

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2021
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone (Metzler-Fitzgerald)
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Alexandra Dominguez, The College Board; Matt Freeman, State Board of Education Executive Director; Tracie Bent, State Department of Education Chief Planning and Policy Officer; Clay Long, administrator of the Idaho Division of Career-Technical Education; Teresa Pitt, Planning & Evaluation Manager, Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR); Jane Dannellan IDVR; Nan Hachett IDVR

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Alexandra Dominguez, presented the program, "Big Futures", designed to connect high school students and colleges in a customized user format to filter the online experience to find the best college program. Big Futures also offers resources for student financial aid, planning and scholarship opportunities.

Matt Freeman, presented on behalf of the State Board of Education (SBOE) supplemental appropriations impacting the State. Mr. Freeman presented funding information related to the Coronavirus Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSA) and CARES Act funding. The State received a substantial funding, of which \$18 million was allocated for student financial aid. The balance went to educational institutions for coronavirus relief, distributed as on the flow charts (See Attachment 1), "CARES Act Funding 2020" and "Coronavirus Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA ACT)". The State received a substantially larger funding from the federal stimulus package, of which funds were distributed to create a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee (JFAC), Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER), Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II), Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund II (GEER II). Mr. Freeman answered committee questions related to how the programs monitor funding. Mr. Freeman referenced the spreadsheet (See Attachment 2), "Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee FY2021 Supplemental Appropriations - Governor's Recommendations" when answering committee questions.

Clay Long administrator of the Idaho Division of Career-Technical Education, discussed one-time financial distributions made to improve technical capabilities, equipment replacement, upgrades and expansion. He stated the institutions who received funds retained ownership of the newly-acquired technology. Mr. Long answered questions from the committee.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

DOCKET NO. 47-0101-2001: **Vice Chairman Kerby** opened discussion on **Docket No. 47-0101-2001**. **Tracie Bent**, State Board of Education Policy Director, presented information regarding the program which includes long-term employment support services. She stated the federal Vocational Rehabilitation Program covers extended long-term services through Medicaid for only nine percent of the individuals in the program. Ms. Bent answered committee questions and read through details of the Administrative Rule.

Teresa Pitt, Planning & Evaluation manager at the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, presented how individuals qualify for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Ms. Pitt answered committee questions.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 47-0101-2001**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary