

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	
	Overview of Administrative Rules Review	Vice Chairman Kerby
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 am	

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." -Robert Frost

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt
GUESTS: None

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

Committee members introduced themselves. **Vice Chairman Kerby** provided an overview of the Administrative Rules Review to be covered at the next two meetings. **Chairman Clow** confirmed there would be no meeting on Friday, January 15th, 2021.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
08-0201-2001	Rules Governing Administration (FTE Enrollment Reporting)	Tracie Bent Chief Planning and Policy Officer Idaho State Board of Education
08-0501-2001	Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification (Chapter Repeal)	Tracie Bent
08-0201-2101	Discussion of Temporary Enrollment Rule	Tracie Bent
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 am	

"Find your voice and inspire others to find theirs."
- Dr. Stephen Covey

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Matt Freeman, Julie Oberle, Tracie Bent

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

Chairman Clow turned over the gavel to **Vice Chairman Kerby** to introduce the Administrative Rules

**DOCKET NO.
08-0201-2101:** **Vice Chairman Kerby** stated the docket is a temporary rule and introduced **Tracie Bent**, staff member from the State Board of Education (SBOE). Ms. Bent defined temporary rules, pending and proposed rules, how the public participates in the rule making process with the SBOE. Committee members inquired how to amend pending rules, Ms. Bent explained the legislature may only accept or reject Administrative Rules in part or in whole. Ms. Bent also stated fee rules must be fully accepted by both the Senate and House. She referenced the SBOE's public outreach, advertising and the inclusion of educational organizations when rules are created.

Matt Freeman, staff member with the SBOE, was introduced and provided an overview of the previous session's work to provide funding the schools during the pandemic and how the temporary rule was created in August 2020. **Vice Chairman Kerby** asked for clarification from Mr. Freeman for what options exist to address the temporary rule legislatively. He stated the SBOE can create another temporary rule to pay schools for the remainder of this year if the legislature does not act.

Julie Oberle from **Superintendent Ybarra's** office was introduced and provided background information of the current situation with FTE of more units than expected. She explained this amounted to a roughly \$18 million negative fiscal impact for 2021, which can be shifted from the discretionary fund. Ms. Oberle explained that funding based on enrollment is always expected to be higher than ADA. She stated schools are receiving 100% of funds for every student engaged, school budgets were set in spring 2020 and contracts were offered anticipating the 5% holdback, she recommends keeping the temporary rule.

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Clow**, who put the Committee at ease at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Clow called the meeting back to order at 10:26 a.m. and turned the gavel back to **Vice Chairman Kerby** for Administrative Rules Review.

Julie Oberle stated **Superintendent Ybarra** supported the temporary funding rule and the current funding model which was used for this current school year. She explained the provision in Statute 33-1003A for schools when they are closed or open with low attendance under certain circumstances, the board of trustees can use ADA the same as when they are in session and attendance wasn't impacted.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Representative Kerby
Vice Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
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Room EW41
Thursday, January 14, 2021

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08-0202-2002	Rules Governing Uniformity (Educator Certification)	Tracie Bent
47-0101-2001	Rules Governing Vocational Rehabilitation Services (New Chapter)	Tracie Bent
08-0000-2000F	Omnibus Fee Rule, includes: • 08.01.11 – Registration of Postsecondary Educational Institutions and Proprietary Schools • 08.02.02 – Rules Governing Uniformity • 08.02.03 – Rules Governing Thoroughness	Tracie Bent
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"We learn not for school but for life." -Latin Phrase

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Debbie Critchfield, Tracie Bent

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

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby** for Administrative Rules Review.

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**DOCKET NO. 08-0201-2001
AND
DOCKET NO. 08-0201-2101** **Debbie Critchfield** with the State Board of Education (SBOE) who presented an overview of how the SBOE arrived at the currently active temporary rule created in 2020. She suggested in person, hybrid and online had been evaluated but ultimately the SBOE decided enrollment was the most effective manner with which to calculate funding. **Chairman Clow** inquired as to whether the SBOE would be submitting any new pending rules or if the SBOE would expect the legislature to make changes, to which Ms. Critchfield replied there are no new pending rules. Ms. Critchfield answered Committee questions about similarities and differences between the temporary and pending Administrative Rules.

Tracie Bent with the SBOE answered Committee questions regarding how school report attendance, how student dual enrollment is calculated, and how much time is required for a student to be considered enrolled. Ms. Bent discussed an edit to the GED section of the Pending Administrative Rules.

DOCKET NO. 08-0501-2001 **Tracie Bent** discussed the chapter removal from the Administrative Rules.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Representative Kerby
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ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

"Every enterprise requires commitment to common goals and shared values. Without such commitment there is no enterprise; only a mob." - Peter Drucker

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PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives DeMordaunt, Ehardt
GUESTS: Tracie Bent, Theresa Pitt

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Chairman Clow stated remote public testimony will be taken under certain conditions once the technology is available.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Kerby** for Administrative Rules Review.

DOCKET NO. 08-0201-2001: **Vice Chairman Kerby** introduced proposed rule **Docket No. 08-0201-2001**. **Rep. Marshall** and **Rep. Shepherd** expressed concern about the complexity of FTE funding calculations. **Rep. Marshall** wants the language to be more straightforward and to know more about the financial ramifications.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to hold the decision on **Docket No. 08-0201-2001** until time certain February 3rd, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0501-2001: **Vice Chairman Kerby** introduced proposed **Docket No. 08-0501-2001** was discussed in the Committee meetings held on January 13th and 14th, 2021.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0501-2001**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-2002: **Vice Chairman Kerby** continued the rules process review with **Tracie Bent** who explained the technical corrections to the Administrative Rules within the Degree Based Technical Certification and Industry-Based Occupational Specialist Certificate, and Professional Endorsement.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0202-2002**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 47-0101-2001: **Tracie Bent** explained the need for the Administrative Rule change and answered committee questions. **Theresa Pitt** Planning and Evaluation Manager at the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provided an overview of the federal VR program, whose goal is long-term employment, and competitive, integrated employment. She stated when some individuals require extended services, Medicaid can fund VR services. Ms. Pitt answered Committee questions.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 47-0101-2001**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a substitute motion to recommend the full committee hold the decision on **Docket No. 47-0101-2001** at the call of the Chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0000-2000F: **Tracie Bent** discussed pending fee rule **Docket No. 08-0000-2000F**, she explained there were no fee changes to, proprietary schools registration fees, certification fees, renewal certificates, alternate route, replacement certificate, which fund the operations of Professional Standards Commission. Curricular selection and online course review fees also have not changed. She stated there is no change to the fees but they must be approved every two years after renegotiating. Ms. Bent answered Committee questions and clarified either the House or the Senate can approve Administrative Rules, however Fee Rules must be approved by both the House and the Senate. **Maggie Goff** from District 13 provided public testimony about not taking any money from the federal government.

MOTION: **Representative Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0000-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

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

Representative Kerby
Vice Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Advanced Opportunities Report	Eric Studebaker
	JFAC Requested Report on the Various Student Behavior Health Initiatives	Eric Studebaker
	Mastery Base Education Initiative	Aaron McKinnon
	Discussion - Future Remote Public Testimony Opportunities	
ADJOURN:	No later than 10:50 a.m.	
	"True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character." David O. McKay	

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PLACE: Room EW41

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Ehardt, Rep. McCrostie

GUESTS: Karlynn Laraway, SDE; Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Tim McMurtrey, SDE; Dr. Eric Studebaker, SDE; Aaron Mckinnon, SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 14th, and 18th, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendant of Communications & Policy, State Department of Education, introduced herself and her team including the two speakers who would be presenting today.

Dr. Eric Studebaker, Director of Student Engagement and Safety Coordination, State Department of Education, presented the Advanced Opportunities Report. He explained how Advanced Opportunities in Idaho Education includes, but is not limited to, dual credit, course overload, A.P. testing, and C.T.E. workforce exams. He discussed the changes in participation in these programs over the past two years. Furthermore, he explained the demographics of the students participating, how the A.O. money is utilized for these different programs, as well as 2021 preliminary information.

In response to committee questions about validity of dual credits, **Dr. Studebaker** discussed how dual credit courses earned in Idaho high schools are always accepted by Idaho public colleges.

In response to committee questions about consistency between high schools administering these programs in regard to both teaching and advising, **Dr. Studebaker** explained they are operating under best practices and dual credit courses are delivered based on national standards. He pointed out their virtual training conference this year had more attendees than previous years.

Rep. Berch asked if there was data on how many high school students completing dual credit have graduated college. **Dr. Studebaker** answered explaining the State Board of Education is working on an updated report including success rates, grades, transfer credits, and graduation rates of A.O. students.

Dr. Studebaker then gave a presentation on the Various Student Behavior Initiatives. This presentation covered demographics, types of services offered and how they are funded, perceptions of efficiency barriers and impact, and next steps for the State Dept. of Education.

The committee voiced concern regarding if the data presented was from surveys and asked if there was any qualitative data. **Dr. Studebaker** discussed how the state does not have qualitative data reported, but it could be accessible at the local level.

Aaron Mckinnon, Coordinator for Master-Based Education, State Department of Education, presented the Master Base Education Initiative Report. He discussed the grants available to both exploring and practicing schools, the numbers of new cohorts, the staging guide for mastery education, and college and career readiness. He concluded his presentation by explaining the next steps for the program.

In response to committee questions about the number of schools participating and the amount of funds allotted for the program **Mr. Mckinnon** explained there are multiple cohorts of schools participating and some schools are part of multiple cohorts. He discussed how they predicted growth for this year, but saw even higher growth than expected. **Deputy Superintendent Whitney** clarified the money given to these schools for this program is start-up money, and some of the schools from the first cohort have now worked the program into their budget and no longer receive grant money, as is the intention for all participating schools.

In response to committee questions about grading in a mastery based education program, **Mr. Mckinnon** explained that a pillar of this model of instruction is student involvement, and that while some institutions run mastery-based learning on a traditional grading scale, other schools allow teachers and students to work together to decide what level of mastery needs to be reached.

Rep. DeMordaunt urged the committee members to check out the State Board of Education Website for additional information about the presentations they saw today, specifically relating to C.T.E. exams.

Chairman Clow informed the committee of the current information regarding remote testimony for this legislative session. The committee discussed their concerns and the chairman answered any questions he could.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

Representative Clow
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	School Finance 101 - The Distribution of Educational Funds	Julie Oberle
<u>RS28281:</u>	Public Charter School Funding	Suzanne Budge
ADJOURN:	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.” - Alexander the Great

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, Berch, Toone, McCrostie, Ehardt

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Suzanne Budge, STRIDE; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer SBOE; Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Karlynn Laraway, Communications Director SDE; Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

RS 28281: **Chairman Clow** introduced the proposed legislation. **Suzanne Budge** discussed the urgent need for the **RS 28281**. She stated the demand for virtual charter schools in 2020 grew much more than expected due to the pandemic. The schools were recently advised by the State Department of Education that the funds for 5,600 students could not be paid unless the current code can be amended, removing the 30 unit cap language in Idaho Code 33-5208 which specifically caps the unit growth of public charter schools. Ms. Budge clarified the funds are following students from public schools to the virtual school, and have already been allocated towards the virtual schools but cannot be released, per the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) and the State Department of Education (SDE). Chairman Clow clarified the funds were already allocated to the virtual schools but cannot be released until the change has been made. Ms. Budge answered Committee questions.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28281**. **Rep. Yamamoto** and **Rep. Boyle** declared Rule 80, noting conflicts due to personal charter school board participation. **Motion carried by voice vote**.

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

Julie Oberle, Idaho **Superintendent Ybarra's** Director of Finance, conducted a comprehensive presentation regarding how school finance works within the State, how educational funds are distributed, and budget requests are calculated under the current funding models. Ms. Oberle answered Committee questions and provided an overview of this year's proposed changes.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Overview of the Preschool Development Grant	Beth Oppenheimer, Executive Director Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, Alex Labeau, IACI

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

"Without education, we are in a horrible and deadly
danger of taking educated people seriously." -
G.K. Chesterton

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 25, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Beth Oppenheimer, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC); Alex LaBeau, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI) President; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE)

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

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20 and 21.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Beth Oppenheimer, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC) made a presentation of the Federal Preschool Development Grant accomplishments. **Alex LaBeau**, president of Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI) discussed the relationship of preschool availability and positive workforce developments for childbearing age women in Idaho. He also discussed the relationship between preschool availability and the ability for women to seek higher education. He stated forty-eight percent of employees with young children lose an average of 16 days of work annually, which can translate to \$470 million lost due to childcare issues. He stated IACI has conducted their own workforce studies which support the need to expand childcare and early childhood educational opportunities and IAEYC's program.

Ms. Oppenheimer clarified that the term "early childhood education" includes a broad range of types of education, from at home childcare to educational facilities. She stated the grant is based on five activities; statewide needs, statewide strategic plan, maximizing parent knowledge and choice, shared best practices among providers and improved overall quality of early childhood educational programs, providers, and services.

In answer to committee questions regarding the strategic plans developed last year, **Ms. Oppenheimer** clarified that the grant has only been active last year and this year but some have been able to offer programs with IAEYC and community support.

In answer to committee questions regarding what Idaho will have to show after the grant has concluded and if there will be a network that will help future parents, **Ms. Oppenheimer** stated that she expects more parents will have opportunities to send children to preschool, teachers and parents will be better teachers and better connected. She stated communities and companies will be stronger and more connected to benefit children.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

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AGENDA
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HB 22:	Charter School Funding	Chairman Clow, Suzanne Budge, SBS
	Updates from Two-Year College Presidents	Dr. Bert Glandon, CWI, Dr. Rick MacLennan, NIC, Dr. Rick Aman, CEI, Dr. Dean Fisher, CSI
ADJOURN:	No later than 10:50 a.m. "You can never be overdressed or overeducated." Oscar Wilde	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Legislative Advisor Suzanne Budge, STRIDE; Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education (SDE); Kelly Edgington, Head of School at Idaho Virtual Academy; Karen Haines, Leader of Inspire and Empower Charter Schools; College of Southern Idaho President Fisher; College of Western Idaho President Glandon; College of Eastern Idaho President Aman; North Idaho College President MacLennan; Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy SDE

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

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

H 22: **Vice Chairman Kerby** opened discussion regarding **H 22**. **Chairman Clow** stated two virtual charter schools were not going to be fully funded because of a cap on charter school support units. The language of the statute was intended to protect traditional surrounding schools from sudden funding changes, however the pandemic caused a surge in enrollment. The funds for the virtual schools have already been allocated but cannot be released until the correction is made.

Suzanne Budge, representing Idaho Virtual Academy and Inspire and Empower Charter Schools, presented details of the proposed legislation that deletes the clause of code.

Rep. Marshall expressed support for **H 22** and asked if there's been a decrease in the support units at the schools the students left behind. **Julie Oberlee** stated that the support units at the surrounding schools did decrease due to the movement of the students.

Kelly Edgington, Head of School at Idaho Virtual Academy (IDVA) spoke in support of **H 22**. The pandemic directly affected IDVA enrollment; the school accommodated by doubling its staff, unaware of the cap. Without **H 22** the school will experience a financial emergency.

Karen Haines, school leader of Inspire and Empower Charter Schools (IECS) spoke in support of **H 22** to prevent a pandemic-related financial emergency, of which they were just made aware.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 22** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Alan Reed, Charter Commissioner Chairman, testified in support of **H 22**. He reiterated the need to cover the cost of the students that moved from the traditional schools to the virtual schools.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 1 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Toone, Vice Chairman Kerby, Chairman Clow.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep. Berch.** Chairman Clow will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Chairman Clow made a unanimous consent request to extend the meeting to 11:00 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

College of Southern Idaho **President Fisher**, College of Western Idaho **President Glandon**, College of Eastern Idaho **President Amanand**, and North Idaho College **President MacLennan** presented updates of their college programs virtually.

Dr. Glandon expressed relief they didn't have to raise tuition, that property tax revenue is back up to 2009 levels. **Dr. Fisher** expressed that there hasn't been a cost savings by teaching virtually.

Rep. Shepherd asked about dual enrollment credits for high school students who want to earn college credit simultaneously. **Rep. Toone** asked about the cyber security programs and if courses are currently available. **Rep. Ehardt** asked if the community colleges can offer a less expensive quality education, why can't the universities lower their costs.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Four-Year University Updates	
	Boise State University	Dr. Marlene Tromp
	Idaho State University	President Kevin Saterlee
	Lewis-Clark State College	Dr. Cynthia Pemberton
	University of Idaho	President C. Scott Green

ADJOURN: No later than 10:20 a.m.

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” William Arthur Ward

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Idaho State University President Kevin Satterlee, Lewis-Clark State College Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, University of Idaho President C. Scott Green, Boise State University Dr. Marlene Tromp

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

College Presidents provided updates: Idaho State University (ISU) **President Kevin Satterlee** presented the successful budget streamlining implemented in 2020 to compensate for the financial impact of the pandemic. The Higher Education Stabilization Fund is funded by the interest on tuition paid in advance and has been accessed to help cover expenses. He stated ISU has the sixth lowest tuition rate in the nation and keeping it low is a priority. Pres. Satterlee described programs focused on connecting students and industries to ensure graduates are able to locate better jobs. He also outlined cooperative initiatives to help students transition between community colleges and the University. He spoke in support of **Governor Little's** funding recommendations. Pres. Satterlee presented efforts to increase their graduation rate and expand recruitment of local students. He also noted a focus on updating curriculum with industry knowledge to give students a relevant education. .

Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) **Dr. Cynthia Pemberton** presented information about LCSC's commitment to low tuition rates due to the high rate of student loan borrowers. Dr. Pemberton stated LCSC enrollment had not declined but that preparations are in place in the event that a reduction occurs. Dual enrollment partnerships with CEI and other institutions. She stated she supports **Governor Little's** financial recommendations. LCSC offers the most online Bachelor's degrees in Idaho, aimed at working adults. She stated the retention rate, graduation rate and first-year employment rates were all rising in the ninety percentile range. Dr. Pemberton presented the success LCSC's certificate programs demonstrating industry competence, success with learning to earning. She presented streamlined budget decisions instituted to weather the pandemic but cautioned they cannot be sustained permanently.

University of Idaho (UI) **President C. Scott Green** presented agricultural programs designed to connect students and the industry. UI offers research through grants, testing and evaluation services for multiple agricultural companies. UI curriculum includes industry technology for graduates to be prepared for immediate employment. The pandemic required UI to adjust programs and budgets to continue to accommodate students while operating with fewer resources. UI is focused on the strategic priorities of increasing enrollment while keeping tuition affordable. He stated they've increased technology and research capabilities to promote virtual learning. Pres. Green said in answer to committee questions regarding how opposing world views are addressed, UI is focused on reducing barriers and maintains a diverse faculty in a moderate community who engage in constructive conversations.

Boise State University (BSU) **Dr. Marlene Tromp** presented virtually collaborations between businesses and the new cyber-security program, which is offered fully online to reach rural residents. She stated the demand increased for online classes last year but that they are open for responsible in-person instruction as well. She introduced a Free Speech project designed to bring multiple ideologies to discussion. In answer to Committee questions regarding Critical Race Theory being covered in required classes for freshman and political divisiveness on campus surrounding elections, Dr. Tromp answered that they have programs to promote healthy political dialog.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Chairman Clow made a unanimous consent request to extend the meeting to 10:25 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

Chairman Clow asked all of the university leaders to collaborate at their next monthly meeting on veteran education and bringing local students back to Idaho at in-state tuition rates.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, January 28, 2021

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DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	"Big Futures", Virtual College Fair for High School Students	Alexandra Dominguez, The College Board
	Supplemental Appropriations Impacting the State Board of Education	Matt Freeman, State Board of Education
47-0101-2001	Administrative Rule Discussion	Tracie Bent

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

"The principle goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done; men and women who are creative, inventive and discoverers, who can be critical and verify, and not accept, everything they are offered." Jean Piaget

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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

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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, January 29, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS28329</u>	Presentation: Teacher of the Year Jorge Pulleiro K-12 School Closure Due to Contagious Disease	Superintendent Ybarra Rep. DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Kerby
<u>RS28331</u>	Higher Education Closure Due to Contagious Disease	Vice Chairman Kerby, Rep. DeMordaunt
<u>RS28337</u>	Streamlining Education, Reducing Bureaucracy	Vice Chairman Kerby, Senator Lent
<u>RS28293</u>	Professional Certification	Rep. Furniss

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

"What is a teacher? I'll tell you: it isn't someone who teaches something, but someone who inspires the student to give of her best in order to discover what she already knows." - Paulo Coelho

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MINUTES
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DATE: Friday, January 29, 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: Idaho State Superintendent Sherri Ybarra; Teacher of the Year Jorge Pulleiro; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer SBOE, Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Karlynn Laraway, Communications Director SDE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations SDE

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

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25 and 26, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Superintendent Ybarra introduced the 2021 Teacher of the Year, **Jorge Pulleiro** from Blaine County.

Jorge Pulleiro accepted the award and offered a moving speech. Mr. Pulleiro answered Committee questions and accepted their congratulations.

RS 28329: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **RS 28329** which makes K - 12 school closure the responsibility of the Board of Trustees which governs the school.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to introduce **RS 28329**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28331: **Vice Chairman Kerby** presented **RS 28331** which makes higher education school closure the responsibility of the Board of Trustees which governs the school.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28331**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28337: **Vice Chairman Kerby** presented **RS 28337** which streamlines the teacher performance goal process, creates a Committee of stakeholder groups to oversee school goals, reducing bureaucracy.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28337**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no new business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 01, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	2020 Supplemental Appropriations and Building Idaho's Future Initiative	Greg Wilson, Gubernatorial Senior Policy Advisor for Education, and Alex Adams, Administrator, Division of Financial Management

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day." - Albert Einstein

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 01, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Greg Wilson, Gubernatorial Senior Policy Advisor for Education; Alex Adams, Administrator of the Division of Financial Management; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer SBOE; Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Julie Oberle Chief Financial Officer SDE

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

Alex Adams, Administrator of the Division of Financial Management, introduced Building Idaho's Future Plan and how it relates to the budget surplus. He stated when the pandemic hit, revenue expectations were reduced and surplus became a large deficit. In budgetary response, hiring and spending freezes cut costs, budgets were reduced by 5%, federal and rainy day funds were approved for use. Federal coronavirus relief funds, plus revenue due to the State's economic rebound, aided in the recovery of educational funds. Mr. Adams answered Committee questions.

Greg Wilson, Gubernatorial Senior Policy Advisor for Education, introduced Building Idaho's Future Plan related to K-12 Education, Building Idaho's Future Investment Package which includes a \$20 million one-time infusion for early education literacy, currently focused on the post-pandemic return to schools. He stated early literacy is a priority in the Governor's Office and is distributed based on individual eligibility. Summer reading programs are also covered by the one-time infusion. The State Board of Education is currently reviewing the proposals and high quality programs. Once the plans are approved, the program will be sent to the schools and subsequently families. Trying to eliminate any achievement gap by teaching students to be proficient readers by the end of 3rd grade. Mr. Wilson answered Committee questions describing a collaborative effort between the stakeholders and the Governor's Office to ensure each LEA receives funding. Mr. Wilson answered Committee questions stating the program is aimed towards at-risk students in elementary and secondary schools.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 02, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho State Department of Education, Non-Cognizable and Supplemental Appropriations Related to Federal COVID Relief Funds	Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy Louie Konkol Chief Financial Officer Karen Seay Director of Federal Programs Julie Oberle Chief Financial Officer Public School Finance Lisa Colon-Durham Director of Certification and Professional Standards Alayna Knop English Language Arts Coordinator

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the
lifelong attempt to acquire it." - Albert Einstein

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 02, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Ehardt, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** none

GUESTS: Sherri Ybarra, Idaho Superintendent, Marilyn Whitney, Idaho Deputy Superintendent, Louie Konkol, Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) Chief Financial Officer, Karen Seay, Director of Federal Programs, Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer Public School Finance, Lisa Colon-Durham Director of Certification and Professional Standards, Alayna Knop, English Language Arts Coordinator.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 28 and 29, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Marilyn Whitney, Idaho Deputy Superintendent, presented changes that were made to accommodate technology and support student nutritional needs during the pandemic lock-down. Ms. Whitney provided an overview of the presentation on non-cognizable and supplemental appropriations related to federal COVID-19 relief funds, how the federal funds were acquired and are being used effectively, and what's being done to promote academic recovery, close the digital divide and subsequent achievement gap, and social and emotional support for students. Ms. Whitney answered Committee questions.

Louie Konkol, Idaho State Department of Education Chief Financial Officer, presented where the federal funds for the CARES fund originated, and State program distributions. CARES funds originated in the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Agriculture, and have been distributed through: CARES Coronavirus Relief program (CFAC), CARES ESSER I, and CARES Child Nutrition State Grant. He reviewed funds that were received and went unspent during 2020, which went unspent until 2021. Mr. Konkol answered Committee questions. **Rep. Boyle** asked about the funds earmarked for Social and Emotional Learning.

Karen Seay, Director of Federal Programs for the SDE, presented federal grant CARES Coronavirus Relief program (CFAC) and their specific uses; Special Distribution for coronavirus, technology, blended learning, child nutrition, oversight and their distribution. She stated ESSER funds come from the U.S. Department of Education and have fewer restrictions. She also stated her department also oversees CRRSAA ESSER II. Ms. Seay answered Committee questions. **Ms. Whitney** answered that some of the federal funds were able to be used toward covering the increased salary expenditures.

Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer Public School Finance, reviewed the distribution of 2021 discretionary funds, revisions being made at the Governor's State of the State request, much of which is allocated to cover educator salaries and benefits. Adjustments were made for increased Full Time Enrollment (FTE) reported by schools. Budget worksheets are typically shared with the Legislative Services Office. Ms. Oberle answered Committee questions. **Ms. Whitney** confirmed there was some flexibility in ESSER allowable uses. Ms. Oberle confirmed funds schools received for salaries were paid out completely, some in excess of the appropriation.

Lisa Colon-Durham, Director of Certification and Professional Standards, presented a summary of the Idaho Educator Preparation for Literacy and Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Standards. Current Standards I, II, III, and IV were created during the 2015-2017 development and are updated annually. She presented current and ongoing educator standards including a new certification in early literacy proficiency.

Alayna Knop, English Language Arts Coordinator, discussed the collaborative leadership focused on developing professional educators, instruction and intervention. Ms. Knop discussed assessment and data analytics in comparison to what other states have successfully implemented to improve early literacy in students who have experienced learning loss. The Idaho Teaching & Learning Community Office is focused on educator improvement, school and family outreach. Ms. Knop answered Committee questions regarding the origination of learning loss statistics. **Ms. Colon-Durham** answered Committee questions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 03, 2021

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DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>08-0201-2001</u>	Rules Governing Administration (FTE Enrollment Reporting)	Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

“Ignorance is ultimately the worst enemy of a people who want to be free.” - Jonathan Hennessey

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 03, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote.
Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby.**

**DOCKET NO.
08-0201-2001:** **Vice Chairman Kerby** introduced discussion regarding **Docket No. 08-0201-2001**, clarifying it is the parallel enrollment language for how schools count students for data purposes. He also discussed the sections of the Administrative Rule which the Senate Education Committee did not accept and which were approved. **Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer** answered Committee questions regarding the sections not approved by the Senate, she stated they wanted to be sure there was no expansion of online learning, while it's still allowable by Statute. Ms. Bent answered Committee questions that changes to the rule affect the next school year and she stated the rule would not prevent the expansion of virtual education. She stated the current school year is operating under the temporary rules, the proposed rule change aligns the rules with Statute. Ms. Bent stated the rule is establishing an alternative, parallel method to calculate attendance for reporting purposes only.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0201-2001** with the exception of Section 250 Subsections 01, 04, and 05. **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 9:38 a.m.

Representative Kerby
Vice Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

JOINT AGENDA
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 AND
 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
 3:00 P.M.
 Lincoln Auditorium
 Thursday, February 04, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Opening Statements:	Chairman Clow, Chair of the House Education Committee, Chairman Thayn, Senate Education Committee
	Presentation: Introductions	Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy, State Department of Education
	Presentation: English Language Art Interim Committee Recap	Mary Spiker, Teacher, Whitney Wagoner, District Instructional Coach
	Presentation: Science Interim Committee Recap	Lex Godfrey, Science Teacher, Jeff Macare, Community Member
	Presentation: Math Interim Committee Recap	Kenn Roberts, Community Member, Kelli Rich, District Instructional Coach
	"The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the legislature of Idaho, to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools." - Anonymous	

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MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, February 04, 2021

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium

MEMBERS: House Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

Senate Chairman Thayn, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Den Hartog, Woodward, Lent, Johnson, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nelson

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy at Idaho State Department of Education (SDE); Greg Wilson, Governor's Office Senior Policy Advisor; Mary Spiker, Teacher; Whitney Wagoner, District Instructional Coach; Lex Godfrey, Science Teacher; Jeff Macare, Community Member; Kenn Roberts, Community Member; Dr. Kelli Rich, Nampa School District Instructional Coach; Karlynn Laraway, Communications Director SDE; Ryan Cantrell, IR Schools Association; Cathy Beals SDE; Alayna Knop SDE; Todd Driver Director of Content and Curriculum SDE; Lynn Laird, citizen; Monica Miller, citizen; Sophie Burgess, citizens; Jasmine Vega, citizen; Viko Lortra, citizen; Madeleine Curtright, citizen; Brian Myrick, Idaho Press Reporter; Larry Sinclair, citizen

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy at Idaho State Department of Education, provided an overview of the committee working groups reviewing existing standards and proposed drafts of new standards.

Jacob Williams, Montana and Idaho State Service Manager Region 17, provided an overview of how he facilitated and coordinated the working groups.

Mary Spiker, teacher representative for the English Language Art Interim Committee and ELA/Literacy K-2 Subcommittee, provided a recap of the progress made comparing and contrasting between English Language Art standards in Idaho and in other states. She stated that the process is expected to take two full years.

Whitney Wagoner, Jefferson Joint School District instructional coach, discussed the process in the English Language Art Interim Committee and ELA/Literacy 6-8 Subcommittee that began in June 2020, which evaluated and refined the standards with a goal to provide a road map for teachers and students.

Chairman Thayn of the Senate Education Committee answered Committee questions that standards reviewed by the English Language Art Interim Committee and the ELA/Literacy 6-8 Subcommittee which were retained were agreed upon by active teachers and standards replaced were recommended to be replaced by active teachers.

Rep. Marshall, who served on the English Language Art Interim Committee and the ELA/Literacy 9-12, discussed Idaho's Literacy Plan and recommended the skills contained in the plan be implemented as they are written. He stated many of the current standards need more refinement.

Rep. McCrostie discussed the work he performed on the English Language Art Interim Committee and ELA/Literacy 3-5, and prefers to reduce the number of standards and keep standards that are uniform when compared with multiple other states.

Lex Godfrey, Science Teacher, stated that his work on the Science Interim Committee and K-12 Physical Science Subcommittee covered a broad subject which needed to be divided and considered from the perspective of new educators.

Jeff Macare, member of the Science Interim Committee and Science K-2 Subcommittee, made a statement about the need to have a cohesive plan while clarifying the language within the science standards.

Rep. Toone stated she worked on the Science Interim Committee and Science K-2 Subcommittee that took streamlined standards and removed repetitive language.

Rep. Moon, who participated in the Science Interim Committee and Science 6-12 Earth & Science Subcommittee, stated the work was difficult because it was important to identify and remove political language from the standards.

Sen. DenHartog, who worked on the Science Interim Committee and Science 3-5 Subcommittee, stated recommendations were very collaborative.

Rep. Wisniewski worked on the Science Interim Committee and 6-12 Physical Science Subcommittee stated a request was made to remove political language and be certain age-appropriate material was included in the standards.

Kenn Roberts worked on the Math Interim Committee and Mathematics 6-8 Subcommittee, discussed the multiple states they used as a basis of comparison and why they were superior. They chose not to refine standards that they felt didn't work but to write new standards that have been proven successful in other states.

Dr. Kelli Rich, Nampa School District instructor who worked on the Math Interim Committee and Mathematics 6-8 and Mathematics 3-5 Subcommittees discussed the current draft standards and revisions by grade, written to increase fluency and strength between the grades.

Vice Chairman Kerby, who served on the Math Interim Committee and Mathematics 6-8 Subcommittee, emphasized the benefits of the newly defined mastery standards. **Dr. Rich** also provided a plan for educators of how to teach each of the new standards. Vice Chairman Kerby congratulated the people who worked on the committees to refine the standards.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committees, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, February 05, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Presentation: Public School Budgets https://legislature.idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/lbb/	Jared Tatro, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office, Janet Jessup, Budget & Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office

ADJOURN: No later than 10:50 a.m.

“Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people can be engaged in.”-
Abraham Lincoln

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 05, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jared Tatro, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office; Janet Jessup, Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office; Julie Oberle Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education (SDE); Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2 and 3, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Jared Tatro, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst for the Legislative Services Office, presented an accounting of the current K-12 Public Schools Budget as approved by the Governor's Office. In 2020, the Public Education Stabilization Fund (PESF) was needed until the CARES Act provided federal funds. A priority of the current proposed budget is to restore the increases to the educator career ladder without moving funds from PESF. In answer to Committee questions, **Julie Oberle**, Chief Financial Officer State Department of Education, clarified the schools should be increasing salaries and her department will have data when annual reports are received. In answer to Committee questions, Mr. Tatro clarified the law allows career ladder benefits and salary apportionments to be distributed by the school districts at their discretion. He stated adjustments were made to lower the budget in anticipation of an economic downturn, however the local economy increased.

Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy at Idaho State Department of Education confirmed school districts could use federal funds to reimburse themselves. **Mr. Tatro** confirmed the Governor's Office recommendation is aligned with **Superintendent Ybarra's** request and they have planned for an increase in support units. In answer to Committee questions, Ms. Whitney indicated federal reimbursement dollars could not be used for previously budgeted items.

Janet Jessup, Budget and Policy Analyst with the Legislative Services Office, discussed the budget for higher education and the updated Governor's Office recommendations. Ms. Jessup stated there was a 5% budget reductions for all schools last year, with the exception the budget for the medical school at the University of Idaho with a 2.5% reduction. WWAMI is the UW School of Medicine's one-of-a-kind, multi-state medical education program. The acronym, WWAMI, are the states served by the UW School of Medicine: Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. The WWAMI program is one of the cooperative agreements created to offer dental, veterinary and medical classes for Idaho university students and they could not reduce its budget by more than 2.5%. Ms. Jessup discussed the reorganization and changes to the Division of Career and Technical Education

and provided instruction to the Committee on breaking down the Legislative Budget Book by benchmarks.

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

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 08, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28367	In-Person Instruction	Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy at Idaho State Department of Education
RS28293C1	Teacher Certification	Rep. Furniss, Quinn Perry, Policy & Government Affairs Director · Idaho School Boards Association
H 67	School Closure K-12	Rep. DeMordaunt
H 68	School Closure Higher Education	Rep. Kerby
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	
	“The difference between school and life? In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.” - Tom Bodett	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 08, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sherri Ybarra; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent Communications and Policy, Idaho State Department of Education (SDE); Quinn Perry, Policy & Government Affairs Director, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA), Community member Kathy Dawes; Ryan Cantrell, Idaho Rural Schools Association (IRSA); Cole Cantrell IRSA; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer SBOE

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

RS 28367: Superintendent **Sherri Ybarra** introduced **RS 28367**, requesting support for providing school districts with the authority to respond to pandemics at the local level. Deputy Superintendent **Marilyn Whitney** requested the Committee introduce the legislation to provide the school districts with the ability to best serve the students for which they're responsible. Ms. Whitney indicated the language of the proposed legislation intentionally defined modalities of instruction to avoid the unintended consequences of misinterpretation.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28367**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 28367** with the exception of page 1 line 27 - 30, page 2 line 12, removing the words "responsible citizenship".

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made an amended substitute motion to return **RS 28367** to the sponsor for corrections.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Amended substitute motion carried by a roll call vote of 14 AYE and 0 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Toone, Chairman Clow. Rep. Berch was absent/excused.**

RS 28293C1: **Quinn Perry** with the Idaho School Boards Association presented **RS 28293C1**, requesting support for the proposed legislation addressing teacher certification clarification to the State statute.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28293C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 67: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **H 67** which would allow the local school board to determine how a school responds to a contagious or infectious disease. Community member **Kathy Dawes** testified remotely in opposition to the bill. Rep. DeMordaunt and **Vice Chairman Kerby** answered Committee questions concerning broad school closure decisions made although individual schools were affected differently. Committee members expressed concern some health boards have less local representation in contrast with the local school boards and questioned the constitutionality of experts making decisions instead of officials elected to represent citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 67** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** and **Rep. Berch** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 68: **Vice Chairman Kerby** introduced **H 68** which would allow the college or university board of the educational organization to determine how a school responds to a contagious or infectious disease. Vice Chairman Kerby answered Committee questions.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 68** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie, Rep. Toone,** and **Rep. Berch** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Vice Chairman Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Representative Clow
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Christine Reynolds
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 09, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28212	Higher Education Fee Opt-out	Rep. Yamamoto
H 69	Streamlining	Vice Chairman Kerby
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

"Education: the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty." - Mark Twain

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 09, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Board President Debbie Critchfield, State Board of Education; Sherri Ybarra, Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Matt Freeman Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBOE); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer (SBOE); Senator Dave Lent, District 33; Layne McInelly, President of Idaho Education Association (IEA); Ryan Cantrell, Idaho Rural Schools Association (IRSA); Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN); Misty Swanson, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Quinn Perry ISBA; Matt Compton, Idaho Education Association; Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Karlynn Laraway, Communications Director SDE; Greg Wilson, Governor's Office Senior Policy Advisor; Matt Freeman, Executive Director SBOE

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

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

RS 28212: **Rep. Yamamoto** presented **RS 28212** which limits the fees organizations who offer higher education classes can charge. The proposed legislation would allow students to opt-out of non-required fees. **Chairman Clow** discussed concern about the rising cost of higher education and supports the proposal because it enhances the right of the student to choose how funds are spent.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28212**.

Rep. Yamamoto answered Committee questions regarding the breakdown of student fees and legislative implementation. In answer to Committee questions, SBOE Executive Director **Matt Freeman** stated the fees are currently mandatory but rules would be created by the State Board of Education in order to differentiate which fees can be opted out by students.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to call for the previous question. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

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

H 69: **Vice Chairman Kerby** presented **H 69** to streamline the effectiveness of education with access to funds to be based on results. Performance certificates could be used in lieu of continuous improvement plans because they demonstrate improvement. School would be required to share literacy goals and outcomes with an Advisory Council created by the State Board of Education, which would measure whether schools are meeting performance goals.

Superintendent Ybarra spoke **in support** of the legislation, stating the need to immediately address the current student learning loss and strengthen professional development. In answer to Committee questions, she stated her office is examining assessment data and the widening group of at-risk students, with special attention toward strategic planning for the types of services they anticipate students will require post-pandemic.

Misty Swanson ISBA spoke **in support** of the legislation to support the professional development efforts for the large group of administrators represented by ISBA.

Ryan Cantrell of IRSA and **Blake Youde** of the ICSN spoke **in support** of the bill because it demonstrates the strength of educational choice. Mr. Youde stated the legislation will heighten the examination of student achievement and growth through increased scrutiny of school performance.

Layne McInelly of the IEA spoke **in support** of the legislation, noting the lengthy development of the legislation to address multiple issues and benefit all levels of education. **Sen. Lent** answered Committee questions, describing the proposed legislation as an accelerated version of other plans meant to improve educational standards and student achievement.

President Critchfield stated the SBOE is discussing assessments and how to best address the pandemic-related learning loss and growing number of at-risk students, lending her individual support to the proposed legislation.

In answer to Committee questions, **Vice Chairman Kerby** stated a school will submit a report which lists its goals, the tools used, and its students' achievement. He stated the legislation will increase much needed accountability without bureaucracy.

Sen. Lent discussed the Advisory Committee and the frequency of system evaluation. He confirmed charter schools would be held to the same performance standards. **Sen. Lent** spoke about the value of the standards and the vertical alignment of the proposal.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 69** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 69** in Committee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to extend adjournment to 10:55 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to extend adjournment to 11:00 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

ADJOURN: Due to time constraints, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 69	Continued Discussion	Vice Chairman Kerby
S 1006	Literacy Intervention Consolidation	Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer Idaho State Board of Education
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

"There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder." – Ronald Reagan

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 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
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 5 and 8, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
H 69: **Rep. Kerby** announced that he would make changes as requested by the Committee and reintroduce the legislation.
MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to **HOLD H 69** in Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
S 1006: **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, stated that the bill is not ready to be presented.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
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AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 11, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	WWAMI Education Program at the University of Idaho	Dr. Mary Barinaga, University of Washington School of Medicine, Jeff Seegmiller, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m. The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr	

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Ehardt

GUESTS: Dr. Mary Barinaga, University of Washington School of Medicine; Jeff Seegmiller, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, University of Washington; Matt Freeman, Executive Director for the Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, SBOE.

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

Dr. Mary Barinaga, University of Washington School of Medicine presented the cooperative public education program for students from Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI). The program offers clinical rotations between multiple types of medical facilities during the four-year instructional period. Integrated specialties are offered after the first eighteen months. Residency is offered in only three areas within Idaho, forcing many students to leave the state to fulfill their residency requirements.

Dr. Barinaga answered Committee questions regarding student and practitioner retention efforts and the current doctor shortage in Idaho. WWAMI ten-year goals include serving Idaho citizens by increasing the percentage of doctors per capita. In 2021, there were 207 Idaho applicants, 170 completed second application, 111 received an interview, 40 positions were filled in WWAMI, and 10 were filled at the University of Utah Medical School.

Jeff Seegmiller, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, University of Washington, discussed the student data tracking, the amount of students who stay within the program through graduation, and students who become practitioners in the WWAMI states. Data has been collected for the past forty years. Part of the program, Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO), connects a panel of experts with rural clinicians to provide better care for rural patients.

Matt Freeman Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education, stated the State buys 40 seats a year in order to keep the tuition at the in-state tuition rate level for the University of Washington program. The State also purchases 10 seats at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, February 12, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Career Technical Education and Pandemic Impacts	Clay Long, Idaho Career and Technical Education Administrator
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

“A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.” — Nelson Mandela

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 12, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone, DeMordaunt

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Dr. Clay Long, State Administrator Idaho Career Technical Education (CTE); Dona Orr CTE; Heather Luchte CTE; Wendi Secrist CTE Executive Director Idaho Workforce Development; Gina Cabrera CTE Federal Grant Coordinator; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations State Department of Education.

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

Dr. Clay Long, State Administrator Idaho Career Technical Education (CTE), presented the 2020 Annual Report. The program expanded its access, restructured its divisions, and improved its educator pipeline. CTE received funding from the COVID emergency fund in 2020 in order to provide online instruction, train instructors, and hire additional instructors.

Gina Cabrera, Federal Grant Coordinator, manages a new federal apprenticeship grant and coordinates with community colleges preparing students for the workforce.

In answer to Committee questions, **Dr. Long** stated the program does offer industry certification to be used in the workforce. There are also levels of advanced competency available to students. Apprenticeships are available through the federal grant, disbursed and managed by region, which he anticipates to increase. Participants in the CTE program have a 94% graduation rate, in contrast to the approximately 85% State graduation rate.

Chairman Clow asked the Representatives from the rural districts to reach out to their constituents for feedback as to what CTE would benefit them the most.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 15, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28174	School Boards, Local Education Organizations	Rep. Moon
RS28367C1	In-Person Instruction	Sherri Ybarra, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy, Idaho state Department of Education
RS28336	School Safety & Security Program	Rep. Horman
RS28571	Learn Everywhere	Rep. Horman, Rep. DeMordaunt
	ISBA Explanation of Continuous Improvement Plan	David Brinkman, Leadership Development Specialist, Idaho School Boards Association

ADJOURN No later than 10:50 a.m.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Clow	Rep Moon	Rep Shepherd
Vice Chairman Kerby	Rep Ehardt	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Boyle	Rep Marshall	Rep McCrostie
Rep Mendive	Rep Wisniewski	Rep Berch
Rep DeMordaunt	Rep Galloway	Rep Toone

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 15, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sherri Ybarra; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent Communications and Policy, Idaho State Department of Education (SDE); Representative Wendy Horman; David Brinkman, Leadership Development Specialist for the Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer SBOE; Karen Echeverria ISBA; Karlynn Laraway SDE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations SDE; Ryan Grasmere, Idaho Education Technology Association.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 10, 11 and 12. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

RS 28174: **Rep. Moon** presented legislation to provide school boards the option whether to engage in collective bargaining.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28174.**

Rep. Toone, Rep. Berch and **Rep. McCrostie** spoke in opposition to the introduction of RS 28174.

Rep. Moon answered Committee questions. **Chairman Clow** asked if more than fifty percent of the teachers of a school submitted a petition whether the school board would have to acquiesce to the request and if the Idaho Attorney General had provided an opinion.

Rep. Kerby and **Rep. Galloway** spoke in favor of the introduction of **RS 28174.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Mendive** requested a roll call vote on the motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 4 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, and Yamamoto. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. McCrostie, Berch, Toone, and Chairman Clow.**

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

RS 28367C1: **Marilyn Whitney**, Deputy Superintendent Communications and Policy for the SDE, presented legislation to allow in-person instruction in schools as decided by the SDE. Ms. Whitney answered Committee questions.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to introduce **RS 28367C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28336: **Rep. Horman** presented legislation to transfer the operations of the Idaho Office of School Safety and Security from the Division of Building Safety to the State Board of Education.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28336**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28571 **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **RS 28571** to allow flexibility for students to be evaluated by skills and knowledge in lieu of previous classes. This legislation will allow students that learn outside of school and apply to receive credit at a school board's discretion.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28571**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

David Brinkman, Leadership Development Specialist of the ISBA presented the current Continuous Improvement Plan, reviewed the current and previous year benchmarks; reported on the ISBA's annual progress, the required college and career advising performance metrics, and literary intervention plan. He stated the ISBA's goals when working with school boards is to advocate for public education and how to best serve the patrons.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1039	Workforce Readiness Diploma	Senator Thayn
	Content Standards English, Math, Science: Discussion from Summer Work Committees	Chairman Clow
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Mike Keckler, State board of Education (SBOE); Karlynn Laraway, State Department of Education (SDE); Tim McMurtry, SDE; Todd Driver, SDE; Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer SBOE; Megan Landen, citizen.

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

S 1039: **Senator Thayne** presented **S 1039**, explaining career technical education programs which provide students opportunities to develop professional and technical skills preparing them for workplace readiness, and identifies additional ways for students to demonstrate the skills important to employers. The Workplace Readiness Diploma gives districts the ability to provide an additional designation for graduates who successfully complete a career technical education program of study and demonstrate proficiency in identified areas. This encourages districts to explore opportunities to provide math, English, and other credits to be earned through an applied, CTE program setting.

Dr. Clay Long, State Administrator, Idaho Career Technical Education, explained each step is a build up to the "Workplace Readiness Diploma" title and is in addition to the standard diploma. Discussion by committee members included renaming the title to read, "Career Technical Workforce Readiness", as each student should be workforce ready upon graduation.

MOTION: **Rep. De Mordaunt** made a motion to send **S 1039** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Clow presented consideration of the interim committee's exploration of Content Standards English, Math, Science. The discussion included a summary of the content by **Rep. Marshall** and **Rep. Kerby**. Committee members thoughts included using common terminology to match style, testing and assessment issues, and teaching children who have different abilities and learn in different ways.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28493	School bus drivers, retired At Risk Students, the Idaho Reading Initiative, Fall & Spring IRI Results, and the Strong Families, Strong Students grant program	Rep. Mendive State Board of Education President Debbie Critchfield; Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra; Greg Wilson, Governor's Office, Senior Advisor for Education

ADJOURN No later than 10:50 a.m.

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 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
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: President Debbie Critchfield, State Board of Education (SBOE); Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra; Greg Wilson, Governor's Senior Advisor for Education; Kurt Liebich, SBOE Board Member; Alayna Knop, English Language and Arts (ELA) Coordinator, State Department of Education (SDE); Ryan Cantrell Idaho Rural Schools Association; Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, SBOE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations SDE, Lisa Colon Durham, Director, Certification and Professional Standards SDE; Karlynn Laraway SDE.

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

Vice Chairman Kerby noted although the Committee approved **S 1039** on Workforce Readiness Diploma with a **DO PASS** recommendation, upon hearing the Committee's debate the bill's sponsor requested to amend the language in the bill, therefore the bill will be moved to General Orders.

RS 28493: **Rep. Mendive** presented **RS 28493**, proposed legislation allowing qualified school bus drivers who are retired and collecting benefits from the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) be allowed to come back into public workforce without affecting their retirement benefits. Idaho has been experiencing a school bus driver shortage for several years.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** stated he is a licensed school bus driver, although not retired and made a motion to introduce **RS 28493**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

President Critchfield, State Board of Education, discussed her concern regarding the growing number of students who perform below state averages due to the pandemic-related closure of schools. Her goals are to provide in-person instruction and intervention to help students recover learning loss. Her office is working to monitor progress with other methods of measurement beyond standard testing, as test data and school accountability needs to be current, not based on 2020 data. Summer intervention programs are also under development to boost literacy. President Critchfield discussed an increased focus on teacher preparation, tools and resources.

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

In response to Committee questions, **President Critchfield** stated the plethora of virtual platforms used by schools are in the process of being streamlined.

Kurt Liebich Board member of the State Board of Education, discussed efforts to improve student access to technology and the internet. He stated there was a shortage of approximately 180,000 computers and up to 50,000 students without internet access. Mr. Liebich discussed the grant created to assist teachers and students and the continued obstacles in access and delivery. In response to Committee questions he stated that moving forward, teachers and students will have an opportunity to increase digital proficiency.

Chairman Clow asked members of the SBOE why the charter school enrollment cap currently causing a financial issue for virtual schools, wasn't addressed in their administrative work to provide budget certainty for traditional schools. **President Critchfield** stated they weren't aware of the 30 unit charter school cap or how the virtual schools would be impacted.

In answer to Committee questions, **President Critchfield** responded that digital books are less expensive than textbooks which need frequent updates.

Superintendent Ybarra discussed professional development programs and opportunities, as well as strengthened accountability. She addressed the Idaho Reading Initiative (IRI), Fall & Spring IRI Results, and the Strong Families, Strong Students grant program. The IRI tests were administered remotely, which provided mixed results. Social-emotional indicators and increased consistency in school to student communications are also a focus for her office, as the suicide rate has increased. Her team also created a learning management system for educators to track student engagement. Superintendent Ybarra stated summer literacy programs are statistically successful and she is committed to increasing opportunities for learning for Idaho students. She indicated the high school graduation rate increased in 2020.

Alayna Knop, English Language and Arts (ELA) Coordinator, presented the mixed results of the Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 IRI student assessments. The summer reading loss was more than annually anticipated. The SDE is currently monitoring student progress with interim assessment. Ms. Knop reviewed the approximately \$32 million 2020 Literacy Fund Expenses. In answer to Committee questions, she responded that IRI results only have three degrees of measurement although individual districts can use five levels of measurement to better analyze results.

Superintendent Ybarra responded to Committee questions regarding the approximately 8,000 homeless students. She stated there is an urgency to return to in-person instruction to best serve student needs.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 18, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28610	Strong Families Grant and Scholarship Program	Representative Wendy Horman, Senator Lori Den Hartog
	Department of Lands, State Endowment Lands	Dustin Miller Director, Idaho Dept. of Lands; Jim Elbin, IDL Trust Lands Division Administrator
	Lottery Commission - Relationship to Education	Director Jeff Anderson, Lottery Commission
	Bond Levy Equalization Support	Julie Oberle, State Dept. of Ed.; Pat Donaldson, Director, Division of Public Works
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Clow	Rep Moon	Rep Shepherd
Vice Chairman Kerby	Rep Ehardt	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Boyle	Rep Marshall	Rep McCrostie
Rep Mendive	Rep Wisniewski	Rep Berch
Rep DeMordaunt	Rep Galloway	Rep Toone

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone, DeMordaunt.

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Galloway

GUESTS: Representative Wendy Horman; Senator Lori Den Hartog; Dustin Miller, Director, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL); Jim Elbin, IDL Trust Lands Division Administrator; Jeff Anderson, Idaho Lottery Executive Director; Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer State Department of Education (SDE); Pat Donaldson, Director, Public Works Division (PWD); Barry Peters, Homeschool Idaho; Carson Tester, Westerberg & Associates; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations SDE; Megan Landen, citizen.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

RS 28610: **Rep. Horman** presented legislation that provides a \$500 per student grant for public school students whose families earn less than \$50,000 annually and a scholarship program paying 90% of the average amount of state funds appropriated per student during the fiscal year for use at private educational institutions.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28610**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dustin Miller, IDL Director, presented information of the programs used to protect endowment lands for which public schools are the beneficiaries. IDL operates as a land manager, with revenue derived from timber sales and real estate leases. The Land Board provides oversight for the funds that flow from the trust to the schools. The Good Neighbor Authority from the 2018 Farm Bill allows timber sales and rehabilitation on national forest land, providing another source of income.

Jim Elbin presented trust land endowment land management and oversight by the Timber Management Bureau, Real Estate Services Bureau, Technical Services Bureau which work together to constitutionally serve the endowment lands. He stated the majority of the funds are produced by timber sales, with over \$96 million received in 2020 from over 150 contracts. He described the Forest Asset Management Planning (FAMP) which balances planting, growth inventory and harvests.

Jeff Anderson, Idaho Lottery Director, presented information regarding how the State-sponsored fund was designed to generate income for public schools through the Public School Building Fund and the Permanent Building Fund. Currently, the Bond Levy Equalization Fund receives approximately 60% of its funds from the lottery. The lottery runs efficiently with a cap on advertising, hiring and operations in order to provide as much revenue as possible back to the State. The Idaho Lottery is a member of the Multi-state Lottery Association which offers Powerball, a large contributor to the fund. They are currently supporting legislation to allow membership if international parties are added to Multi-state Lottery Association.

Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer, SDE, presented Bond Levy Equalization Support Program was created to provide subsidies for school bond payments, easing the tax burden on local property owners. Ms. Oberle confirmed the Lottery dividend contributes substantial funds to the Bond Levy Equalization Fund, of which her office oversees distribution to school districts based on need. Since its 2002 inception, approximately \$277.5 million has been distributed and 32 school bonds have been paid off. In 2021, approximately \$25.8 million is scheduled to be distributed.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, February 19, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 175	In-Person Education	Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra
RS28619	Streamlining Education	Vice Chairman Kerby
RS28614	LEA-specific Teaching Certificate	Rep. Shepherd
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 19, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent of Policy and Communications, State Department of Education (SDE); Brandon Durst, citizen; Tiffany Grant, citizen; Kim Glineski; Maci Glineski, citizen; Julie Oberle Chief Financial Officer SDE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations SDE; Karlynn Laraway SDE; Lisa Colon Durham, Director, Certification and Professional Standards SDE.

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

H 175: **Superintendent Ybarra** introduced legislation intended to put student needs first by bringing students back to in-person instruction in school. She stated the learning loss and loss of other services have placed students at a disadvantage, the legislation creates a pathway to reopen schools. The legislation provides school districts with the latitude to prioritize what is best for their students at a local level.

Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent of Policy and Communications for the SDE, read through the legislation and changes to language to emphasize knowledge, skills, and uninterrupted education. She stated the legislation will be useful serving students regardless of the type of emergency. Ms. Whitney answered Committee questions that districts have the option but are not mandated to offer in-person instruction.

Brandon Durst spoke in opposition to H 175.

Tiffany Grant and **Kim Glineski** spoke in support of H 175.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send H 175 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Superintendent Ybarra addressed Committee questions that the legislation allows districts the flexibility to offer K-12 in-person instruction or online based on district abilities. She stated this legislation addresses the pandemic and future situations which could create barriers to student learning while protecting school district decisions. Sup. Ybarra answered Committee questions that districts have the option but are not mandated to offer in-person instruction.

In answer to Committee questions, **Marilyn Whitney** stated the language of the legislation provided the opportunity for districts to offer music, physical education and art instruction. Ms. Whitney answered Committee questions that districts have the option but are not mandated to offer in-person instruction during inclement weather, building or during other emergencies.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 175** for time certain, February 25, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rep. Toone requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 3 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, Berch, and Chairman Clow. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Ehardt, McCrostie, and Toone.**

RS 28619: **Vice Chairman Kerby** introduced legislation to streamline education, removing bureaucracy. The legislation also supports school accountability measures by adding a commission to provide improvement measure oversight.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28619. Motion carried by voice vote.**

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to extend adjournment beyond 10:50 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 28614: **Rep. Shepherd** introduced legislation to create a teaching certificate specific to the Local Education Authority (LEA) in which they are employed. This creates a path for teacher certification while filling an immediate demand for more teachers.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to introduce **RS 28614. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Toone** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

The Committee recognized Page **Austin Swing's** service during the first half of the session.

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

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, February 22, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 111	School Employees, Category 3 Online Idaho Presentation	Rep. Furniss TJ Bliss – Chief Academic Officer, Idaho State Board of Education; Jonathan Lashley – Association Chief Academic Officer, Idaho State Board of Education
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 22, 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
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Toone
- GUESTS:** Representative Furniss; Quinn Perry, Policy & Government Affairs Director, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Karen Pyron, Butte County School District Trustee; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer SBO; Marilyn Whitney Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations SDE.; Lisa Colon Durham; Director, Certification and Professional Standards SDE; Dr. TJ Bliss, Chief Academic Officer SBOE; Dr. Jonathan Lashley, Association Chief Academic Officer SBOE.
- Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- H 111:** **Rep. Furniss** presented legislation that clarifies the law to allow teachers to complete their certification while working. When a teacher has not yet completed the professional endorsement of a three-year interim certificate program, a school board will have the ability to retain the employee until the certification is complete.
- Quinn Perry**, ISBA, discussed that the alternative authorization from a school board is an extension which must be renewed each year. The resolution was brought to the ISBA from a rural district which struggles with the recruitment and retention of certified teachers. Ms. Perry answered Committee questions regarding how prevalent the issue is with respect to the career ladder and district loss of teachers. She stated required teacher mentor assignments and classes can both be challenges with smaller staffs. The legislation will change the type of contract the teacher is offered.
- Trustee Pyron** testified in support of **H 111** to assist rural districts to grow their own qualified teachers. The legislation will stop the loss of teachers when districts and candidates cannot meet the three-year requirement due to varied circumstances on both ends. In answer to committee questions, Ms. Pyron stated the issue is a frequent problem in her district.
- Vice Chairman Kerby** and **Rep. Moon** spoke in support of **H 111** and the unique challenges of rural districts.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dr. Bliss, Chief Academic Officer for the SBOE, presented the capabilities created by an approximately \$4 million grant for Online Idaho. The program connects both students and teachers to career technical and academic courses offered by educational institutions through the program. The SBOE anticipates the program will improve distance learning in Idaho by increasing access, affordability and flexibility, and map the future of online learning. He does not anticipate they will need to request any additional funds to run the program. In answer to committee questions, they are not currently connecting students to private universities.

Dr. Lashley, Association Chief Academic Officer SBOE discussed the merits and challenges of an online education because no one institution offers all of the programs, courses and services needed to offer a comprehensive learning environment for all students but they can be connected through Online Idaho, consolidating online courses, streamlining pathways to degrees and improving digital learning infrastructure for the higher education institutions in Idaho. The collaborative effort between institutions is anticipated to reduce the expense to students; the total cost of each course is listed for transparency.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

JOINT AGENDA
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AND
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
3:00 P.M.
Lincoln Auditorium
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Statewide Assessments and Federal Accountability Requirements	Debbie Critchfield, President, Idaho State Board of Education Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho State Department of Education Kevin Whitman, Director of Assessment and Accountability, Idaho State Department of Education.

ADJOURN No later than 5:00 p.m.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Clow	Rep Moon	Rep Shepherd
Vice Chairman Kerby	Rep Ehardt	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Boyle	Rep Marshall	Rep McCrostie
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MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

Chairman Thayn, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Den Hartog, Woodward, Lent, Johnson, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nelson

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: President Debbie Critchfield, State Board of Education (SBOE); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer SBOE; Mike Keckler, Executive Director SBOE; Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy; Kevin Whitman, Director of Assessment and Accountability SDE; Donte Harrington, citizen; Jasmine Vega, citizen

Senator Thayn called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

President Critchfield, State Board of Education presented current assessment testing. She serves on the Accountability and Oversight Committee which reviews assessments and recommends there is only one assessment administered during high school, preferably in eleventh grade. In response to committee questions, Pres. Critchfield stated removing requirements for some standardized tests would not negatively impact Idaho students' ability to achieve higher education.

Superintendent Ybarra addressed the new standards and assessments which will be in alignment once adopted. The new assessments will be administered for the first time in spring 2021. The goal of state assessment is to measure accountability with precision and relevant learning, not just a snapshot in time during a student's education.

Kevin Whitman, Director of Assessment and Accountability SDE, discussed federal and statewide assessment requirements and how they've changed progressively into the current assessments. Standards must measure performance with 95% participation, align with state content standards, and meet peer review requirements for quality. SBAC, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, is a comprehensive assessment system used for its progress-monitoring quality. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Whitman stated SBAC has received some complaints but schools are able to customize features to make the test a more appropriate length. The Idaho assessment plan includes assessments from NCSC, the National Center State Collaborative. New assessment standards for science were enacted in 2018. Technical considerations must also meet peer review standards. He stated each assessment test has adoption of content standards, writing licensing, standards alignment, field testing, and accessibility. Each time a new assessment is adopted, it must be evaluated for two years.

Pres. Critchfield answered committee questions regarding the plan to make assessments within federal restraints relevant. Increasing student achievement requires curriculum and standards assessment be in alignment.

Sup. Ybarra serves on the Curriculum Review Committee and will be providing periodic updates.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28651	Reimbursement, Eligible Education Expenses	Rep. Galloway
RS28603	School Districts, Health Insurance	Rep. Furniss
RS28221	Human Sexuality, Instruction	Rep. Ehardt
RS28632	Advanced Opportunities, Eligible Expenditures	Rep. McCrostie
H 215	Strong Students Grants and Scholarships	Rep. Horman
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28651: **Rep. Galloway** presented legislation which allows families to utilize education funds beginning April 1st, 2021, in the event the school districts are unable to open schools for full time, in-person instruction prior to that date. She stated there would be three amendments to the language: Page 1 Line 29 "board" replaced with "State Department of Education", Page 1 Line 29 "payment" replaced with "from the public schools budget" and Page 2 Line 8 "state general fund" with "public school income fund".

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28651** with the proposed amended language. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 28603: **Rep. Furniss** presented legislation to standardize benefits to level the competition between school districts.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to introduce **RS 28603**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28221: **Rep. Ehardt** presented legislation providing families the opportunity to decide whether their student(s) are instructed about human sexuality by a public school.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to introduce **RS 28221**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 28632: **Rep. McCrostie** presented legislation to increase student access to Advanced Opportunities funding. **Rep. Horman** included that the legislation would make pre-college exam fees eligible expenses through the Advanced Opportunities fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28632**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 215: **Rep. Horman** presented legislation to fund Strong Students grants and scholarships, which will provide resources for students who need additional funds to cover educational expenses.

Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association, Bonneville Superintendent **Scott Woolstenhulme**, Marsing Chairman **Jason Sevy**, Nezperce Superintendent **Shawn Tiegs**, **Nancy Gregory**, Boise School District, **Paul Stark**, Idaho Educators Association, and **David Reinhart**, Kuna School District, spoke in **opposition** to **H 215** .

Rep. Marco Erickson, **Alex LaBeau** Idaho Association Commerce and Industry, **Errika DeVall**, **Karla Ehlers**, **Kelti Baker**, **Jake Ball**, **Megan Landen**, **Natalie Tidwell**, **Tara Pugmire**, **Shonda Probst**, and **Brooklyn Probst**, spoke in **support** of **H 215**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Chairman Clow made a unanimous consent request to extend the adjournment time beyond 10:50 a.m. **Rep. Marshall** objected.

Rep. Horman spoke in **support** of **H 215** stating the taxpayer funded program would assist rural students as much as urban students. In answer to committee questions, she agreed students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) would be waiving their rights to public education if they left the district managing the IEP.

Sen. DenHartog spoke in favor of **H 215** in order to improve opportunities for Idaho children by placing funds back in the hands of the taxpayer parents and spoke in appreciation of students who benefitted from a grant program.

**ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Rep. DeMordaunt made a motion to send **H 215** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. McCrostie made a substitute motion to send **H 215** to General Orders.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 11 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Marshall, McCrostie, Toone. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, Berch, and Chairman Clow.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 4 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Marshall, Moon, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, and Chairman Clow. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Berch, McCrostie, Toone.**

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

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 25, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	UpStart Non-Profit Kindergarten Readiness Program Presentation	Tom Luna, Rich Stombres
H 172	Learn Everywhere, Extended Learning Opportunities	Rep. DeMordaunt
H 173	School Safety and Security	Rep. Horman
H 203	School Bus Drivers, Retired	Rep. Mendive
H 175	Education, In Person	Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sherri Ybarra
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Sherri Ybarra, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Marilyn Whitney, State Board of Education (SBOE). Tom Luna, Waterford UpStart; Rich Stombres, Waterford UpStart; Representative Wendy Horman, District 30; Mike Munger, Office of School Safety and Security Manager; Don Drum, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI); Mike Keckler, Executive Director, SBOE; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning & Policy Officer, SBOE; Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, SDE

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

Tom Luna, Waterford UpStart, presented the kindergarten readiness program, UpStart. The evidence-based strategies of the non-profit program have helped students reach literacy by third grade. UpStart offers an in-home program which is parent-driven, provides computers, and has been beneficial for Idaho students who participated; 93 percent arrived ready for kindergarten at the intermediate or advanced levels.

Rick Stombries, Waterford UpStart, discussed the high rate, over 90 percent, of rural participants in Idaho. Participants in multiple states have been assessed to exceed literacy, math and science averages. Child outcomes, regardless of socioeconomic class, have exceeded state averages and have better prepared students for school success. Waterford UpStart's assessment of core skills include phonics, phonological awareness, comprehension and vocabulary. Longitudinal data demonstrates students do not lose their early advantage as they continue through elementary school.

H 172: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented legislation to allow school boards to develop policies to provide school credit for challenging courses and lessons that develop student proficiency. Policies and skill assessment are to be determined by the school board. In response to committee questions, Rep. DeMordaunt stated school boards will develop policies in conjunction with the SBOE.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 172** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 173: **Rep. Horman** presented legislation to transfer the oversight of the Office of School Safety and Security from the Division of Building Safety to the SBOE.

Mike Munger, Program Manager of the School Safety and Security, testified in support of **H 173**.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 173** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- H 203:** **Rep. Mendive** presented legislation to allow retired school bus drivers receiving Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) benefits to continue to work to alleviate the school bus driver shortage.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 203** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor. **Rep. Toone** declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest due to her currently drawing PERSI benefits. **Rep. Shepherd** declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest as he is currently a licensed school bus driver. **Don Drum**, Executive Director of PERSI, testified **in support** of **H 203**.
- H 175:** **Superintendent Ybarra** presented legislation to require school districts to explore providing in-person instruction to students if local safety precautions can be achieved.
- In answer to Committee questions, **Marilyn Whitney** clarified the goal of the legislation is to provide in-person instruction when local educational authorities determine it is safe to do so. Deputy Whitney stated all students learn more effectively through in-person instruction, particularly students with learning challenges. She stated the precise wording of the additional language in the bill was created based on meetings with legislators, legislative staff, feedback from stakeholders, and constituents.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to send **H 175** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a substitute motion to send **H 175** to General Orders.
- ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 8 NAY.** Voting **in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Wisniewski, Galloway, and Shepherd.** Voting **in opposition** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Ehardt, Marshall, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Toone, Berch and Chairman Clow.**
- ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 5 NAY.** Voting **in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Mendive, DeMordaunt, Ehardt, Marshall, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Toone and Chairman Clow.** Voting **in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Moon, Wisniewski, Shepherd and Berch.** Rep. Marshall will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to extend adjournment beyond 10:50 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, February 26, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28548	Education Transportation, Emergency Costs	Chairman Clow
RS28669	Charter School Facilities Funding	Chairman Clow
H 221	Teaching Certificates	Rep. Shepherd
H 222	Streamlining Education	Rep. Kerby
ADJOURN	No later than 10:50 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 26, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Norma Lloyd, AAUW; Andy Grover, Executive Director of the Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA), Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN); Layne McInnelly, Idaho Educators Association (IEA); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Peggy Hoy, IEA; Katherine Dawes, citizen; Judy Meyers, citizen; Chris Stokes, citizen; Shannon McNall, Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF); Laura Lemmon, citizen; Carol Holmes, citizen; Alicia Abbott, citizen; Grant Blankenship, Patron Educator Coalition (PEC); Lynn Bridges, citizen; Linda Strain, citizen; Heather Newson, citizen; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Norma Lloyd, American Association of University Women (AAUW); Clara Leigh Evans, Executive Director of the Idaho Future Farmers of America Association (FFA); Audrey Godfrey FFA; Bailey Grove, FFA

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to add the FFA presentation to the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

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

RS 28548: **Chairman Clow** presented legislation which codifies the temporary rule allowing school transportation reimbursable expenses to be based on the last non-emergency fiscal year.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to introduce **RS 28548**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28669: **Chairman Clow** presented legislation which prevents an automatic reduction in charter school facilities funding if there is a reduction of the total educational support.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28669**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

H 221: **Rep. Shepherd** presented legislation to address the teacher shortage by allowing a Local Educational Authority (LEA) to issue LEA-specific teaching certificates. The legislation would create a pathway for teachers to receive local certification while working, however teachers will be prevented from moving up the career ladder until full certification is received.

Peggy Hoy, Katherine Dawes, Chris Stokes, Laura Lemmon, Shannon McNall, Carol Holmes, Alicia Abbott, Grant Blankenship, Lynn Bridges, Norma Lloyd, and Layne McInnelly (IEA), spoke in opposition to H 221.

Andy Grover, IASA, and **Blake Youde**, ICSN, spoke in support of H 221.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Moon made a motion to send H 221 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Ehardt, **Rep. DeMordaunt**, **Rep. Moon**, and **Vice Chairman Kerby** spoke in support of the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. McCrostie made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 221** in committee.

Rep. Toone and **Rep. Berch** spoke in support of the substitute motion.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Substitute motion failed by voice vote.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 3 NAY.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto and Chairman Clow.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. McCrostie, Berch and Toone.** Rep. Shepherd will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 222:

Vice Chairman Kerby requested to present H 222 on March 1, 2021.

Clara Leigh Evans of the Idaho FFA Association presented an update of the FFA's continued work throughout the pandemic. Members of the FFA committed to adapting their program to continue to offer support to students in the program throughout the past year.

Audrey Godfrey and **Bailey Grove** of the FFA described the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Philosophy and Guiding, work-based learning, offered by the Idaho FFA Association, as well as classroom instruction and student leadership organizations. Their outreach continued in smaller groups to offer district officer training, the training of individual teams which supported students in the program throughout the pandemic. Idaho has over 5,000 members and 93 chapters. FFA leaders continue to make visits to individual chapters to keep the program moving forward. The FFA is holding a virtual conference April 6th - 9th, 2021, which will include leadership workshops.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Chairman Clow made a unanimous consent request to extend adjournment beyond 10:50 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, March 01, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 222	Streamlining Education	Vice Chairman Kerby
RS28686	Education, Professional Endorsements	Tracie Bent, Chief Planning & Policy Officer, State Board of Education
H 248	School Districts Health Insurance	Rep. Furniss
H 250	Advanced Opportunities, Eligible Expenses	Rep. McCrostie
H 249	Human Sexuality Instruction	Rep. Ehardt
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 01, 2021

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

H 222: **Vice Chairman Kerby** presented legislation to improve school productivity. The State Board of Education (SBOE) will recognize and incentivize teachers and administrators whose students demonstrate improvement. The continuous improvement plans created by schools will include the metrics used to increase professionals on the career ladder. If goals are not met, strategies will be addressed by a committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 222** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. Rep. Kerby will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 28686: **Blake Youde**, Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN), presented legislation to make corrections to the educational professional career ladder. Certified teachers from a private school who would choose to teach at a public school would be treated the same as certified teachers coming from out of state.

Tracie Bent, SBOE, presented the technical code aspects of the legislation, that the professional endorsement would be applied to a teacher's years of experience. In answer to committee questions, Ms. Bent clarified certified experience is counted as which ever position was held the longest, not by the number of certificates held.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to return **RS 28686** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 248: **Rep. Furniss** presented legislation to secure employment benefits for all employees of Idaho Public Schools. Rural school districts currently struggle to compete with benefits urban school districts. The legislation would incentivize teachers to work in the cities in which they live and reduce commuting for benefits. Enrolled schools would be required to stay in the plan for two years. Rep. Furniss stated schools would not have a reduction in benefit allotment from the State and although the premiums might be higher individually, the additional volume of employees should balance it out. An analysis conducted by Rep. Furniss concluded teachers and classified employees would see significantly higher take-home pay.

In response to committee questions, **Vice Chairman Kerby** discussed how the legislation identifies minimum rungs on the professional career ladder as applied to benefits, as there is a higher cost to the school districts for benefits. School districts have the one-time option to keep professionals on the same rung as the previous year the first year the higher benefits are offered. In answer to committee questions, he stated teachers could see an increase in take-home pay if the payroll benefit deduction is lower.

Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in opposition** to **H 248** due to his calculated negative financial impact to the taxpayers.

Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association, spoke **in support** of **H 248** due to the need and flexibility of the benefit optional participation.

Andy Grover, IASA, spoke **in support** of **H 248** in order to assist rural schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to send **H 248** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, Ehardt, Marshall, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrosite, Berch, Toone, Vice Chairman Kerby and Chairman Clow. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Moon and Wisniewski. Rep. DeMordaunt was absent/excused.** Rep. Furniss will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 250: **Rep. McCrostie** presented legislation to expand the types of educational expenses eligible for the Advanced Opportunities Grant, including the college entrance administrative exam fees. Committee members had questions as to whether the legislation could be interpreted to cover more than exam fees.

Rep. Horman discussed the legislation specifically and noted only one exam per student is covered, not retakes.

Jamie Richmond testified **in support** of **H 250**.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **H 250** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to extend adjournment beyond 10:30 a.m. There being no objection, the request was granted.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Wisniewski** made a substitute motion to send **H 250** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. McCrostie will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, March 02, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 249	Human Sexuality Instruction	Rep. Ehardt
H 247	Reimbursement, Eligible Education Expenses	Rep. Galloway
RS28220	Policies and Procedures for K-12 School Clubs and Organizations	Rep. Ehardt
RS28686C1	Education, Professional Endorsements	Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network

ADJOURN: No later than 10:30 a.m.

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Those signed up to testify on H 249 on March 1st, 2021 will be given priority. Testimony may be limited to 2 minutes at the discretion of the Chair. If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Kerby Rep Ehardt
Rep Boyle Rep Marshall
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 02, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

RS 28686C1: **Blake Youde**, Idaho Charter School Network, presented legislation to allow certified teachers coming from other states and private schools to be provided credit for their full years of certified experience. This legislation will allow school districts to calculate experienced teachers from a higher point on the career ladder.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 28686C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 249: **Rep. Ehardt** presented legislation to require parental permission prior to human sexuality instruction in schools. The legislation is specifically addressing subjects beyond anatomy, physiology and biological human reproduction, which will not require parental notification. She stated parental rights are already protected by State law in ten areas, this legislation codifies coverage for consent prior to instruction of human sexuality content exceeding biology.

Quinn Perry, Idaho School Boards Association, spoke **in support** of **H 249** but requested amendments to the language to better define terms to avoid conflicting with recently introduced Title 9 regulations.

Citizens **Daniel Owsley, Kara Claridge, Robin Metheny, Michelle Casteel, Daniel Hoekendorf, Wendy Smith, Gretchen Winde, Carolyn Fuller, Jhar Fuller**, testified or submitted testimony **in support** of **H 249**.

Citizens **Matilda Gaddi, Ani Rice, Abby Gnojewski, Chelsea Gaona-Lincoln, Jessica Rice, Tanisha Newton, Keira Holder, Sarae Simpson, Violet Conklin, Dr. Jessie Duvall, Alex Bude, Mistie Tolman, Shiva Rajbhandari, and Claire Martin** testified or submitted testimony **in opposition** to **H 249**.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Ehardt** addressed the legislation as related to the recently introduced Title 9 regulations, which would be the responsibility of school districts to implement. She stated definitions in the bill originated from the World Health Organizations (WHO) and does not require parents to opt-in to biological human reproduction, however other instruction in sexuality will require parents to opt-in. Rep. Ehardt stated school board trustees bear the responsibility of reviewing curriculum, however curriculum is often handled by committees and is not reviewed in its entirety annually.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to send **H 249** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Marshall made a statement that honoring parental rights honors the rights of multiple perspectives. **Rep. Kerby, Rep. DeMordaunt, and Rep. Shepherd** spoke **in support** of H 249.

Rep. Toone spoke **in opposition** to H 249 and declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Chairman Clow** made a motion to call for the previous question.

VOTE ON MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 3 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, and Chairman Clow.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. McCrostie, Berch and Toone.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Lincoln Auditorium
Wednesday, March 03, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 174	School Boards, Local Education Organizations	Rep. Moon

ADJOURN No later than 10:30 a.m.

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Chairman Clow Rep Moon
Vice Chairman Kerby Rep Ehardt
Rep Boyle Rep Marshall
Rep Mendive Rep Wisniewski
Rep DeMordaunt Rep Galloway

Rep Shepherd
Rep Yamamoto
Rep McCrostie
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 03, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehardt, Shepherd

GUESTS: Anna Miller, Idaho Freedom Foundation; Paul Stark, Idaho Education Association (IEA); Josie Fretwell, teacher; Luke Omodt, teacher; Marsha Azorsky, citizen; Erin Paradis, teacher and IEA representative; Mark Hand, citizen; Tyler Hurst, citizen; Joni Cashman citizen; Peggy Hoy teacher and negotiator; Julie Nawrocki, teacher and negotiator; David Gibson, citizen; Jenn Halladay, citizen; Katrena Hauger, teacher and IEA representative; Rob Shoplock, Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho (PFFI); Anja Sundari, PFFI; Brady Dickensen, Superintendent Twin Falls School District; Wayne Hoffman, IFF; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 174: **Rep. Moon** introduced legislation to allow school districts the option of whether or not to engage in collective bargaining with organizations.

Anna Miller, IFF, testified **in support** of **H 174** due to the forced school closure in the West Ada School District and forced bargaining which can treat some teachers unfairly. She stated the IFF has concerns about the withheld education and special education services. In answer to committee questions, Ms. Miller stated that the mandatory bargaining does not incentivize union organizations to operate for the benefit of the taxpayers. She stated approximately 700 teachers participated in a coordinated sick-out in the West Ada School District which prevented hundreds of other teachers from working; there are over 2,400 teachers in the district. Ms. Miller answered committee questions, discussing the negative effects students have suffered when being denied an education and special needs services. She stated the legislative change will protect students and restore the balance of power from the current system which is undemocratic in her opinion.

Paul Stark, IEA, spoke **in opposition** to **H 174**, stating structured negotiation procedures benefit districts, teachers and the community. He also testified teachers were not the ones initiating this change because negotiations give all teachers a voice. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Stark confirmed the schools should have 50% plus one in order to participate, confirming it's the union's goal to represent the majority. He stated the union represents over 50% plus one at the West Ada School District.

Rep. Marshall stated the union organizations may not represent 50% plus one because they do not consistently verify membership with school boards.

Mark Hand, Tyler Hurst, Jenn Halladay, Wayne Hoffman, IFF, spoke **in support** of **H 174**.

Josie Fretwell, Luke Omodt, Marsha Azorsky, Erin Paradis, Joni Cashman, Peggy Hoy, Julie Nawrocki, David Gibson, Katrena Hauger, Brady Dickensen spoke in opposition to H 174.

Jenn Halladay testified that the teacher's union only represents 30% of West Ada School District teachers.

Rob Shoplock, PFFI, testified in opposition to H 174, as his organization represents approximately 1300 members and would be affected by the legislative change. He stated the legislation will change the nature of the relationship between the teachers and the school boards, providing examples in which labor organizations serve a valuable purpose to society.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Moon** clarified schools will have the option whether or not to participate and negotiations will continue either with teachers or union members. She stated her goal is to get students, particularly special needs students, back in school receiving benefits. Rep. Moon stated changing "shall" to "may" in the law will restore a balance and provide more decision making authority to the teachers and districts. The firefighters union will also be impacted by the change.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send H 174 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a substitute motion to send H 174 to the floor without recommendation.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 9 NAY and 2 absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Yamamoto, McCrostie and Toone. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Berch and Chairman Clow. Reps. Ehardt and Shepherd were absent/excused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 5 NAY and 2 absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, and Yamamoto. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. McCrostie, Berch, Toone and Chairman Clow. Reps. Ehardt and Shepherd were absent/excused. Rep. Moon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, March 04, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28751	Educational Expenses Reimbursement	Rep. Galloway
H 280	Professional Endorsements	Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network
H 264	Charter School Facilities Fund	Chairman Clow
H 265	School Transportation Funding	Chairman Clow
RS28756	Educational Expenses	Rep. Horman
RS28741	School Vaccination Notification	Rep. DeMordaunt
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 04, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN); Andy Grover, Idaho Association Of School Administrators (IASA); Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education (SDE); Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations (SDE); Tracie Bent, Chief of Planning and Policy, State Board of Education (SBOE); Rep. Wendy Horman; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy, SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

RS 28751: **Rep. Galloway** presented legislation to allow educational expenses to be reimbursed when schools are closed. The amount distributed to a student's caregiver reduces the funds distributed to the school in which the student was originally enrolled.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28751**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Toone, McCrostie** and **Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 280: **H 280** was not in the possession of the committee on March 4th therefore any discussion or motions held on **H 280** on March 4th were out of order.

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

H 264: **Chairman Clow** presented legislation to freeze facilities funding for charter schools with an updated funding formula. The legislation also removes the risk of a decrease in facilities funding if school funding decreases. In answer to committee questions, Chairman Clow stated charter school funding has increased each year, however if there was an adverse event which creates a decrease in funding, charter schools would see dramatic cuts to facilities funding.

Blake Youde, ICSN, testified in support of **H 264** because freezing the formula allows a school to budget with increased predictability and have better access to financing.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 264** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 265: **Chairman Clow** presented legislation to change current school transportation funding which is currently calculated by miles driven the previous school year. In the event of an emergency which closes schools, schools will be protected by being able to use the last typical school year as a basis for funding.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to send **H 265** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Andy Grover testified in support of H 265.

Karen Echeverria testified in support of H 265.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Clow will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

RS 28756:

Rep. Horman introduced legislation to allow the Strong Students Grant and Strong Students Scholarship programs to pay for alternative schooling outside of traditional public schools. In answer to committee questions, Rep. Horman stated recipients would be required to apply and be held accountable if asked to verify how funds are spent.

MOTION:

Rep. Mendive made a motion to introduce **RS 28756** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Reps. Mendive, Yamamoto, Boyle, DeMordaunt and Ehardt spoke in support of **RS 28756**.

Reps. McCrostie, Shepherd and Toone spoke in opposition to **RS 28756**.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 5 NAY.**

Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, and Chairman Clow.**

Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Shepherd, McCrostie, Berch, Toone and Vice Chairman Kerby.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 28741:

Rep. DeMordaunt presented legislation requiring schools to notify parents there are options for vaccine compliance, and to inform them there are possible vaccine exemptions. She stated the legislation is respectful of parents' rights.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Yamamoto made a motion to introduce **RS 28741** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** stated it would not have a fiscal impact or even cost more paper, it only adds a few lines to paperwork already printed for parents.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. McCrostie made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 28741**. **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. **Rep. McCrostie** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, March 05, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 280	Professional Endorsements	Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network
S 1075	Kindergarten Jump Start Program	Vice Chairman Kerby, Senator Thayn
ADJOURN	No later than 10:20 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 05, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Mike Keckler, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBOE); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer SBOE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, State Department of Education (SDE); Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN); Senator Thayn, District 8; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 25, 26 and March 1, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 280: **Blake Youde**, ICSN, presented legislation to secure teacher professional endorsements. The public comment period was opened however there were no stakeholders or citizens seeking to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 280** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Toone** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1075: **Sen. Thayn** presented legislation to create a kindergarten jump start program to help students arrive at kindergarten better prepared. Assessment for eligibility in the four-week program would be conducted at the spring registration event. In answer to committee questions, Sen. Thayn stated the bill is necessary to clarify school's responsibility to reach out to caregivers before kindergarten.

Vice Chairman Kerby spoke in support of **S 1075** and discussed the reasons for his involvement, and experience as a teacher helping children reach their potential. The bill promotes parental engagement to benefit student success. In answer to committee questions, Vice Chairman Kerby confirmed student participation is completely voluntary.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **S 1075** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Vice Chairman Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, March 08, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Workforce Development Presentation	Wendi Secrist, Executive Director, Idaho Workforce Development Council
H 293	Educational Expenses Reimbursement	Rep. Galloway
ADJOURN	No later than 10:20 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 08, 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
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Wendi Secrist, Executive Director, Idaho Workforce Development Council (IWDC); Wendy Johnson, Kuna School District (KSD); Blake Nelson, West Ada School District (WASD), student; Lesa Coleman, citizen; Richard Smith, citizen; Tyler Hurst, Parents of West Ada Stakeholders (PWAS); Jaime Thompson, citizen; Kathy Dawes, citizen; Mike Keckler State Board of Education (SBOE); Andy Grover, Executive Director Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA); Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Amy Johnson, WASD Trustee; Dean Anderson, citizen

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

Wendi Secrist, IWDC, presented an update of the current workforce development plan to increase outreach and awareness of opportunities, the development and supervision of programs and services, and to provide effective resource and funding management. A talent pipeline is being developed with the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI), coordinating employers with workforce development funds. Due to changes in legislation, high school students can now register for training and apprenticeship programs. Next Steps Idaho and Online Idaho were created in collaboration with the SBOE. In answer to committee questions, she stated some grants are limited to age ranges while others do not have age restrictions. Next Steps Idaho is designed to be a career education training program one-stop-shop where visitors can find multiple resources.

H 293: **Rep. Galloway** presented legislation to require public schools to reimburse caregivers for educational expenses incurred when they must educate students due to in-person school closure. The reasons for this legislation are to get kids back in school, to prevent further student learning loss, address current student mental health concerns, and ease the burden placed on caregivers, particularly those already affected by socioeconomic challenges. She expressed urgency to open schools for the benefit of students.

Blake Nelson, WASD, **Lesa Coleman**, **Dean Anderson**, **Richard Smith**, **Tyler Hurst**, PWAS, and **Jaime Thompson**, spoke in support of **H 293**, stating the long term affects of school closure impacts students academically and emotionally, that students do not learn remotely with equal proficiency.

Wendy Johnson, KSD, **Kathy Dawes**, and **Amy Johnson**, WASD, spoke in opposition to **H 293**.

Karen Echeverria, ISBA, spoke in opposition to **H 293**. In answer to committee questions, Ms. Echeverria clarified that the bill is disrespectful to school boards and stated school boards are aware students are impacted socially and emotionally by the pandemic.

Andy Grover, IASA, spoke **in opposition** to **H 293**. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Grover stated most school districts are trying to open schools after spring break.

Rep. Galloway clarified that there are over 70,000 students still not receiving education in schools and the necessary funds would be coming from pandemic-related federal funds. She stated school boards should have been able to find a way to educate students safely with a year of planning and federal funding.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Chairman Clow made a unanimous consent request to extend the meeting beyond 10:20 am. **Rep. Marshall** objected.

MOTION:

Rep. DeMordaunt made a motion to extend adjournment to 10:27 a.m. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION:

Rep. DeMordaunt made a motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. McCrostie made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 293** in committee.

MOTION:

Rep. Marshall spoke **in opposition** to **H 293**.

Rep. Moon made a motion to call for the previous question.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested on the motion to call for the previous question. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 3 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Marshall, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto and Chairman Clow. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. McCrostie, Berch, and Toone.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE, 11 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Marshall, McCrostie, Berch, and Toone. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto and Chairman Clow.**

Chairman Clow stated committee discussion would resume on **H 293** at 8:30 a.m. on March 9, 2021.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, March 09, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 22aas	Request to Concur with Senate Amendment	Chairman Clow
H 293	Educational Expenses Reimbursement: Testimony previously taken, Committee Discussion Only	Rep. Galloway
S 1045	Advanced Opportunities Non-Public School Students	Senator Thayn
SCR105	Rule Concurrent Resolution	Senator Woodward
S 1006	Literacy Intervention – Tracie Bent, SBOE	Tracie Bent, Chief Planning & Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education
H 298	Immunization Exemption	Rep. DeMordaunt
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Kate Haas, Kestrel West representing Bishop Kelly High School (BKHS); Sarah Quilici, Catholic Diocese of Boise (CDB); Jack Horton, BKHS; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Mike Keckler, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE); Jim Eisentrager, Nampa Christian School (NCS); Marc Taylor, NCS; Quinn Perry, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Misty Swanson, ISBA; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, SBOE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

H 22AaS: The Committee discussed the request to Concur with the Senate amendment to **H 22**.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to Concur with the Senate amendment. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Berch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Chairman Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 293: **Rep. Galloway** answered committee questions regarding legislation that will allow caregivers to receive funds for educational expense reimbursement from closed schools which require caregivers to educate students. She clarified schools are considered closed if they do not offer full-time instruction in person for a minimum of four days per week.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation, stating the representatives have an obligation to support the taxpayers who are funding education with the expectation students will be educated.

Vice Chairman Kerby spoke in support of the legislation due to the large financial investment to fund schools which are not serving students. **Rep. Ehardt** and **Rep. Yamamoto** stated there are teachers that are in support of reopening with in-person learning to support students. **Rep. Ehardt** discussed the potential damage to future test scores and achievement without in-person learning.

Rep. Marshall and **Rep. Toone** spoke in opposition to **H 293** due to potential future complications for schools that do not operate with a traditional calendar or hours. **Rep. Berch** and **Rep. McCrostie** spoke in opposition to the legislation due to the potential for the reimbursements to go to private institutions and the lack of teacher support.

VOTE ON MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 4 NAY.** **Voting in support** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto and Chairman Clow.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Marshall, Berch, Toone and McCrostie.** **Rep. Galloway** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- S 1045:** **Senator Thayne** presented legislation which would allow the Advanced Opportunities Grant to be applied to expanded high school opportunities, including dual credit classes.
- Jack Horton** spoke in support of **S 1045**. The legislation will aid in his dual credit fees for Advanced Placement (AP) courses through Idaho Digital Learning Academy and exam fees.
- Jim Eisentrager**, NCS, and **Marc Taylor**, NCS, spoke in support of **S 1045**.
- Kate Haas**, BKHS, and **Sarah Quilici**, CDB, testified in support of **S 1045**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **S 1045** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- SCR 105:** The committee discussed the Senate Concurrent Resolution **SCR 105**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **SCR 105** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Vice Chairman Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1006:** **Tracie Bent**, SBOE, discussed legislation created by the legislative task force to implement a literacy intervention plan. She stated the legislation has language that identifies and better defines the Idaho Literacy Comprehensive Plan and best practices, adding a five year review. Ms. Bent testified that the updated language consolidates rule making, provides a single platform and identifies more clearly what happens with individual districts literary goals. In answer to committee questions, she stated the new language does not change current literacy programs but instead shows how they work together.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **S 1006** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 298:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented legislation to require schools to provide caregivers additional language with immunization notifications informing them of legal exemption options.
- Quinn Perry**, ISBA, spoke in opposition to **H 298**, stating parents should already be aware of their rights and schools work hard to have policies that protect everyone.
- Reps. Wisniewski, Ehardt, and Moon** spoke in support of **H 298**. **Rep. Wisniewski** compared the additional information to a citizen's Miranda rights; that schools should provide complete information.
- Reps. Berch and McCrostie** spoke in opposition to **H 298**. **Rep. McCrostie** stated schools need to do their best to protect all. **Rep. Berch** expressed concern that fewer students would ultimately be vaccinated.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 298** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Berch, Toone and McCrostie** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. DeMordaunt** will represent the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1115	Idaho Charter School Commission	Matt Freeman, Executive Director State Board of Education; Rep. Boyle
S 1116aa	Weapons, School Property	Senator Cook
S 1043aa	School Board Hearings, Exec Session	Rep. Nate

ADJOURN No later than 10:30 a.m.

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Rep Boyle

Rep Mendive

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Rep Moon

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Tracie Bent, Chief Planning & Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBOE), Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Matt Freeman, Executive Director SBOE; Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent, Bonneville School District; Senator Cook, District 30; Misty Swanson, Chief Deputy, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA); Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent, Operations (SDE); Ryan Cantrell, Idaho Rural Schools Association (IRSA); Dr. Eric Studebaker, SDE; Quinn Perry, ISBA; Jenn Thompson, Director, Public Charter School Commission (PCSC); Representative Nate, District 34

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Galloway** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2 and 3, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1115: **Rep. Boyle** presented legislation to improve Charter Commission policies. The Commission will hire its own executive director and staff. Commissioners will be appointed by the Governor, with a regional balance.

Matt Freeman, SBOE, discussed the clarifications to the language provided by the legislation. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Freeman stated the SBOE consulted the Charter School Network and other stakeholders prior to updating the language.

Jenn Thompson, PCSC, answered committee questions regarding the changing framework and revised language to adjust requirements to the year of operation and improve the quality of reports.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **S 1115** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1116aa: **Senator Cook** introduced legislation to provide some latitude to the current law which requires school expulsion for bringing weapons to school, providing situational decisions to be made by the school board. The legislation still aligns with the minimum requirements of the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act. Sen. Cook provided multiple examples of young students expelled for minor errors in judgement.

Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent, discussed slight errors in judgement made by students with permanent consequences. He provided an example of a student who tried not to break the rules and was still expelled from the district.

Misty Swanson, ISBA, and **Eric Studebaker** spoke in support of **S 1116aa** due to the request of the Bonneville School District Board and other school boards who would prefer to review non-gun situations on a case-by-case basis.

Quinn Perry, ISBA, stated the locally-elected school board must legally be the deciding factor to deny a student an education.

In answer to committee questions, **Tracie Bent**, SBOE, referred to the section of code which defines deadly weapons and identifies pocket knives with blades less than two-and-a-half inches in length as exclusion. This change would address many of the younger students' infractions.

Rep. Berch, Vice Chairman Kerby, Rep. McCrostie and Rep. Wisniewski spoke in support of **S 1116aa**.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **S 1116aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Marshall** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1043AA: **Rep. Nate**, District 34, presented legislation to protect student privacy by allowing school boards to enter executive session with parents and students when complaints against students are discussed. It also allows a board's decision to be made in executive session for privacy reasons.

Misty Swanson ISBA, **Quinn Perry**, and **Vice Chairman Kerby**, testified in support of **S 1043aa**.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to the send **S 1043aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nate** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, March 11, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1046aa	Innovative Classrooms	Senator Thayn
RS28220	School Clubs & Organizations	Representative Ehardt
RS28803	Veteran Higher Education Tuition Rate	Representative von Ehlinger
RS28807	Full-Day Kindergarten	Representative Boyle, Senator Crabtree

ADJOURN No later than 10:30 a.m.

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Rep Boyle Rep Marshall
Rep Mendive Rep Wisniewski
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, Moon, DeMordaunt, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Senator Thayn, District 8; Representative Horman, District 30; Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer State Board of Education (SBOE); Mike Keckler, Executive Director SBOE; Julie Oberle, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education (SDE); Representative von Ehlinger, District 6

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

S 1046aa: **Senator Thayn** presented legislation which will enhance student curriculum through collaboration with teachers, administrators and caregivers. If a group, which numbers a class size or greater, makes a curriculum request to a school district, the State Department of Education will review the proposed curriculum for compliance with standards and the district may implement it. In answer to committee questions, Sen Thayn stated the law currently allows school districts to select their own curriculum, this change involves patron-initiated curriculum.

Rep. Horman discussed the benefits to collaboration between caregivers and school districts. She provided examples of schools which have lost many students to charter and alternative schools which could have been prevented with a pathway to innovation. In answer to committee questions, she stated the school districts and administrators would decide if they agree and how to implement the change.

Vice Chairman Kerby spoke in support of **S 1046aa** for its ability to give caregivers and students a voice and build relationships with the school district while creating opportunities.

Rep. McCrostie, Rep. Moon and **Rep. Marshall** expressed concern about funding the implementation of innovative ideas.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Kerby** made a motion to send **S 1046aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 3 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Yamamoto, Shepherd, Galloway, and Chairman Clow. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Berch, Toone, and McCrostie. Rep. Demordaunt was Absent/Excused. Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 28220: **Rep. Ehardt** proposed legislation to require schools to obtain caregiver permission for student participation in school-sponsored clubs and student organizations.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28220. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28803: **Rep. von Ehlinger** proposed legislation which would allow military veterans to pay in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities.

MOTION: Rep. Berch made a motion to return **RS 28803** to the sponsor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. McCrostie made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 28803**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Berch requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 28807C1: Rep. Boyle proposed legislation which will fund optional full day kindergarten and count participating kindergarten students as enrolled full time.

MOTION: Rep. Moon made a motion to introduce **RS 28807C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Science Standards Discussion	Science Coordinator Sharon Cates, State Department of Education
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Clow (McClusky), Vice Chairman Kerby, Representative(s) Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Boyle, DeMordaunt
GUESTS:

Vice Chairman Kerby called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Vice Chairman Kerby opened the science standards discussion explained how last year the committee had a presentation on standards then formed subcommittees and wrote letters to the State Board of Education with recommendations for adjustments to the standards. Now, a year later, it is time to reevaluate and create a new letter.

Reps. Wisniewski and **Toone** expressed the need for supporting content. Last year the supporting content was taken out of the standards and they believe that material cannot be divorced from the standards. Furthermore, they stated supporting content is vital to new teachers who may have a hard time implementing such broad standards without the added information.

Rep. Moon discussed her worry about the age appropriateness of the standards. There are concepts to be learned at each age and students should not be confused by introducing too large of concepts too early. She also expressed the need for balance. Students shouldn't be learning only two key themes one year, and ten the next.

Rep. Ehardt stated the committee should not over-dictate. Of the eighteen states that use Next Generation Standards, only one state adopted all of the supporting content as well.

Rep. Marshall explained one of the reasons the supporting content was thrown out was because of some political language. However, he does not believe this is a good reason to dismiss all supporting content. Furthermore, he expressed worry about the 'do' statements in the standards as those can be difficult to assess.

In further discussion of political language in the supporting content and overall standards, members of the subcommittee on science standards explained they feel it has been cleaned up pretty well especially in physical science and chemistry. They worked hard to find the balance and ensure there was no politics, just science. Other members of the committee expressed their feelings that the upper grades still focused too much on climate change and those standards still needed a bit of cleaning up.

In further debate about supporting content it was brought up how math standards clearly lay out content. It was also stated that the supporting content can still be found by people who want it, it does not need to be published directly in the standards in order for teachers to have the opportunity to read it.

Sharon Cates, Science Coordinator for the State Department of Education, answered committee questions explaining the state department has a website. It would be possible to publish additional documents there as some elementary teachers expressed difficulty understanding the standards as they are written. She also stated of the supporting content, from the Next Generation Standards only a portion of the standards were adopted while a majority of the standards are supporting content. Furthermore, information from the supporting content can end up in assessment of the standards.

The committee discussed the disconnect between the information provided in the standards and how the students are assessed. However, no conclusion was reached as assessment is not handled by the committee but by The State Board of Education.

Vice Chairman Kerby thanked the committee for the discussion and asked committee members to begin working on the draft of the science standards letter.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Representative Kerby
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, March 18, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 330	Residency reqs, armed forces	Rep. von Ehlinger
H 329	School boards, student clubs and organizations	Rep. Ehardt

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Rep Boyle Rep Marshall
Rep Mendive Rep Wisniewski
Rep DeMordaunt Rep Galloway

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2021

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow (McClusky), Vice Chairman Kerby (Greig), Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto (Yamamoto), McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) DeMordaunt, Galloway, Yamamoto

GUESTS: Mistie Tolman, Idaho State Director for Planned Parenthood Votes

Rep. Boyle called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

H 330

Rep. von Ehlinger presented **H 330**. He explained there is a federal mandate that allows honorably discharged veterans to pay in state tuition in any state. Under that mandate veterans have 3 years from the end of their service to enroll in classes. This legislation would allow veterans to receive in state tuition in Idaho any time after their service. There is a piece of this legislation that requires these students to become full-time residents of Idaho within their first year of school. With the downturn in enrollment at Idaho universities, this would be a win-win for schools and universities.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. von Ehlinger** stated there is no state statute putting Idaho in compliance with the federal mandate. However, the universities themselves are in compliance. He explained this issue was brought to him by constituents but he does not have specific examples of veterans being denied in state tuition in Idaho.

Janet Jessup, a budget and policy analyst from the Legislative Services Office, gave further information on the fiscal note. She explained it was calculated by taking the number of out of state self reported veterans enrolled in Idaho universities and multiplying it by the difference between an average of Idaho universities' out of state and in state tuition rates. It was assumed all students were full-time so the fiscal impact can be expected to be smaller if some of these students were part time.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. von Ehlinger** clarified students who fall under this legislation will be required to become a resident of Idaho within their first year of education.

In response to further committee questions, **Ms. Jessup** explained the numbers in the fiscal note create a ceiling and the actual amount is expected to be lower. She further explained she did not distinguish between graduate and undergraduate students who are veterans.

Tracy Bent, Idaho State Board of Education, stood to answer additional committee questions. She explained the federal mandate trumps the state mandate this would create, and Idaho is in compliance with that federal mandate. The federal law also does not require the intention for the student to become a resident of Idaho.

In response to additional committee questions, **Rep. von Ehlinger** stated this legislation is written with the intent to motivate veterans to become residents of Idaho. He clarified the language of this bill was proposed by The Idaho Higher Education Presidents Leadership Council. He explained the extension beyond three years to enroll is a good feature of this bill since it is difficult to know where you want to go at the end of your service.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to **HOLD H 330**.

In discussion of the motion the committee highlighted this legislation would not go into effect until July 1st, 2022. They urged that holding this bill would allow the committee time to revisit the language of the bill next session and make it as clear as possible and still have it go into effect on the same date. They expressed their intention to help veterans as much as they can, but there seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding this bill and it can be made tighter.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 329: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **H 329**. She explained this is a parental rights bill as well as protective legislation for Idaho schools. This legislation will require schools to publish a list of clubs that are formally accepted by the school as official clubs on their website. This list must also include the clubs' advisor, a general description and mission statement, any planned activities off campus, and a form or permission slip for the parent to sign before their child may participate in the club. There is a similar process already in place for Idaho sports this would just require the same of clubs.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Ehardt** explained when this list is officially published the schools will be released of liability from any non-official clubs that may form. She also clarified this legislation will not stop outside clubs who simply use the school property for meetings. The examples given were club sports and the Idaho High School Rodeo Association which often meet in school buildings. This bill does not stop students from getting together and calling themselves a club, but it does release the school from the liability of those gatherings.

MOTION: **Rep. Wisniewski** made a motion to send **H 329** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. McCrostie, Berch,** and **Toone** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Friday, March 19, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28863	School community councils	Rep. Wendy Horman
RS28604	High school activities, coaching	Dan McKnight
RS28866	Racist, sexist concepts	Ed Humphreys

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Clow(McClusky)	Rep Moon	Rep Shepherd
Vice Chairman Kerby	Rep Ehardt	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Boyle	Rep Marshall	Rep McCrostie
Rep Mendive	Rep Wisniewski	Rep Berch
Rep DeMordaunt	Rep Galloway	Rep Toone

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 19, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow (McClusky), Vice Chairman Kerby (Greig), Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto (Yamamoto), McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Clow (McClusky), Representative(s) DeMordaunt, Galloway, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

GUESTS: Mike Federico, Idaho High School Athletic Association

Rep. Boyle called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

RS 28863: **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 28863** explaining it creates community councils at schools in Idaho made up of parents and teachers at each school.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 28863. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28604: **Dan McKnight** presented **RS 28604.** He explained how this bill involves coaching at the high school level. It would allow high school coaches to also coach club and recreation sport leagues. Currently, official high school coaches are not allowed to do this.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. McKnight** said it does not address volunteer coaching staff.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to introduce **RS 28604.** A roll call vote was requested on the motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 6 AYE, 2 NAY, 7 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Greig, Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Marshall, and Yamamoto. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Ehardt and Shepherd. Reps. DeMordaunt, Wisniewski, Galloway, McCrostie, Berch, Toone, and McClusky** were Absent/Excused.

RS 28866: **Ed Humphreys** presented **RS 28866.** He explained this proposed legislation would prohibit racist and sexist teaching in public schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28866.** A roll call vote was requested on the motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 6 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Greig, Boyle, Mendive, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Shepherd, and Yamamoto. Reps. DeMordaunt, McCrostie, Berch, Toone, and McClusky** were Absent/Excused.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, April 08, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	IDeal - Idaho College Savings Program	Christine Stoll, Executive Director
	Special Education Program Update	Dr. Charlie Silva, Director of Special Education, State Department of Education
	Performance Metrics for Learning Loss Funding	Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy
ADJOURN	No later than 9:20 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, April 08, 2021

TIME: 8:00 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Galloway, Moon, Boyle, and DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Dr. Charlie Silva, Director of Special Education, State Department of Education (SDE); Christine Stoll, Executive Director IDEal; Lisa Pofelski-Rosa, Financial Specialist (SDE); Idaho State Treasurer Julie Ellsworth

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, and 19, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Charlie Silva, Director of Special Education, presented an overview of the special education process, how the program is funded and which students are served by the program. Federal programs provide supplemental entitlements which cover approximately 31% of the cost, with the State funding the other approximately 69%. The students covered are age three through twenty-one. Eligibility for services is determined by evaluation and creation of an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). The plan must be reviewed annually in order to maintain compliance. Approximately 11.5% of the students in the State qualify for services. The program is challenged by continued funding and personnel shortages.

Lisa Pofelski-Rosa, Financial Specialist SDE, explained the Local Educational Authority (LEA) funding formula and how charter schools and school districts are funded based on the number of students and specific needs of the students in the program. Private schools have students on service plans instead of IEP's and receive some funds for services as well. As the percentage of students identified as qualifying for special education programs increases each year, the amount of federal support also increases. Maintenance of the IEP's must be met by 100% in order to qualify for funding.

Christine Stoll, Executive Director of IDEal, presented the Idaho College Savings Plan 529 program, which has been designated in the top 25 in the nation. Withdrawals for qualified education or apprenticeship programs are tax free. Students who have savings for higher education are seven times more likely to achieve an advanced degree. Employers who contribute directly to 529 accounts receive tax benefits. The program also funds community scholarships. In response to committee members questions, Ms. Stoll confirmed there was a financial impact to the State for tax credits.

Chairman Clow discussed setting up an IDEal 529 account for each grandchild and making a small contribution each month which will equate to covering the first year of college for each student. **Ms. Stoll** confirmed the gifting code to contribute funds into the account can also be shared with others to grow the account.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, April 12, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	American Rescue Plan Act Funding	Matt Freeman, Executive Director, State Board of Education Karen Seay, Director of Federal Programs, State Department of Education
	Performance Metrics for Learning Loss Funding	Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications & Policy
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, April 12, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, DeMordaunt and Moon

GUESTS: Matt Freeman, Executive Director of the State Board of Education (SBOE); Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent Communications & Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Karen Seay, Director of Federal Programs SDE; Julie Oberle Chief Financial Officer SDE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

MOTION: **Representative Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Matt Freeman, SBOE, presented information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Programs which are designed to address student learning loss caused by the pandemic. Plans include intervention plans, summer enrichment programs, after school programs, and emergency and administrative costs. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Freeman indicated the funds are coming from the Federal Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) III fund. The spending authority is within FY2022 with carryover into FY2023. The State Education Authority (SEA) for Idaho is the State Board of Education, dealing directly with the federal government. Federal program funds under the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplement Act (CRRSA) could not be used to cover losses, however the ARPA funds are allowed to be used to cover pandemic-related lost revenue. Higher education institutions report approximately \$91,828,000 in lost revenue. (Attachment 1)

Karen Seay, SDE, indicated the CRRSA is the source of ESSER I and II funds. She stated some Local Education Authorities (LEA's) have not drawn the emergency relief funds available to them. In answer to committee questions regarding challenges smaller LEA's face in accessing the funds, Ms. Seay stated her office is available to assist LEA's through the application process. LEA's cannot access ESSER II funds until their ESSER I funds are spent.

Marilyn Whitney, SDE, stated her office offers webinars to help smaller districts and charter schools understand how to access the funds. LEA's are able to request funds weekly. In answer to committee questions regarding if the SDE could distribute the funds, Ms. Whitney stated the funds must be requested and tracked by the LEA.

Ms. Seay stated each LEA receives funds based on the Title I proportion from the State. Federal funds are identified as earmarked for "learning loss" without specific direction. LEA's are required to post a plan to have students back in school in person. LEA's are also required to share a Maintenance of Equity Plan as well as a Maintenance of Effort Plan. These plans are based on data averages and constructed in coordination with the SDE. Non-public schools are also able to apply for emergency assistance funds. Funds have also been allocated for individuals who qualify for special assistance under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in order to address the pandemic impact on students already in special education programs.

Marilyn Whitney presented Performance Metrics for Learning Loss funding. The Governor's Office has allocated approximately \$20,000,000 to support learning loss intervention for current students beginning this summer. All of the funds must be used by December 31st, 2021. K-4 eligible students are identified as scoring below grade level, whereas K-12 students will be eligible if identified as being at risk of not performing at grade level. Student outcomes will be measured by State standardized testing.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 364	Protecting Critical Thinking In Higher Education – Adds to existing law to implement the Protecting Critical Thinking in Higher Education Act.	Rep. Ehardt
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: President Critchfield, State Board of Education (SBOE); Kathy Dawes, citizen
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

H 364: **Rep. Ehardt** presented legislation written to protect the free speech of students in public higher education institutions. She stated institutions have created speech zones and codes which infringe upon students' freedom of speech and expression. Students using threatening or disruptive speech still fall within the disciplinary guidelines of the institution. The legislation is designed to protect critical thinking, expression and communication, adding to the existing law to implement the Protecting Critical Thinking in Higher Education Act. Rep. Ehardt cited U.S. Supreme Court findings which support and protect the constitutional rights of students. She stated we cannot unite by dividing.
Kathy Dawes spoke in opposition to **H 364**.
In response to concerns regarding institutional fines, **Rep. Ehardt** confirmed institutions will still have due process. As requested, Rep. Ehardt listed the seventeen other states which have enacted legislation to protect the freedom of speech on campuses.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 364** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 364** in Committee.
In answer to committee questions regarding whether the report would require additional staff, **President Critchfield**, SBOE, stated conversations need to happen with institution leaders in order to determine optimal implementation. She stated the reports should only include pertinent information to avoid additional bureaucracy.
Committee members expressed concerns in opposition of **H 364** regarding the timing of its introduction, how it will impact institutions, and that the one-year limit for students to file a complaint may be too short.
Committee members spoke in support of **H 364** and expressed confidence the accountability within the legislation will reduce the suppression of students' freedom of speech.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motioned failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 11 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Clow, Reps. Berch, Toone, McCrostie. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, Vice Chairman Kerby.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion passed by a vote of 12 AYE and 3 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, Vice Chairman Kerby, Chairman Clow. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Berch, Toone, McCrostie. Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Recognition of Page Lucy Wonacott	Chairman Clow

ADJOURN No later than 10:00 a.m.

Public testimony may be limited to 2 minutes at the discretion of the Chair. If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Boyle Rep Marshall
Rep Mendive Rep Wisniewski
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 20, 2021
TIME: 8:30 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
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Moon, Berch, Ehardt and McCrostie
GUESTS: None
MOTION: **Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Rep. Galloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12 and 14, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Clow recognized page **Lucy Wonacott** for all of her hard work.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
8:30 A.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, April 22, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 377	Public Education: Dignity and Nondiscrimination	Rep. Wendy Horman Rep. Julianne Young Sen. Carl Crabtree
	Discussion: Committee Standards Letter: ELA, Math, Science	Chairman Clow
ADJOURN	No later than 10:30 a.m.	

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 2021

TIME: 8:30 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: President Debbie Critchfield, State Board of Education (SBOE); Lane McInelley, Idaho Education Association (IEA); Kathy Dawes; Heather Stout; Lauren Bramwell, Policy Strategist, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Nick Kolarik; JennaVieve Keim; Tess Baxter; Dele Ogunrinola; Abby Gnojewski; Joshua Titmus; Anna Miller, Idaho Freedom Foundation (IFF); Christopher Lueker-Ritler; Jamie Faselt; Helina Alvarez; John Bassetti; Richard Eppink; Sharon Cates, State Department of Education (SDE)

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

H 377: **Rep. Wendy Horman** introduced legislation created to ensure respect and nondiscrimination in public school and higher education curriculum. She stated the legislation does not prohibit any instruction and allows students the opportunity to explore information from diverse sources and form their own ideas through academic freedom. Rep. Horman said no student should be compelled to exercise racial prejudice, a main tenet of critical race theory is that the races are not equal, which is contrary to the foundational belief that all are created equal. Critical race ideology undermines current curricular objectives of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, skin color, national origin and other criteria which create division. The legislation contains protection for the collection of demographic data.

Rep. Julianne Young presented the legislative intent to prevent critical race theory from being part of the curriculum due to its instruction to judge others based on sex, race, ethnicity, religion, skin color, or national origin, in contradiction to the Idaho Constitution. Critical race theory is an intellectual movement teaching students skin color is not a biologically-derived trait but a social construct invented to divide people into two groups, the oppressed and the oppressors. She stated this legislation will protect against encouraged discrimination and that no institution of public instruction shall teach students that some are superior or inferior, or that others should be treated adversely based on their appearance. The legislation will also protect against the instruction that one can genetically inherit responsibility for past crimes committed by others of the same sex, race, ethnicity, religion, skin color, national origin. She referenced **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** in that no people should be prejudged based on external features. This legislation is a proactive step to protect students before federal curriculum is mandated.

President Critchfield, SBOE, testified that she assisted in the refinement of the legislation with the college and university presidents with whom she recently visited. Although the SBOE has no official position on critical race theory, every student is allowed freedom of expression and thought. She stated students and parents need to be aware of what is being taught and the SBOE is against indoctrination in any form. In answer to committee questions, President Critchfield responded the legislation would not have an impact on the SBOE or create any additional supervisory work.

Lane McInelley, IEA, Kathy Dawes, Heather Stout, Lauren Bramwell, ACLU, Nick Kolarik, JennaVieve Keim, Tess Baxter, Dele Ogunrinola, Abby Gnojewski, Joshua Titmus, Christopher Lueker-Ritler, Jamie Faselt, and Helina Alvarez testified in opposition to H 377.

Anna Miller, IFF, testified regarding H 377 stating it should contain stronger language.

John Bassetti testified in support of H 377.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Young** stated the bill does not define critical race theory because it includes all discrimination, not just what is classified as critical race ideology. She said the bill presents the tenets in 3(a) which are characteristics of Critical Race Theory and that it does not provide direct penalties.

Rep. Horman answered committee questions regarding the goal of a common understanding of model policy against discrimination, which will be implemented by supervisory agencies and school boards.

Chairman Clow asked the sponsors to clarify if academic debate classes and preparation asking students to prepare opposing positions and debate the issue would violate H 377. The bill sponsor, **Rep. Horman**, stated traditional debate is allowed and encouraged. Chairman Clow specifically indicated he would like this recorded in the minutes.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Vice Chairman Kerby made a motion to send H 377 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. He spoke in support of the legislation, stating students shouldn't be compelled to take a position or be ashamed of the way they were born. The legislation intentionally does not have penalties with the expectation that supervisory boards will decide.

Committee members expressed concern that the legislation is unnecessary because discrimination is already illegal in the State Constitution and the language of the bill is ambiguous which could potentially lead to withheld funds.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. McCrostie made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 377** in committee. He stated there needs to be more discussion and that critical race theory is a lens with which to explore race.

Committee members spoke against the substitute motion because the legislation is being proactive and there is nothing in the bill preventing the instruction of any topics or ideas, tax dollars cannot be used to teach our kids to hate each other and our country, and the President issued Executive Order 13985 for advancing racial equity tied to federal funds.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Motion failed by voice vote.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Berch, Toone, and McCrostie requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Clow presented a draft of the standards letter to be sent to the State Board of Education, State Department of Education and the Governor's Office.

There being no new business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Monday, April 26, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Committee Curriculum Standards Letter: ELA, Math, Science	Chairman Clow

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, April 26, 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. McCrostie, Boyle and DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy, State Department of Education (SDE); Sharon Cates, Science Coordinator, SDE; Dr. Cathy Beals, Mathematics Coordinator, SDE; Alayna Knop, ELA Coordinator, SDE

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

Chairman Clow introduced a proposed letter from the Committee to the Governor, State Board of Education and State Superintendent regarding conclusions of the standards review work performed by the subcommittees for Math, Science and English Language Arts (ELA).

In answer to committee questions, **Marilyn Whitney**, SDE, stated the negotiated rule-making process is planned to begin in two weeks.

Rep. DeMordaunt and **Rep. Marshall** discussed the ELA subcommittee comments.

Rep. Wisniewski discussed the subcommittee comments regarding science standards.

Rep. Ehardt stated well-rounded knowledge is necessary regardless of future employers. **Rep. Yamamoto** agreed that occupational goals shift too frequently and that all students should have a well-rounded education.

Vice Chairman Kerby discussed the subcommittee math standard comments and the creation of the new model. **Rep. Moon** stated the new standards should be implemented as soon as possible.

Chairman Clow thanked the Committee for their input, stating he will continue to refine the draft with **Senator Thayn** prior to signing.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Christine Reynolds
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, May 04, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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Approval of Minutes

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Vice Chairman Kerby	Rep Ehardt
Rep Boyle	Rep Marshall
Rep Mendive	Rep Wisniewski
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MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, May 04, 2021
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representative(s) Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Boyle, DeMordaunt, Moon, Wisniewski
GUESTS: None
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22 and April 26, 2021.
Motion carried by voice vote.
In response to a committee question, **Chairman Clow** provided the status of the Committee Curriculum Standards Letter.
Committee members spoke to the hard work that was done for the Committee Curriculum Standards Letter and recognized **Chairman Clow** and **Rep. Marshall** for their efforts.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
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