

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 14, 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:** Rep. Clow

**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.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1046aa:** **Rep. Scott** presented **S 1046aa**, legislation regarding human growth and development instruction in public schools. This would require public schools to provide human growth and development instruction for students in grades 5 through 12. This instruction would include scientifically accurate materials, such as ultrasound videos and animations, showing fetal development and stages of human growth. The goal is to ensure students receive accurate and consistent education on human biology and development.

**Sen. Nichols** clarified human growth, local school district control, biology and life science courses, stages of life, and said would not be considered sexual education. She spoke about a respect for life and mentioned the ability for parents to opt-in or opt-out.

Committee members inquired about available videos, sexual education, stages of life, health standards, Idaho code, and the reproduction of plants and animals.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hawkins** made a motion to send **S 1046aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members debated biology, age appropriate education, miscarriage, and ectopic pregnancy.

**Ashley Alloway** and **Hallie Fox**, testified in opposition to **S 1046aa**.

**Terri Marcroft**, Executive Director, Unplanned Good Inc., testified in support of **S 1046aa**. In response to committee questions, Ms. Marcroft said she spoke with State Department of Education about this bill.

**Rep. Mendive** clarified when **Rep. Hawkins** left the meeting, the motion on the bill died.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **S 1046aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about video requirements, accuracy, and legality of videos.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 4 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Pickett, Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Harris, Marmon, and Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Nelsen, Sauter, Mathias and Church. Rep. Clow was absent/excused. Rep. Scott will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

**H 396:** **Rep. Garner** presented **H 396**, legislation to simplify student transportation funding by removing unnecessary provisions. The bill updates student transportation law to allow for alternate vehicles, as large yellow school buses are not feasible for all student transportation needs within a district or charter school.

**Gideon Tolman**, Financial Officer, State Department of Education, spoke about alignment and what is already in practice.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to send **H 396** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about cleaning up statute, impact for school districts, and student safety.

**Brent Carpenter**, Brown Bus Company and **Lanette Daw**, Boise School District, testified **in opposition to H 396**.

**Rep. Garner** spoke about local control to determine needs of districts.

Committee members discussed lack of buses, field trips and activities, changes to the bill, empowering local school districts, and modernizing funding.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Pickett** call for a vote on the motion to send **H 396** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Tanner(13)** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Garner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

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Representative Pickett  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary