

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2019

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Quinn Perry, ISBA; Marilyn Whitney, Matt McCarter and Tim McMurtrey, SDE

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

S 1108: **Marilyn Whitney**, Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education (SDE), presented **S 1108**, which increases the reimbursement of funds to school districts to administer driver training programs, from \$125 to \$150. The reimbursement amount has not changed since 1996 and the balance of the driver education account has grown to \$4.3 million. This bill would help draw down the balance, while still keeping it solvent. The bill sets aside 10% of the account balance annually for need-based scholarships, as identified by the school or district, and competitive grants to districts.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **S 1108** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Whitney** and **Matt McCarter**, Director of Student Engagement- Career and Technical Readiness, SDE, clarified the competitive grant mechanism was a suggestion from districts, to allow them to bring innovative ideas and receive help with their program needs, such as updating their training vehicles. A steering committee exists which will direct the grant money and need will be a criteria, thereby helping rural districts. They noted the majority of driver training programs have their own vehicles.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1057: **Marilyn Whitney** presented **S 1057**, which would eliminate duplicate reporting of student achievement data to the state. The State Department of Education convened a "red tape committee" to make recommendations on how to streamline reporting. As a result, this bill removes specific metrics from a school's continuous improvement plan and instead requires schools to link to the state school report card, found at www.idahoschools.org. The report card shows progress over three years.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to **HOLD S 1057** in committee.

Quinn Perry, Policy and Government Affairs Director, Idaho School Boards Association, testified **in support** of the bill and removing redundant reporting.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Whitney** testified schools continuously evaluate their progress toward goals and have to take this into account when setting goals for the following year.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Berch made a substitute motion to send **S 1057** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. He stated this bill does not diminish the amount of information required; it is a different way of reporting.

Rep. Kerby spoke **in support** of the original motion due to concerns about the lack of evaluation at the end of the school year.

Rep. Marshall spoke **in support** of the substitute motion.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. McCrostie made an amended substitute motion to send **S 1057** to General Orders. He stated his intention is to restore Section 2.b.vi to address the concerns about year-end reporting.

VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

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 9:29 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary