

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 09, 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:** Rep. Marmon

**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 8:31 am.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Hawkins** made a unanimous consent request to move **S 1291** to the top of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**S 1291:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **S 1291**, legislation to update or repeal sections of Idaho Code.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to send **S 1291** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 816:** **Rep. Dygert** presented **H 816**, legislation regarding Career Technical Education and a Career Ladder. He discussed placement and advancement structure and educator retention. He recommends **H 816** be held in committee because a replacement will be presented.

**RS 33654:** **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 33654** and explained technical changes, appropriate recognition, and fiscal note estimates.

**Jared Tatro**, Legislative Services Office, explained the Career Ladder is a state-funded allocation model for public school teachers and pupil service staff designed to increase funding based on experience, performance, and education, rather than just longevity. Actual salaries are determined at the local level. He explained Career Ladder placement and movement and said the fiscal note is based on averages.

**Teresa Fritsch, Dr. Joy Jansen**, Lake Pend Oreille School District, **Jennifer Lingle, Heather Williams**, Idaho Association of School Administrators, and **Alex Beal**, Career Technical Education of Idaho, testified **in support of H 816.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Veile** made a motion to **HOLD H 816** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Veile** made a motion to introduce **RS 33654**, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dygert** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 815:** **Rep. Galaviz** presented **H 815**, legislation regarding an education transportation support program. She spoke about Anser Charter School's block grant, and said they are underfunded for transportation.

**Heather Dennis**, Anser Charter School, explained how transportation funding is determined and unintentional under-funding for Anser Charter School.

**Jessica Salzsieder**, and **Renee Bade**, testified in support of **H 815**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 815** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Galaviz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary