

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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Organizational Meeting

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Rep Ehardt  
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MINUTES  
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**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. 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 Hawkins** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Reps. Sauter and Mathias** volunteered to be the proofreaders for the committee minutes.

Committee members and the Legislative Page introduced themselves.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Thursday, January 22, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33033</a>	Harassment, intimidation, bullying	Rep. Mathias
<a href="#">RS 32917</a>	K-12 instrn, sexual, orientation	Rep. Hawkins

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**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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**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. Pickett

**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 9:00 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33033:** **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 33033**, proposed legislation regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 33033**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

**RS 32917:** **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 32917**, proposed legislation regarding sexual orientation instruction.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to introduce **RS 32917**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Monday, January 26, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33019</a>	Education funding, disabilities	Rep. Fuhriman
	2026 Idaho Teacher of the Year	Laron Johnson
	Federal updates	Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

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

**RS 33019:** **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **RS 33019**, proposed legislation regarding education funding, disabilities.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 33019**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education, introduced **Laron Johnson**, 2026 Idaho Teacher of the Year, from Rigby High School. Mr. Johnson, spoke about building connections with students, economics and personal development.

**Chairman Hawkins** put the committee at ease for one minute.

**Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education, explained changes to federal regulations and student assessment.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
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Room EW41  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Budget Analysis	Rep. Tanner (14), JFAC co-chair  Keith Bybee, Division Mgr., LSO, Budget and Policy Analysis

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

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**MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Tanner (14)**, Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) Co-Chairman, explained education budgets and outcome base. He said the funding formula needs to be updated because it hasn't changed since 1996. He spoke about enrollment growth and decline across the state.

Committee members inquired about maximizing impact in schools and how they could educate themselves on the budget to make thoughtful decisions. They spoke about JFAC working groups, recommendations, and revenue verses spending. Parental involvement and protecting kids was mentioned.

**Rep. Tanner (14)** said Idaho is a growing state and discussed supplemental and obligated funds, cost savings, and policy decisions. He explained audit reports and recognizing problems.

Committee members discussed responsibility, accountability, and effectiveness. They inquired about adding a sunset policy to legislation and asked for suggestions on moving forward to correct problems. They discussed evolving policy decisions, finance separation and mental health resources. The committee showed interest in having information gatherings to educate themselves and mentioned asking local school boards, teachers, and parents for feedback.

**Rep. Tanner (14)** concluded by asking committee members to look backwards to see what is or isn't working. He asked them to view LSO and audit reports and spoke about conformity, the bottom line, and a balanced budget.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
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Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Home Learning Academy	Ryan Langrill, Director, Office of Performance Evaluations

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehardt and Mathias

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**MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Ryan Langrill**, Director, Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE), explained the evaluation process.

**Lauren Bailey**, Principle Evaluator and Project Lead, OPE, explained the evaluation of the Idaho Home Learning Academy (IHLA), a virtual public charter school authorized by Oneida School District. She spoke about enrollment and student proficiency.

Committee members inquired about the distribution of funds, supplemental money, and student comparisons.

**Christopher Shank**, Senior Evaluator, OPE, spoke about student performance, enrollment, and supplemental learning funds. He recommended the Legislature develop a funding framework specific to virtual schools to better align the intended use of funding sources with actual use.

The committee discussed per student funding and comparisons, facility funding, athletics and dual enrollment.

**Hailey Sweeten**, Incoming Executive Director, IHLA, spoke about growth and improvement, accountability and transparency. She mentioned state regulations for student testing, virtual guidance and standards.

Committee members discussed innovation in education, state standards, budget cuts, and vulnerable students.

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

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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AGENDA  
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">H 515</a>	Harassment, intimidation, bullying	Rep. Mathias
	IACTE - Preparing Educators for Idaho Classrooms	Dr. Brooke Blevins, Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

\*\*Testimony will be limited to 2 minutes\*\*

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Ehardt

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

**H 515:** **Rep. Mathias** presented **H 515**, legislation regarding intimidation, harassment, and bullying. He spoke about changes made from previous legislation. He explained this would ensure families whose students are involved in a serious bullying incident are notified so they can respond accordingly.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 515** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Quinn Perry**, testified in support of **H 515** and said it strengthens communication, accountability, and trust between schools and families when serious incidents occur.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 515** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Dr. Brooke Blevins**, Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, University of Idaho, spoke about preparing educators for Idaho classrooms. She explained how the Idaho Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE), are preparing educators and meeting Idaho's needs. She mentioned resources available for rural schools and literacy.

Committee members inquired about literacy, phonics, and continuity. They discussed student preparation for college or career readiness, and classroom management.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Monday, February 02, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Support for Military Families	Dr. Spencer Barzee, Deputy Superintendent, Idaho Department of Education  Domineek Haag, School Liason Program Manager, Mountain Home School District

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 02, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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. Ehardt

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Domineek Haag**, School Liason, Program Manager, Mountain Home School District, discussed schools providing support for military families. She spoke about Commitment in Action, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (M1C3), and Purple Star Schools.

**Spencer Barzee**, Deputy Superintendent, Idaho Department of Education, said military students frequently move and have to change schools. He spoke about providing support for these students. He said military connected students are those with a parent who serves or is a member of Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserve Force.

Committee members inquired about the Compact Commission and federal aid funds available to schools.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Tuesday, February 03, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">08-0205-2501</a>	Rules Governing Pay for Success Contracting (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Nick Wagner, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Office of the State Board of Education
<a href="#">55-0103-2501</a>	Rules of Career Technical Centers- Pending Rule	Nick Wagner, Administrative Rules Coordinator, OSBE
<a href="#">08-0202-2501</a>	Rules Governing Uniformity- Pending Rule	Nick Wagner, Administrative Rules Coordinator, OSBE Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, State Department of Education
<a href="#">08-0203-2502</a>	Rules Governing Thoroughness- Pending Rule	Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, SDE
<a href="#">08-0203-2503</a>	Rules Governing Thoroughness-Adoption of Temporary Rule	Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, SDE
<a href="#">08-0203-2501</a>	Rules Governing Thoroughness- Pending Rule	Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, SDE

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**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 03, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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:** Reps. Hawkins and Galaviz

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0205-2501:** **Nick Wagner**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE), presented **Docket No. 08-0205-2501**, rules governing pay for success contracting. He said this removes language already in statute.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0205-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 55-0103-2501:** **Nick Wagner**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, OSBE, presented **Docket No. 55-0103-2501**, rules of Career Technical Centers. He said this removes language already in statute.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 55-0103-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0202-2501:** **Nick Wagner**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, OSBE, presented **Docket No. 08-0202-2501**, rules governing uniformity. He said this aligns language for CTE certificates and traditional certificates.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-2501**.

Committee members inquired about communication with students when away from traditional school setting, such as sporting events or conventions.

**Greg Wilson**, Chief of Staff, State Department of Education (SDE), explained changes based on recommendations from the Professional Standards Commission regarding code of ethics, which would increase professional interaction.

Committee members discussed intent, personal cell phones, issued cell phones, and district approved devices used for communication. There were concerns over school based accounts verses personal devices and explicit content.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Handy** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0203-2502:** **Greg Wilson**, Chief of Staff, SDE, presented **Docket 08-0203-2502**, rules governing thoroughness. He spoke about social studies standards and content standards.

In response to committee questions, **Greg Wilson** explained revisions between two separate dockets and clarified social studies subjects according to grade level.

**Brad Hunt**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Division of Financial Management, explained publishing and the latest revision changes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-2502**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0203-2503:** **Greg Wilson**, Chief of Staff, SDE, presented **Docket No. 08-0203-2503**, temporary rule governing thoroughness. He spoke about the special education manual.

**DOCKET NO. 08-0203-2501:** **Greg Wilson**, Chief of Staff, SDE, presented **Docket No. 08-0203-2501**, rules governing thoroughness.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-2503** and **Docket No. 08-0203-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

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Representative Handy  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
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AGENDA  
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">RS 33030C2</a>	Virtual Public Education	Rep. Pickett
	Idaho Digital Learning Alliance - Annual Report	Jeff Simmons, Superintendent, IDLA Anthony Butler, Superintendent, IDLA

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

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**RS 33030C2:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 33030C2**, proposed legislation regarding virtual public education.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33030C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Jeff Simmons**, Superintendent, Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA), gave an annual report on the impact of IDLA. He spoke about funding, enrollment growth, and faculty requirements. He mentioned innovation in education, AI, and parental involvement.

**Anthony Butler**, Superintendent, Cambridge School District, shared success stories of students who have taken advantage of the opportunities available through IDLA. He said IDLA provides options which allow students to make more informed decisions and spoke about dual credit opportunities, digital literacy, and credit recovery courses.

In response to committee questions, **Jeff Simmons** discussed statute, rural schools, budget increases, enrollment growth, and operational improvements. He explained IDLA is available to all Idaho students.

Committee members asked for statute clarification and inquired about internal audits, recommended budget cuts, graduation success, and how IDLA plans to ration resources. They asked about accountability and reporting systems.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33108</a>	Digital Content & Curriculum Funding	Rep. Raymond
	K-12 District Characteristics and Funding Evaluation	Casey Petti, Principal Evaluator, Office of Performance Evaluation
<a href="#">HJM 11</a>	Education funding, disabilities	Rep. Fuhriman

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 05, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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 9:00 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, and February 3, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33108:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 33108**, proposed legislation regarding digital content and curriculum funding. This would provide funding for Local Education Agency's (LEA) based on need.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 33108**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Casey Petti**, Principal Evaluator, Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE), presented findings from the K-12 district characteristics and funding evaluation. He discussed district characteristics, district funding per student, and special education funding. In response to committee questions, Mr. Petti said state funding per student is set at a flat rate for districts of similar sizes and does not increase for districts with more high needs students. He provided information about Charter School reports, district size, support unit funding, and medicaid.

**HJM 11:** **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **HJM 11**, legislation regarding education funding, disabilities. The purpose of this resolution is to call upon Congress to honor its long-standing statutory commitment to fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at the promised forty percent level.

**Chynna Hirasaki**, Administrator of Special Education, Boise School District, testified **in support** of **HJM 11**. She spoke about increased needs and the gap in IDEA funding. In response to committee member questions, she said modern identification testing, awareness, and early intervention have increased needs. She addressed autism and Special Education eligibility.

**Julie Mead**, Caldwell School District, testified **in support** of **HJM 11**. She said their isn't additional incentives for districts and emphasized providing needs for the full spectrum of students with special needs.

**Kevin Field**, Special Needs Teacher, Idaho Falls, testified **in support** of **HJM 11**. He highlighted population growth and an increase in special needs students. In response to committee questions he discussed awareness, behavioral issues, communication difficulties, and needs which haven't been met. He explained behavioral needs and natural disabilities protocol.

**Stoney Winston**, Superintendent, Fruitland School District, testified **in support of HJM 11**. He spoke about a shortfall in funding, mandated services, and federal law. He mentioned teaching life skills to help students be productive.

**Rep. Fuhriman** closed by saying this is a message to the federal government, to provide funding.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to send **HJM 11** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members voiced concerns of possible reactions to the memorial which could reduce the threshold.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called for a vote on the motion to send **HJM 11** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Fuhriman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Room EW41**  
**Monday, February 09, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1225aa</a>	President search, higher education	Rep. Petzke
	IDEal - Idaho College Savings Program	Dawn Hall, Executive Director, Idaho College Savings Program
<a href="#">RS 33205</a>	Public Schools Facilities Cooperative Fund	Rep. Pickett

Testimony Limited to Two Minutes

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 09, 2026  
**TIME:** 9:00 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:** Reps. 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 Hawkins** called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.  
**S 1225aa:** **Rep. Petzke** presented **S 1225aa**, legislation regarding President search for higher education. This legislation adds a new section of code, defining the process for all presidents searches for the state institutions of higher education. This would amend Idaho Code to make only the name of the sole finalist publicly available.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to send **S 1225aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.  
**Ken Burgess**, Idaho Press Club, testified **in opposition** to **S 1225aa**.  
In response to committee member questions, **Rep. Petzke** said this requires a minimum of one name presented to the public, but allows for more.  
**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1225aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**Dawn Hall**, Executive Director, IDEal, spoke about the Idaho college savings program, said it is self funded, and is like a roth IRA for education. She said the program is not just for Idaho and gave a list of eligible uses for funds.  
**RS 33205:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 33205**, proposed legislation amending the Public Schools Facilities Cooperative Funding Program.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 33205**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33237</a>	Idaho Digital Learning Academy	Rep. Petzke
<a href="#">RS 33027</a>	Schools, moment of silence	Rep. Skaug
<a href="#">H 588</a>	Virtual public education	Rep. Pickett
<a href="#">RS 33283</a>	Virtual public education	Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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 Handy** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, and February 5, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33237:** **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 33237**, proposed legislation regarding Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 33237**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33027:** **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 33027**, proposed legislation regarding schools, moment of silence.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 33027**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33027** with the following change: On line 10, remove "at or near the beginning of each school day."

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 33027** with the following change: On line 11, after each school day, insert "or as deemed necessary by the instructor."

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE and 12 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Hostetler and Veile. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Mathias, and Galaviz.**

**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 motion: **Reps. Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, and Veile.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE and 0 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz.**

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

**H 588:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 588**, legislation regarding virtual public education. He said this updates and aligns provisions governing virtual education programs operated by school districts and public charter schools. He spoke about education innovation and evolution and acknowledged stake holders input.

**Rep. Galaviz** highlighted continuity in Idaho code for both public school districts and public charter schools. She said this legislation was created in collaboration with individuals involved with providing virtual education to students. She spoke about Education Service Providers (ESP) contracts, maintaining proof of Idaho residency, and curriculum material. She explained services and cost transparency, supplemental learning fund disbursement, eligible expenses, and she said educators must have a teaching certificate.

In response to committee member questions, **Rep. Galaviz** explained therapy services, Individualized Educational Plans (IEP), local control, testing, and student success.

**Steven Thayne** testified in opposition to **H 588**.

**Alejandro Zamora**, Wilder School District, **Robin Merrifield**, Boundary County School District #101, **Scott Woolstenhulme**, Bonneville School District 93, and **Terri Sorensen**, Idaho Home Learning Academy, testified in support of **H 588**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to send **H 588** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Pickett** requested the committee **HOLD H 588** in committee because he has trailing legislation to replace **H 588**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Rep. Nelson** asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to send **H 588** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection the request was granted.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to **HOLD H 588** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33283:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 33283**, proposed legislation regarding virtual public education. He said this would replace **H 588**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33283**, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33225</a>	Funds Distributed by Department of Education	Rep. Harris
<a href="#">RS 33298</a>	Professional Standards Commission, crime	Rep. Scott
<a href="#">RS 33009C2</a>	School District Facilities Fund	Rep. Galaviz
<a href="#">RS 32889</a>	Students, Immigration Data	Rep. Tanner (13)
<a href="#">RS 32826</a>	Parental Rights	Rep. Hawkins

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Hawkins, Vice Chairman Handy, Representatives Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias (Carlson), 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 9:00 am.

**RS 33225:** **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 33225**, proposed legislation regarding fund distribution by the State Department of Education.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33225**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33298:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 33298**, proposed legislation regarding the Professional Standards Commission and crime.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33298**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33009C2:** **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 33009C2**, proposed legislation regarding the School District Facilities Fund.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33009C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32889:** **Rep. Tanner(13)** presented **RS 32889**, proposed legislation regarding students and immigration data.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 32889**.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32889** with the following change: "omit the second sentence in the Statement of Purpose."

**Chairman Hawkins** put the committee at ease for 3 minutes.

**AMENDED  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 32889** with the following change: "omit the second sentence in the Statement of Purpose" and on page 1 line 39, add "charter schools" after institutes of higher education.

**VOTE ON  
AMENDED  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called for a vote on the amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 32889** with the following change: "omit the second sentence in the Statement of Purpose" and on page 1 line 39, add "charter schools" after institutes of higher education. **Amended substitute motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Nelsen** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

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

**RS 32826:** **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 32826**, proposed legislation regarding parental rights.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32826**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Handy** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Hawkins**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
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**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Room EW41**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33117</a>	Public Charter School Admissions	Rep. Leavitt
<a href="#">H 599</a>	Digital content and curriculum fund	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">H 516</a>	K-12 instruction, sexual orientation	Rep. Hawkins

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 12, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Hawkins, Vice Chairman Handy, Representatives Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias (Carlson), 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 9:00 am.

**RS 33117:** **Rep. Leavitt** presented **RS 33117**, proposed legislation regarding Public Charter School Admissions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33117**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 599:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **H 599**, legislation regarding digital content. He said this changes fund distribution from a first come first serve, to needs based distribution. He said the State Department of Education has a committee assigned to oversee the application

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 299** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to committee member questions, **Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Education, State Department of Education, explained the eligibility process.

Committee members discussed specific criteria and the definition of "need."

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 299** in committee.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD H 299** for time certain, February 19, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

**H 516:** **Rep. Hawkins** presented **H 516**, legislation regarding parental rights and K-12 sexual instruction. This bill removes "developmentally appropriate" from previous legislation as it is no longer needed.

Committee members voiced concern over opt-in parental rights controversy, CTE courses regarding medical instruction and FFA, and not specifying "human sexuality" in the bill.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to send **H 516** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Doug Taylor**, Targhee Group and **Grace Howat**, Idaho Family Policy, testified in support of **H 516**.

**Misty DelliCarpini-Tolman**, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, testified in opposition to **H 516**.

Committee members inquired about teachers mandatory reporting and Idaho code.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Chairman Handy** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 516** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Friday, February 13, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33363</a>	Administrative Rules Approval, Education	Rep. Handy
<a href="#">H 635</a>	Profession Standards Commission, Crime	Rep. Scott

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 13, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Pickett and Galaviz

**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 9:00 am.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Hawkins** asked for unanimous consent to change the order on the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**H 635:** **Rep. Scott** presented **H 635**, legislation regarding crime and the Professional Standards Commission. This bill requires when an allegation or investigation reveals criminal behavior, it must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 635** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 33363:** **Rep. Handy** presented **RS 33363**, proposed legislation regarding administrative rules approval.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33363**, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**8:30 A.M.**  
**Room EW41**  
**Monday, February 16, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 32974</a>	Public Schools, Start Date	Rep. Vander Woude
<a href="#">RS 33138C1</a>	School Administration, Alternative Authorization	Rep. Hawkins
<a href="#">RS 33325</a>	State Seal of Excellence in Civics	Rep. Veile
<a href="#">H 608</a>	Public Schools Facilities Cooperative Fund	Rep. Pickett
<a href="#">H 636</a>	School District Facilities Fund	Rep. Galaviz

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 16, 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. Veile

**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 8:30 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32974:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 32974**, proposed legislation regarding public schools start date.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 32974**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Hawkins** turned the gavel over to **Rep. Pickett**.

**RS 33138C1:** **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 33138C1**, proposed legislation regarding school administration, alternative authorization.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33138C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Pickett** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Hawkins**.

**RS 33325:** **Rep. Veile** presented **RS 33325**, proposed legislation regarding a State Seal of Excellence in Civics.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33325**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 608:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 608**, legislation regarding the Public Schools Facilities Cooperative Fund.  
**Rep. Furniss** spoke about difficulty accessing funds and said this legislation would make it easier to access for school safety improvements.  
**Rep. Pickett** explained how this legislation makes changes and clarifies intent of the Public Schools Facilities Cooperative Fund. He discussed the application process and repayment.  
**Kevin Lancaster**, Superintendent, Camas County School District, and **Marc Gee**, Superintendent, Middleton School District #134, testified in support of **H 608**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 636** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.  
Committee members discussed other facility funding and the importance of school safety.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:**

**Rep. Nelsen** asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 608** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 636:**

**Rep. Galaviz** presented **H 636**, legislation regarding school districts facility funds. She spoke about sufficient funds, savings and loans for new construction, rebuilds and deferred maintenance without burdening tax payers.

**Dr. Derek Bub**, Superintendent of Schools, West Ada School District, testified in support of **H 636**.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 636** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members discussed gap in rural schools, distribution of funds, and a state revenue formula.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Chairman Hawkins** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 636** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Lincoln Auditorium WW02  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ww02/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	**Note Location Change**	
	Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) Day on the Hill	Jason Sevy, President, Idaho School Board Association
	Idaho Future Farmers of America State Officers	Matthew Waite, President, Idaho FFA, Melba Lizzie Mueller, Vice President, Idaho FFA, Salmon Emily Sorensen, Secretary, Idaho FFA, Preston Gabe Kitamura, Treasurer, Idaho FFA, Meridian Anna Hernandez, Reporter, Idaho FFA, American Falls Alie Misenheimer, Sentinel, Idaho FFA, Meridian

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Hawkins	Rep Sauter
Vice Chairman Handy	Rep Marmon
Rep Mendive	Rep Pickett
Rep Ehardt	Rep Hostetler
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Veile
Rep Garner	Rep Mathias
Rep Nelsen	Rep Galaviz

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Lincoln Auditorium WW02

**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 9:03 am.

**Jason Sevy**, President, Idaho School Boards Association, spoke about service to students and communities. He discussed mental health support, early literacy and efficiency. He spoke about after school programs and community engagement.

State officers for Future Farmers of America (FFA) addressed the committee.

**Matthew Waite**, President, **Lizzie Mueller**, Vice President, **Emily Sorensen**, Secretary, **Gabe Kitamura**, Treasurer, **Anna Hernandez**, Reporter, and **Alie Misenheimer**, Sentinel, explained the role of FFA and Agricultural education, community service, leaving an impact, and growth in personal skills.

**Chairman Hawkins** put the committee at ease for one minute.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">H 634</a>	Funds distributed by department of education	Rep. Harris
<a href="#">RS 33152C1</a>	Definitions, state funding	Rep. Church

Testimony Limited to Two Minutes

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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. Hostetler

**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 9:00 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, and 11, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 634:** **Rep. Harris** presented **H 634**, legislation regarding fund distribution by the State Department of Education. He explained this legislation would make sure money is used appropriately. He spoke about intent and accountability.

Committee members discussed supplemental funds, intent language, JFAC policy, and flexibility. They spoke about unique charter schools models, innovation, school board representation and their unique situations. School district audits and state department output.

**Andy Grover**, Executive Director, IASA, testified **in opposition** to **H 634**. He spoke about real time needs, adjusting funds, inflation, and property tax increases.

**Emily McClure**, Idaho Charter School Network, testified **in opposition** to **H 634**. She spoke about charter school models and accountability.

Committee members discussed school districts discretion, accountability, current clauses, the current audit system, and successful organizations. They expressed concerns over micro management.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made a motion to **HOLD H 634** in committee.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Wisniewski** made a substitute motion to send **H 634** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 AYE, 10 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Wisniewski, and Marmon. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Pickett, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz. Rep. Hostetler was absent/excused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 3 NAY, and 1 Absent/ Excused. Voting in favor** of the original motion: **Reps. Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Pickett, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the original motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Wisniewski, and Marmon. Rep. Hostetler was absent/excused.**

**RS 33152C1:** **Rep. Church** presented **RS 33152C1**, proposed legislation regarding definitions in Idaho education law.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pickett made a motion to introduce **RS 33152C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
8:30 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Thursday, February 19, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 599</a>	Digital content and curriculum fund No further testimony will be taken.	Rep. Raymond
<a href="#">RS 33436</a>	Reserve funds distribution, school endowment	Rep. Vander Woude
<a href="#">H 710</a>	Public schools, start date	Rep. Vander Woude
<a href="#">RS 33230C1</a>	Public charter schools, increased autonomy	Rep. Pickett

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 19, 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 8:30 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, and 13, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Ethan Cowell**, House Page, was recognized for his service to the committee and answered questions about his time at the capitol.

**Chairman Hawkins** put the committee at ease for one minute.

**H 599:** **Rep. Raymond**, presented **H 599**, legislation regarding digital content and curriculum fund. This bill was held in committee for time certain, February 19, 2026. He explained this legislation provides funding based on need instead of first come, first serve.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Handy** made a motion to send **H 599** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 33436:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 33436**, proposed legislation regarding reserve funds distribution, school endowment.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33436.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 710:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 710**, legislation regarding public schools start date. This bill would change the school start date to Tuesday, after Labor Day, for uniformity and consistency. He spoke about school schedules, attendance based enrollment, and holiday breaks.

**Randy Lords**, Superintendent, Madison School District #321, **Alexis Morgan**, Idaho PTA, **Jason Moss**, Superintendent, Grace School District, **Jennifer Johnson**, Boise Business Owner, **Scott Woolstenhulme**, Superintendent, Bonneville School District 93, and **Misty Swanson**, Executive Director, Idaho School Boards Association, testified **in opposition** to **H 710.**

**Pam Eaton**, Lodging and Restaurant Industry, testified **in support** of **H 710.**

Committee mentioned time off to work during harvest season.

**Rep. Vander Woude** discussed flexibility and schedule adjustments.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 710** to the floor with **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Rep. Garner** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 710** in committee.

Committee members discussed culture changes, family travel time, local control, hours in the classroom and fitting the needs of students and parents. They spoke about further debate on the floor with all representatives.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Rep. Mendive** made an amended substitute motion to send **H 710** to the floor **WITHOUT** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the amended substitute motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, and Hostetler. Voting in opposition** to the amended substitute motion: **Reps. Handy, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Pickett, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 5 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Handy, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, and Marmon.**

**RS 33230C1:**

**Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 33230C1**, proposed legislation regarding public charter schools increased autonomy.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33230C1**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Rep. Veile** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33230C1** with the following changes: add "and public school districts" anywhere "public charter schools" is mentioned.

**Chairman Hawkins** put the committee at ease for 3 minutes.

**Rep. Pickett** requested permission for an expert agency witness to explain why the substitute motion would not work for this legislation. **Chairman Hawkins** granted the request. **Emily McClure**, Idaho Charter School Network, explained criteria and authorization differences for public charter schools and traditional public schools.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, and Hostetler.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 5 NAY. Voting in favor** of the original motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the original motion: **Reps. Handy, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, and Veile.**

**ADJOURN:**

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

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Friday, February 20, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">H 623</a>	Schools, moment of silence	Rep. Skaug
<a href="#">H 728</a>	Education staff, certificates	Rep. Church

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 20, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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 9:00 am.

**H 623:** **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 623**, legislation regarding a moment of silence in all public schools. He said this would require schools to have 60 seconds of silence at the beginning of each day for student reflection. He said each student can choose their own type of reflection, and shared research indicating improved student behavior.

**Mendel Lifshitz, Dave McGarrah, Allen Gorin, and Daniel Murphy** testified in support of **H 623**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 623** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members shared concerns of over-reach and recommend school districts make decisions for schools. Other committee members spoke about students trying to find themselves, traditions, and inspiring reading material.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 4 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, and Hostetler.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Nelsen, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 728:** **Rep. Church** presented **H 728**, legislation defining education staff. She explained educational language and said this bill clarifies titles such as instructional staff, administration, classification, and certification.

Committee members discussed school district discretion, rural schools, administration percentages, and unfunded federal mandates.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to send **H 728** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Heather Williams**, Idaho Association of School Administrators, testified in **opposition** to **H 728**.

Committee members expressed confusion and would like more time to research questions they have.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 728** in committee for time certain, February 27, 2026.

**Rep. Church** said due diligence was done on this legislation and mentioned executive branch input. She asked the committee not to hold the bill in committee.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Handy, Nelsen, Sauter, Pickett, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Marmon, Hostetler, and Veile.**

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
ORIGINAL  
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE and 0 NAY. Voting in favor** of the original motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Handy, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz. Rep. Church** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Monday, February 23, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Kootenai Classical Academy	Dr. Ed Kaitz, Headmaster, Kootenai Classical Academy
	Idaho Higher Education Literacy Partnership (IHELP) and Literacy Initiatives	Sally Brown, PhD, Associate Professor of Education, College of Idaho

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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. Galaviz

**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 9:01 am.

**Dr. Ed Kaitz**, Headmaster, Kootenai Classical Academy, said they are part of Hillsdale Classical Schools across the nation. He explained moral and intellectual virtues taught in schools, providing an American classical education, and standardized test scores.

**Sally A. Brown, PhD**, Associate Professor of Education, Idaho Higher Education Literacy Partnerships (IHELP) and Literacy Initiatives, explained the purpose of this program, which is to advocate for the advanced literacy education in Idaho. She spoke about the science of reading and higher education partnership.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew41/>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 657</a>	Public charter school admissions	Rep. Leavitt
<a href="#">RS 33489</a>	Public charter school admissions	Rep. Leavitt
<a href="#">H 711</a>	School admin, alt authorization	Rep. Hawkins
<a href="#">H 712</a>	State seal of excellence in civics	Rep. Veile
<a href="#">RS 32862C1</a>	STEM, work force development	Rep. Tanner (14)

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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 9:00 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 19, 20, and 23, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 657:** **Rep. Leavitt** presented **H 657**, legislation to adjust the priority of student selection in public charter schools. This priority selection would include children of military families and foster children.

**Tammie Perreault**, Department of War, **Nanette Merrill and Blake Youde**, Idaho Charter School Association, **Christopher Knaus, and Christopher Collins**, Military Service Members, **Ashley Cotton, Anna Garvin, Jamie Searcy, and Emily Downey**, Military Family Members, and **Marty Anderson**, Veteran, testified **in support of H 657.**

**Ralph Binion**, Mountain Home School District, and **James Gilbert**, Superintendent, Mountain Home School District, testified **in opposition to H 657.**

Committee members discussed charter school enrollment, lottery selection, military students, school transfers, funding, and new charter schools.

**Rep. Leavitt** asked the committee to hold the bill in committee because a new RS would be presented to replace **H 657.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to **HOLD H 657** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33489:** **Rep. Leavitt** presented **RS 33489**, proposed legislation to replace **H 657**. This addresses priority of student selection in public charter school lottery admissions. He explained language changes, transferring school levels, and local control based on needs.

**Blake Youde**, Idaho Charter School Association, answered committee member questions regarding priority levels, student performance preferences, and charter school control.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33489**, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Leavitt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

- H 711:** **Rep. Hawkins** presented **H 711**, legislation to create an Alternate Authorization Program for prospective school principals and superintendents who do not otherwise hold an administrator certificate. Applicants must be sponsored by a public school district, meet specific preliminary requirements, and complete an embedded mentorship program, which will focus on operational duties of an administrator. He said this would especially help rural communities.
- Quinn Perry**, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA), shared a testimony from **Jason Sevy**, ISBA, **opposing H 711**. **Tabitha Miller**, Boise School District, testified **in opposition** to **H 711**.
- Andy Grover**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of School Administration shared a **neutral** testimony regarding **H 711**, but he would like to see "master's degree" added back into the bill.
- Rep. Hawkins** and **Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Education, State Department of Education, spoke about expanding candidate searches, mentorship training, board approval, and said this is already available for charter schools. She explained this would not be a requirement, but an available option to help fill positions.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to send **H 711** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- Vice Chairman Handy** turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Hawkins**.
- RS 32862C1:** **Rep. Tanner (14)** presented **RS 32862C1**, proposed legislation consolidating the Idaho STEM Action Center into the Idaho Workforce Development Council, integrating its functions, programs and staff to enhance the Council's existing purpose. This consolidation will streamline operations, reduce administrative overlap, and more closely align STEM education and outreach with Idaho's workforce development strategies.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 32862C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote**.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 712</a>	State seal of excellence in civics	Rep. Veile
<a href="#">RS 33413C1</a>	Non-academic activities, participation	Rep. Beiswenger
<a href="#">RS 33400</a>	Student enrollment counts	Rep. Ehardt
<a href="#">RS 33461</a>	Non-academic activities, dual enrollment	Rep. Ehardt

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Vice Chairman Handy	Rep Marmon
Rep Mendive	Rep Pickett
Rep Ehardt	Rep Hostetler
Rep Wisniewski	Rep Veile
Rep Garner	Rep Mathias
Rep Nelsen	Rep Galaviz

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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:** Reps. Mathias and Galaviz

**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 9:00 am.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Hawkins** made a unanimous consent request to change the agenda order to allow **Rep. Beiswenger** to present first. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**RS 33413C1:** **Rep. Beiswenger** presented **RS 33413C1**, proposed legislation regarding non-academic activities, participation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33413C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 712:** **Rep. Veile** presented **H 712**, legislation to create a State Seal of Excellence in Civics. Idaho's public schools have a responsibility to educate future citizens who possess civic knowledge, skills, and values to sustain our constitutional republic. In order to attain this seal, students must meet civic knowledge and participation requirements. The State Department of Education will provide support for those school districts and public charter schools who participate in awarding this seal.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to send **H 712** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Edward Clark**, Idaho Family Policy Center, testified **in support** of **H 712**.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Hawkins** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 712** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Veile** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 33400:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 33400**, proposed legislation regarding student enrollment.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33400. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33461:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 33461**, proposed legislation regarding non-academic activities, dual enrollment.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 33461. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, introduced **Kari Peterson**, Mayor of Fruitland. Mayor Peterson explained the purpose of the Mayor's Youth Council and introduced attending students. **Ella Smith**, Chair of the Mayor's Youth Council, shared what this new program offers.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Room EW41**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	AI in education and workforce development	Nick Smoot, Founder, Build Cities and Udayos AI  Gary A. Bolles, Chair for the Future of Work, Singularity University  Karen Parker Harry Amend Taylor Black Jeff Carlson
<a href="#">RS 33434</a>	Schools, daily recess	Rep. Redman
<a href="#">RS 33254</a>	Inappropriate online behavior	Rep. Redman
<a href="#">RS 33301</a>	Education, Supplemental Levies	Rep. Redman

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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:** Reps. Ehardt and Mathias

**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 Handy** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Nick Smoot**, Founder, Build Cities and Udayos AI, introduced presenters and said AI is a great tool to assist teachers.

**Karen Parker**, spoke about how AI is showing up in schools across the country. She explained how AI can provide opportunities for students, assist teachers, and uses of platforms.

**Harry Amend**, said his focus is how AI can help the bottom 20% of students and one on one bridge building.

Committee members discussed overuse of AI and possible problems in student learning.

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

**RS 33434:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33434**, proposed legislation regarding schools, daily recess.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33434. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33254:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33254**, proposed legislation regarding inappropriate online behavior.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33254. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33301:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33301**, proposed legislation regarding education, supplemental levies.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 33301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Friday, February 27, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33261</a>	School sponsored Bible reading	Rep. Redman
<a href="#">RS 33332C1</a>	Schools, prohibited excused absences	Rep. Tanner (13)
<a href="#">RS 33523</a>	Students, immigration data	Rep. Tanner (13)
<a href="#">S 1244</a>	Code cleanup, regional library systems	Rep. Ehlers
<a href="#">S 1227</a>	Artificial intelligence, education	Rep. Ehlers

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 27, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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 9:00 am.

**RS 33261:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33261**, proposed legislation regarding school sponsored bible reading. **Blaine Konzatti**, Idaho Family Policy Center, discussed history and tradition.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marmon** made a motion to introduce **RS 33261**.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a substitute motion to return **RS 33261** to the sponsor.

Committee members spoke about Idaho tradition and unconstitutional legislation.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Handy, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, and Hostetler.**

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
ORIGINAL  
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the original motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, and Hostetler. Voting in opposition** to the original motion: **Reps. Handy, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz.**

**RS 33332C1:** **Rep. Tanner (13)** presented **RS 33332C1**, proposed legislation prohibiting excused absences when students are absent from class to engage in political protests, walkouts, or volunteering for political purposes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33332C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33523:** **Rep. Tanner (13)** presented **RS 33523**, proposed legislation regarding student immigration data. He said this legislation would replace **H 656** and explained changes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33523.**

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Hawkins, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Marmon, Pickett, and Hostetler. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Handy, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Veile, Mathias, and Galaviz.**

**S 1244:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **S 1244**, legislation to clean up code regarding regional library systems. He discussed outdated, unnecessary, or obsolete provisions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to send **S 1244** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1227:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **S 1227**, legislation regarding artificial intelligence and education. This would establish a framework around AI and K-12. School districts and public charter schools would adopt their own policies under the framework provided by the State Department of Education. He spoke about protecting students, properly training teachers, and transparency. He explained possible amendments and recommend it be sent to General Orders.

Committee members discussed standards assessment, professional development, implementation, and review process.

**Andy Grover**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of School Administrators, **Paul Zimmerman**, Director of Technology, Blaine County School District, and **Alexis Morgan**, Director of Public Policy, Idaho PTA, testified **in support of S 1227**.

**Daniel Owsley**, testified as being **neutral** to **S 1227**.

**Rep. Ehlers** discussed age appropriate learning and ethical guidelines.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to send **S 1227** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M.  
Room EW41  
Tuesday, March 03, 2026

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 33448</a>	Education, transportation support program	Rep. Galaviz
<a href="#">RS 33433</a>	Education, career ladder	Rep. Dygert Rep. Galaviz

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 03, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 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. 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 Hawkins** called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 25, and 26, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33448:** **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 33448**, proposed legislation regarding transportation funding for charter schools.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to introduce **RS 33448**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33433:** **Rep. Dygert** presented **RS 33433**, proposed legislation regarding education career ladder.

**Rep. Galaviz** spoke about licensed professionals, Career Technical Education and career ladder.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33433**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**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