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Speaker Bedke Reaffirms Respectful Workplace Policy for House Staff

BOISE, Idaho –The Idaho House is committed to creating and maintaining a respectful work environment for all members, legislative employees, legislative partners, the press, and guests testifying before committee or visiting the Capitol. As part of this commitment, Speaker of the House Scott Bedke is charging the House Ethics and House Policy Committee with reviewing and improving the Respectful Workplace Policy originally brought forward in 2018.

“This House belongs to everyone in Idaho and no one working here or visiting these revered halls should ever be made to feel unwelcome or uncomfortable. I have always clearly communicated to everyone working within the House of Representatives that they perform their duties with the highest levels of integrity and professionalism. However, best practices should include the adoption of an official policy, so that’s what I’m doing by enacting this employee and volunteer policy until a more extensive policy can be produced,” said Speaker Bedke. “We are in the process of reaching out to appropriate community groups that will help us write a new policy with the hopes that it will be adopted in January of 2022.”

“I hold myself, our House staff and volunteers, and my colleagues to the highest standards,” said Chairman of the Ethics and House Policy Committee Rep. Sage Dixon. “We have a responsibility to not just earn, but continually work to keep the trust of Idahoans. A clear and concise Respectful Workplace Policy is a critical part of these efforts.”

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