

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2016

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Nonini, Patrick, Souza, Den Hartog, Anthon, Buckner-Webb and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Buckner-Webb** moved to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2016. **Vice Chairman Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Souza moved to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2016. **Vice Chairman Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Nonini moved to approve the Minutes of February 17, 2016. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Anthon moved to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2016. **Vice Chairman Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

H 527 **Dan Blocksom**, Government Affairs Associate and Associate Counsel, Idaho Association of Counties, presented **H 527**, Relating to Community Colleges: Revise Provisions Regarding Tuition of Out-Of-District Students. He explained how the out-of-district tuition currently works, the problems the counties have been experiencing and the solution. To illustrate the issue, **Mr. Blocksom** gave the scenario of two students: one lives in a community college taxing district and the other lives in a county that is not taxed for community colleges (see attachment 1).

Mr. Blocksom said this legislation creates definite deadline for students to submit residency forms, for community colleges to invoice the counties and for when the counties must pay the invoices. It also clarifies terms and definitions about which students are in or out of district.

Senator Anthon asked if there would be consequences to the county if it did not respond to the invoices from the community college. **Mr. Blocksom** replied the community collage can sue the county. **Senator Anthon** asked if the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) approves of the legislation. **Mr. Blocksom** replied in the affirmative. He said he has worked very closely with the president of CSI.

Senator Souza asked if the out-of-district student is responsible for the charges leveled to the county. **Mr. Blocksom** replied that student doesn't have to front the cost of what their county is responsible to pay. He explained the community colleges student's account posting process.

Vice Chairman Thayn asked if this applies to students in high school that are enrolled in the Fast Forward Program. **Mr. Blocksom** replied in the affirmative and explained that the changes occurred due to the volume of students enrolling in community colleges through the Fast Forward Program.

Senator Buckner-Webb asked if a county has failed or refused to pay the charges. **Mr. Blocksom** said he has spoken with College of Western Idaho and reported that none of the community colleges have denied payments due to late certificate of residency submissions from counties.

MOTION: **Senator Souza** moved to send **H 527** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. Senator Souza will carry **H 527** to the floor.

ADJOURNED: There being no more business, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary