

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