at the same time, city workers meeting places, clarity on the code and what a teachers union is, over all definition of taxpayers funds, deduction differences, incremental cost estimations and extra increases for paying teacher dues, honor system, and back-end penalties.

**Chris Parri**, Idaho Education Association; **Paul Stark**, Director of the Idaho Education Association; **Shaun Laughlin**, Professional Firefighters of Idaho; **John Hughes**, Idaho State AFL-CIO; **Andy Grover**, IASA Idaho Association of School Admin; **Laura Milton Hayden**, Educator from Idaho Falls/Past President of Idaho Falls Education Association; spoke **in opposition** to **H 98**.

Committee members had questions around clarification on the Idaho Education Associations tax filings, other payroll deductions offered by other school districts, union provisions for the community and the value they bring. Other questions brought by the committee members were around organization's negotiations of wages and benefits and the incremental effort to comply with this type of bill.

**Maxford Nelsen**, Freedom Foundation; **Dan McNight**, Self; **Jason Mercier**, V.P. - Research for Policy Center; **Rachel Greszler**, The Heritage Foundation; **Jonathan Butcher**, Researchers of Heritage Foundation; spoke **in support** to **H 98**.

Additional committee members had questions around dues paid by Idaho educators funded by the NEA, the amount of money that goes to the NEA from the teachers union in Idaho, program funded DE& I, union paid time off for union activities, IDA cost for replacement subs.

**Rep. Boyle** gave closing statements to stop this using of tax payer funds to promote union activities and let the union pay for those activities themselves.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 98** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members made comments regarding out of state organizations, Freedom Foundation stats, American Legend analogy and asked questions regarding how anyone could navigate this bill. Additional committee members made comments around overriding the choice of the local school board and fines, subsidized union activities, larger issues relevant to political biases within the teachers unions.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Achilles** and **Rep. Shuban** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary