

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Representatives Weber, McCann, Beiswenger, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, Tanner(13), Bingham, Egbert, Haws
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Wisniewski
- 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.
- Chairman Holtzclaw** introduced the committee's new page, **Leighton Parker**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve minutes from February 17, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1261:** **Rep. Weber** presented **S 1261** regarding a language change regarding PERSI and the reemployment of retired members.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to send **S 1261** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Weber** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 745:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 745**, legislation prohibiting public employers from allowing taxpayer funds to promote government unions. She provided clarification this does not affect public safety officers (i.e. law enforcement or firefighters).
- Committee questions included the treatment of government unions and county exemptions; collective bargaining process for public and private utility employers and cities versus schools; clarification of fiscal impact of \$1.2 million and specified payroll deductions; statutory section regarding teachers unions and negotiation requirements; sales tax allocations and dues; school districts authority regarding collective bargaining; and clarification of union reimbursement to the school district. Testifiers responded to questions including the comparison of laws in other states; the risk of State lawsuits; use of stipends for professional development paying union dues; board of trustees and language interpretation for negotiation; scope of union activity and events; rationale for excluding counties and groups.
- Testimony in support of **H 745** was provided by **Maxford Nelson**, The Freedom Foundation; **Mark Johnson**; **Dan McKnight**; **Heather Andrews**, Americans for Prosperity Boise; **John Kalb**, National Right to Work Committee; **Randy Rieken**; **Billy Knorpp**; **Joel Fischer**, Idaho Family Policy Center; **Stephen Bender**, Idaho Republican Party; **Lori Billaud**; **Kristi Hardy**; **Chris Cargill**, Mountain States Policy Center; **Cierra Clarke**, Moms for Liberty-Twin Falls County; **Owen Ivey**; **Matt Edwards**; **Stephen Delie**, Foundation for Government Accountability Action; **Daniel Murphy**.
- Testimony in opposition of **H 745** was presented by **Crystal Villanueva**, Vallivue Education Association; **Shane Reichert**, Idaho Education Association; **Kenny Huston**, Idaho State AFL-CIO; **Scott Woolstenhulme**, Bonneville Joint School District 93; **Jason Hudson**, IBEW Local 77.

MOTION: Rep. Beiswenger made a motion to send H 745 to the floor with **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 6 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Rep(s). Beiswenger, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Tanner (13). Voting in opposition of the motion: Rep(s). Weber, McCann, Fuhriman, Bingham, Egbert, Haws. Rep. Boyle will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Michele Coburn
Secretary