

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Guthrie, Crabtree, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Winder, Nonini, Ackerman (Den Hartog), and Buckner-Webb

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CONVENED: Chairman Mortimer called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 2:28 p.m.

H 257 **Relating to the Postsecondary Credit Scholarship. Representative Kerby**, District 9, presented **H 257**. He said this legislation pertains to students who have earned some sort of college credit while they were in high school. He explained this is a matching scholarship program; if the students received scholarship from a business they would receive matching funds from the State. **Representative Kerby** said the original language stated the money could not come from a foundation and that created problems for the donation mechanisms. The State Board of Education (SBE) and the Governor's Office worked together to update the language allowing business foundations to give towards the matching scholarship program.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Thayn** moved to send **H 257** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion.

Chairman Mortimer asked if businesses without a foundation are able to offer scholarships. **Representative Kerby** replied in the affirmative.

The motion passed by **voice vote**. Vice Chairman Thayn will carry on the floor.

H 253 **Relating to Education; Revise Definitions of Instructional Staff, Measurable Student Achievement, and Performance Criteria. Blake Youde**, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer, State of Board Education presented **H 253**. He explained this bill remedies wording confusion in **S 1015**, which the Senate passed earlier this Session. He reminded the Committee of the two things the legislation does: 1.) clarifies for purposes of the career ladder the definition of instructional staff; and 2.) clarifies the definition for performance requirements to the specific elements identified in the definition of professional compensation rung performance criteria.

MOTION: **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to send **H 253** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. Senator Ward-Engelking will carry on the floor.

H 262 **Relating to Schools; Providing Legislative Intent Regarding Funding for College and Career Advising.** **Duncan Robb**, Chief Policy Advisor, State Department of Education (SDE), presented **H 262**. He said this legislation amends existing statute which sets out the distribution formula for the college and career advising line item in the public schools budget. This change allows for all public schools to benefit from the \$2 million increase in the appropriated line item recommended by the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC). He explained for the grades 8 through 12, public school districts or public charter schools with 100 students or more would receive an increase from \$10,000 to \$14,000. Public school districts and public charter schools with fewer than 100 students would receive an increase from \$5,000 to \$7,000. He explained the distribution formulas in the legislation.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Thayn** moved to send **H 262** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. Senator Crabtree will carry on the floor.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

H 254 **Relating to Schools; To Remove Term Limits for the Commissioners on the Public Charter School Commission.** **Chairman Mortimer** said **H 254** amends Idaho Code § 33-5213, which removes the term limits for commissioners on the Public Charter School Commission. He explained the Idaho Public Charter Schools Commission asked for this amendment.

MOTION: **Senator Guthrie** moved to send **H 254** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. Chairman Mortimer will carry on the floor.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Thayn passed the gavel to Chairman Mortimer.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary