

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2012

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Andreason, Pearce, Fulcher, Winder, Toryanski, Malepeai, and LeFavour

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:**

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies, and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Chairman Goedde** informed the committee that he received an email from **Jeff Piontek** from the Hawaii Technology Academy. He emailed the committee **Mr. Piontek's** contact information for anyone that would like to follow-up with him.

INTRODUCTIONS: **Chairman Goedde** introduced and welcomed **Tom Taggart**, Business Manager, from Lakeland School District to the committee audience.

Chairman Goedde welcomed **Jason Hancock**, Department of Education, to the committee to present **RS 21184**, **RS 21186**, and **RS 21188**. **Mr. Hancock** stated that the three pieces of legislation all deal with the three separate bills of "Students Come First." The proposals are making a number of small changes to better clarify the intent of the bills.

RS 21184 **Mr. Hancock** presented **RS 21184**, this regards adjustments in Senate Bill 1108. There are eight different modifications and he reviewed each one with the committee. **Chairman Goedde** told the committee that in the red folders there is a letter from the Attorney General's office dated February 7, 2012. This letter responds to the legal definition of working conditions and employee benefits. He then asked if there were questions from the committee for **Mr. Hancock**.

Senator Andreason asked **Mr. Hancock** on page eight, item four, why is this new wording necessary. **Mr. Hancock** stated the State Board of Education ability to make and promulgate rules was questioned and challenged by various entities. **Mr. Hancock** said the Attorney General stated that it is his belief the State Board of Education's has the authority to make rules. This item is added because there were questions about their abilities. This addition should make clear the State Board of Education's authority.

MOTION: Having no further questions, **Senator Fulcher** moved, seconded by **Vice Chairman Mortimer**, to send **RS 21184** to print. Motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 21186 **Mr. Hancock** presented **RS 21186** which deals with adjustments and clarifications to Senate Bill 1184. He discussed the five items that will make the technical changes to the bill.

Senator Pearce asked **Mr. Hancock** in regard to item two, students cannot take dual credit unless they have completed all their high school graduation requirements. **Mr. Hancock** replied yes the students can take dual credit, but this provision is only when the state will pay the fees. **Senator Pearce** asked will the bill from the House conflict with this provision. **Mr. Hancock** said no.

MOTION: Having no more questions **Senator Pearce** moved, seconded by **Senator Fulcher**, to send **RS 21186** to print.

DISCUSSION: **Vice Chairman Mortimer** asked if this is only for those students who have completed all their required courses by the second semester of their senior year. He asked **Mr. Hancock** to explain the provisions for those students that have met the course requirements by the start of the senior year. **Mr. Hancock** said the eligibility begins at the time the student completes the state requirements. That will take a great deal of acceleration from students to complete course requirements in order for the state to pay the dual credit costs. Not many will be able to achieve that goal; thereby the costs to state will be limited.

VOTE: Having no more discussion the motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 21188 **Mr. Hancock** presented **RS 21188** which clarifies Senate Bill 1110. He discussed the four items that will clarify the bill. He noted that the first bill's language made it possible to read the employee retirement fund would be funded twice: which is not the intent.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Mortimer** moved, seconded by **Senator Pearce**, to send RS 21188 to print. Motion carried by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Chairman Goedde** welcomed **Peter Morrill**, General Manager for Idaho Public Television (IPTV). **Mr. Morrill** began his presentation by showing the committee a video promoting the work and importance of IPTV. Public Television is the second most watched television channel in the United States per capita. **Mr. Morrill** then showed the committee the work and concerns of IPTV through a Power Point presentation. Supporting documents related to this testimony have been archived and can be accessed in the office of the Committee Secretary (see Attachment #1).

Chairman Goedde thanked **Mr. Morrill** for his presentation and asked for questions from the committee.

Senator Toryanski said one of the slides stated IPTV offered education. He asked **Mr. Morrill** to update the committee on what they are teaching. **Mr. Morrill** said that the station has partnerships with Idaho State University, Boise State University, and University of Idaho. Weekly, from each institution, students are able to use the station's equipment to learn the skills of television production. The station has many internship opportunities available for students. **Mr. Morrill** also described the "overnight learning service;" which delivers courses overnight to students in different schools across the state.

Senator Andreason said the presentation showed the station eliminating two full time staff positions: Personnel Manager and Station Manager. He asked **Mr. Morrill** how the station functions without those two positions. **Mr. Morrill** said not as well. The General Manager and the Business Manager have taken over those tasks.

ADJOURN: Having no more questions for **Mr. Morrill**, **Chairman Goedde** thanked him for the update. He then adjourned the committee at 3:46 P.M.

Senator Goedde
Chairman

LeAnn South
Secretary