

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 01, 2026

TIME: 4:00 P.M. or Upon Recess or Adjournment

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 3:50 pm.

S 1336aa: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **S 1336aa**, legislation regarding civics education. This legislation establishes new requirements for civics curriculum developed or adopted by a public school district or charter school.

Samuel Lair, Idaho Freedom Foundation, discussed civic principles the country was founded on and new curriculum. He spoke about founding documents, civics assessment, and school district discretion.

Committee members discussed graduation rates and requirements, language in the bill, charter school exemptions, and public alternative schools.

In response to committee inquiries, **Greg Wilson**, Chief of Staff, State Department of Education, clarified charter school exemptions, collaboration, and legislation amendments. He discussed content standards, adoption requirements, and a curriculum review process.

MOTION: **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to send **S 1336aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members mentioned a burden on schools and no fiscal note.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 6 NAY.** **Voting in support** of the motion: **Rep. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, and Hostetler.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary