

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 06, 2026

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Hawkins, Vice Chairman Handy, Representatives Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias, Galaviz

**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 Hawkins called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

H 779: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 779**, legislation to clarify public school districts and charter schools cannot enroll a child without the permission of the child's parent or guardian. This will make sure school district administrators collect and report accurate student data for the purposes of funding, as well as state and federal reporting requirements. She recommended the bill be held in committee as a replacement is forthcoming.

RS 33597: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 33597**, proposed legislation to replace **H 779**.

Kate Haas, Kestrel West, discussed language changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to **HOLD H 779** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 33597** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Hawkins put the committee at ease for 10 minutes.

H 761: **Rep. Tanner (14)** presented **H 761**, legislation to consolidate the Idaho STEM Action Center into the Idaho Workforce Development Council, integrating its functions, programs, and staff.

Wendi Secrist, Workforce Development Council and STEM Action Center, testified in support of **H 761**.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **H 761** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Tanner (14)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 am.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary