

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 07, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Pickett

Vice Chairman Hawkins

Rep Clow

Rep Mendive

Rep Ehardt

Rep Wisniewski

Rep Garner

Rep Nelsen

Rep Sauter

Rep Harris

Rep Marmon

Rep Tanner (13)

Rep Mathias

Rep Church

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 07, 2025

TIME: 9:30 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 9:30 am.

Committee members and the Legislative Page introduced themselves.

Chairman Pickett spoke about committee procedures regarding meetings, proposed legislation, debate and voting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, January 13, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Charter School Facility Financing Report	Matthew Joseph, Senior Policy Advisor, Education Funding, Excel in Education

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 13, 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

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

Chairman Pickett put the meeting at ease for one minute to recognize the Legislative Page.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Matthew Joseph, Senior Policy Advisor, Education Funding, Excel in Education, spoke about Charter School Facility Financing. He said Idaho has created a national model success story by helping Charter Schools reduce facility costs and focus on resources on instruction. He explained the benefit of well-designed facility financing policies that work together to leverage private investment and maximize savings so charter schools can invest more in instruction.

In response to committee questions, **Blake Youde**, Executive Director of Idaho Charter School Network, spoke about lottery funding, statute obligations, growth and demand for Charter Schools.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31867	Flags, Public Schools	Rep. Hill

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MINUTES
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PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Pickett, Vice Chairman Hawkins, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Harris, Marmon, Tanner(13), Mathias (Carlson), 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.
MOTION: **Rep. Tanner (13)** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 31867: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 31867**, proposed legislation regarding flags in public schools.
MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 31867**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:04 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, January 16, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 10	Flags, public schools	Rep. Hill

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Rep Church

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 10: **Rep. Hill** presented **H 10**, legislation regarding flags in public schools. He spoke about patriotism, unity, strength, and commitment to the future. He said this legislation would allow for any country and any state flag or banner to be displayed in the classroom. He addressed student comfort and the need to bring patriotism back into the classroom.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Hill** spoke about school property, on-line classrooms, and enforcement policy. He specified flags or banners which affiliate with a political party, race, sexual orientation, gender, or a political ideology should not be displayed on school property.

Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, State Department of Education, spoke about current policy, recognition, and local level decisions.

Cassie Horner, Mary Ruckh, and Liliانا Rauer testified in **opposition to H 10**. They spoke about inclusion, diversity, human rights, and providing a safe harbor for students. They mentioned political belief, free expression, and human characteristics. Areas within school property were also mentioned.

Edward Clark, Idaho Family Policy Center, and **Daniel Murphy**, testified in **support of H 10**. They expressed responsibility as citizens to nurture young minds with truths and symbols. They spoke about how the American flag is a symbol which should bring us together as a nation. They touched on division and inclusion in schools.

Rep. Hill closed by speaking about the American flag and inclusion.

Committee members spoke about current policies, regulations, and distractions.

MOTION: **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to send **H 10** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Wisniewski** made a substitute motion to send **H 10** to General Orders. .

During discussion on the motions, committee members spoke about local control, current policy and law, and clarification of terms. They addressed distractions, inclusion and education in the classroom. They mentioned the Idaho Constitution, laws without penalty, legislative bills and resolutions. The expressed concern for possible problems if some country flags or banners were allowed to be displayed in the classroom.

Rep. Marmon called for the previous question and requested a roll call vote. **Chairman Pickett** ruled the call out of order.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE and 9 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Wisniewski, Nelsen, Sauter, Carlson, and Church. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Pickett, Hawkins, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Garner, Harris, Marmon, and Tanner (13).**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the original motion: **Reps. Pickett, Hawkins, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Harris, Marmon, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition** to the original motion: **Reps. Carlson and Church. Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, January 20, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	State Board of Education - Review of Administrative Rules	
	State Department of Education - Review of Administrative Rules	
	Review Only: There will not be voting or testimony at today's meeting.	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Ehardt
Rep Wisniewski
Rep Garner

Rep Nelsen
Rep Sauter
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Rep Tanner (13)
Rep Mathias (Carlson)
Rep Church

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 20, 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. 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.

Chairman Pickett called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and acknowledged Educators, Idaho Education Association, and **Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education.

Chairman Pickett put the meeting at ease for 1 minute, then turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Hawkins**.

Chairman Hawkins explained this meeting is in preparation to future hearings on Administrative Rules.

Matthew Rieber, Chief External Affairs & Strategy Officer, Office of the State Board of Education, gave an overview of Administrative Rules.

Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, State Department of Education, gave an overview of Administrative Rules and explained the standards review process.

Chairman Hawkins returned the gavel to **Chairman Pickett**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	State Board of Education - Review of Administrative Rules	
	State Department of Education - Review of Administrative Rules	
	Review Only: There will not be voting or testimony at today's meeting.	

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Vice Chairman Hawkins
Rep Clow
Rep Mendive
Rep Ehardt
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Rep Garner

Rep Nelsen
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 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.

MOTION: **Chairman Pickett** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed members of the PTA and **Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Education, State Department of Education.

Rep. Tanner (13) made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16 and 20, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Pickett mentioned upcoming proposed legislation which may effect some Administrative Rules, therefore, some hearings may be scheduled later in the session.

Chairman Pickett turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Hawkins**.

Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, State Department of Education, gave an overview of Administrative Rules. He spoke about digital literacy, future readiness, and proposed changes to graduation requirements.

Committee members requested minutes and a list of attendees for meetings which determined changes to graduation requirements. They requested a summary for references in rule changes.

Chairman Hawkins reminded committee members this meeting is to review Administrative Rules to prepare for future hearings where questions may be asked and answered.

Chairman Hawkins returned the gavel to **Chairman Pickett**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Home Learning Academy Overview	Terri Sorensen, Executive Director, IHLA

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Hawkins
Rep Clow
Rep Mendive
Rep Ehardt
Rep Wisniewski
Rep Garner

Rep Nelsen
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 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

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

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Terri Sorensen, Executive Director, Idaho Home Learning Academy, gave an overview of IHLA. She spoke about school choice options and said IHLA provides a complete curriculum for public school students who want to study virtually at home. She explained main features IHLA provides, enrollment, and accountability.

In response to committee questions, **Dr. Sorensen** said this is IHLA's ninth year but first year as a charter school. She explained funding, student enrollment, on-line curriculum models, IHLA partners and mentioned Idaho code, school choice and vouchers. She spoke about educators and administrators, student support, special education, and curriculum choices. Committee members asked about Empowering Parents grants, federal requirements, partner funding and test scores.

Jon Abrams, Superintendent of Onieda School District, spoke about the State Department of Education and Special Education.

ADJOURN: There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Thursday, January 23, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31963	Flags, Public Schools	Rep. Hill
RS 31800	School Safety	Rep. Hill
RS 32018	Public Schools, Safe Environment	Rep. Mathias
RS 32019	Public Schools, Bullying	Rep. Mathias
	College of Southern Idaho, Apprenticeship Programs	Dean Fisher, President, CSI
	Heglar Creek Electric & Heglar Creek Plumbing, Apprenticeship Programs	James McKenzie, Manager, Heglar Creek Electric & Heglar Creek Plumbing

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Pickett	Rep Nelsen
Vice Chairman Hawkins	Rep Sauter
Rep Clow	Rep Harris
Rep Mendive	Rep Marmon
Rep Ehardt	Rep Tanner (13)
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Mathias
Rep Garner	Rep Church

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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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

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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

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Room EW41
Monday, January 27, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Overview of Public Education	Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education
RS 32016	Denial of School Attendance	Rep. Mathias
H 44	Public schools, bullying	Rep. Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2025

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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

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

MOTION: **Rep. Tanner(13)** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22 and 23, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, explained the duties of SDE and the State Board of Education and spoke about 2025 goals. These goals include back to basics, preparation, teacher development, and budget resources.

In response to committee questions, **Superintendent Critchfield** clarified back to basics, training teachers better in the science of reading, behavioral health, communication standards, and budget by student needs. She touched on possible changes in US Department of Education.

RS 32016: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 32016**, proposed legislation regarding denial of public education. He said under current law, parents can remove their students from school and transfer prior to being punished for dangerous conduct thus avoiding a record of expulsion or discipline for the incident. He said this proposed legislation would add language to allow school districts to preserve their current authority to deny enrollment also in cases where a student is "disenrolled in lieu of discipline..."

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32016**.

Committee members shared concerns over language in **RS 32016** and **Chairman Pickett** put the meeting at ease for 2 minutes.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to change the language of **RS 32016**, Section 1.a.V, to read "Who has been denied enrollment, for reasons detrimental to the health and safety of other pupils."

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made an amended substitute motion to return **RS 32016** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 44: **Rep. Mathias** presented **H 44**, legislation regarding parent involvement in cases of bullying. He said schools are safer when incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) are firmly addressed. This legislation would ensure families whose students are involved in a serious incident of HIB are notified so they can take necessary steps.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 44** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32040	Public schools, facility funding	Rep. Furniss Rep. Galaviz
	Lewis-Clark State College Overview	Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College
	Boise State University Overview	Dr. Marlene Tromp, President, Boise State University
	University of Idaho Overview	C. Scott Green, President, University of Idaho
	Idaho State University Overview	Dr. Robert Wagner, President, Idaho State University

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 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

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RS 32040: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 32040**, proposed legislation which would create a fund to support public education facilities. He said funds would be distributed as a need-based grant to school districts for the purposes of financing construction, remodel, and maintenance of school facilities. **Rep. Galaviz** spoke about rural community bond capacity, the application process, and fund distribution.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 32040**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College, spoke about College institutions in Idaho and introduced University Presidents. She said Lewis-Clark is a small, private school experience at an affordable school price. She mentioned a prison education program, CTE, Idaho Launch, and apprenticeship programs.

Dr. Marlene Tromp, President, Boise State University, spoke about enrollment, administrative costs, graduation, and economic impact. She said BSU is an institute for advancing American values and touched on civil discourse, free speech, and Idaho voices. In response to committee members questions, Dr. Tromp explained details of a lawsuit against BSU and addressed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) certification.

C. Scott Green, President, University of Idaho, spoke about practical, quality education, Idaho Launch, extension programs, and research enterprise. He touched on enrollment growth, alumni, and associate degrees. In response to committee questions he commented on animal pollution, and federal grants.

In response to committee questions, **Dr. Pemberton**, clarified the Complete College America framework considers fifteen course credits per semester, full time. She addressed work force training and Launch programs.

Dr. Robert Wagner, President, Idaho State University, said ISU is the Health Science leader for Idaho and touched on enrollment growth, workforce outcomes, and Idaho Launch, He pointed out affordable certifications and degrees, dual enrollment, rural mental health, administrative efficiency, and the importance of partner institutions. Committee members asked him to address mental health, graduation, and employment in Idaho.

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

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31925	Community College Tuition	Rep. Clow
H 42	School safety	Rep. Hill
08-0111-2401	Registraion of Postsecondary Educational Institutions and Proprietary Schools - Temporary and Pending Rule	Matthew Reiber, Chief External Affairs & Strategy Officer, State Board of Education
08-0113-2401	Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program - Pending Rule	Matthew Reiber, Chief External Affairs & Strategy Officer, State Board of Education
08-0201-2401	Rules Governing Administration - Temporary and Pending Rule	Matthew Reiber, Chief External Affairs & Strategy Officer, State Board of Education

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Chairman Pickett

Vice Chairman Hawkins

Rep Clow

Rep Mendive

Rep Ehardt

Rep Wisniewski

Rep Garner

Rep Nelsen

Rep Sauter

Rep Harris

Rep Marmon

Rep Tanner (13)

Rep Mathias

Rep Church

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 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:** Reps. Ehardt and Sauter

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 January 27 and 28, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31925: **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 31925**, proposed legislation regarding Idaho's community college tuition. He said this would update the community college tuition cap to meet the realities of 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 31925. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 42: **Rep. Hill** presented **H 42**, legislation regarding a School Safety and Advisory Board. He said currently the board consists of thirteen people appointed by various officials. With a board this size, it has been difficult to establish a quorum for its required meetings. He said this bill would reduce the size of the board, while still ensuring broad stakeholder representation.

Matthew Reiber, Chief External Affairs and Strategy Officer, State Board of Education, spoke about a board of volunteer experts.

Quinn Perry, of Idaho School Boards Association, testified **in opposition** of **H 42**. She believes a school official should be on the committee, and mentioned they would find a school board member willing to attend meetings.

Chris Goetz, spoke **in opposition** of **H 42**, stating a law enforcement representative should be on the board and they would appoint someone who has a passion to fill the required responsibilities.

Rep. Hill explained the purpose of structure, good leadership, and leverage of all resources. He said too many board members creates too many problems. In response to committee member comments, he mentioned the School Safety and Advisory Board gives recommendations to school boards.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 42** to General Orders.

Committee members shared concern about proposed number of board members and recommend more individuals be allowed to serve on the board.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a substitute motion to send **H 42** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members debated the bill and said a lower number of board members is a good idea to make a quorum at meetings. They also believe shrinking the number of board members is a good idea but think school board and law enforcement individuals should be on the board. Other committee members emphasized school board members and law enforcement are invited to share thoughts and concerns but not be allowed to vote, which could be problematic. Lack of communication was also discussed, along with State code.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested.. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 4 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Pickett, Hawkins, Clow, Mendive, Wisniewski, Nelsen, Harris, and Marmon. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Garner, Tanner(13), Mathias, and Church. Reps. Ehardt and Sauter were absent/excused. Rep. Hill will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

Chairman Pickett turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Hawkins**.

Chairman Hawkins announced **Docket No. 08-0111-2401** would not be presented today.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0113-2401:**

Matthew Reiber, Chief External Affairs and Strategy Officer, State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0113-2401**, Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

MOTION:

Rep. Mathias made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0113-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
08-0201-2401:**

Matthew Reiber, Chief External Affairs and Strategy Officer, State Board of Education, presented **Docket No. 08-0201-2401**, Rules Governing Administration.

MOTION:

Rep. Mathias made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0201-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Hawkins turned the gavel over to **Chairman Pickett**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
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Thursday, January 30, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 43	Public schools, safe environment	Rep. Mathias

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 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 9:01 am.

H 43: **Rep. Mathias** presented **H 43**, legislation regarding public schools, safe environment. He spoke about protecting students, background checks, filed grievances, public interest and confidentiality. He said it is important to have properly trained board members and educators so sensitive information is not put in the wrong hands.

In response to committee members comments, **Rep. Mathias** explained updated guidelines and agency support.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 43** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 43** in committee.

Committee members expressed an interest in hearing from agency representatives and **Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, regarding this bill.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD H 43** in committee at the call of the chair.

Rep. Mathias closed saying this bill is about protecting children and will not harm the public. **H 43** is about keeping sensitive information out of the wrong hands.

Chairman Pickett put the meeting at ease for two minutes to clarify motion rules.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 7 AYE and 6 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Harris, Marmon, and Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Pickett, Clow, Nelsen, Sauter, Mathias, and Church. Rep. Hawkins** was absent/excused.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary