

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 04, 2013
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Agidius, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, Pence, Kloc, Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle and Agidius
- GUESTS:** Shane Evans, Idaho Department of Corrections; Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News; Tracie Bent, Marv Lyter and Marilyn Whitney, State Board of Education; Russell Westerberg, Westerberg & Associates; Rob Winslow and Harold Ott, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Chris Ellis, North West Career Colleges Federation; Bruce Newcomb, Boise State University; Karen Echeverria, Idaho School Board Association; Larry Benton, Benton Ellis; Kate Haas, Building Officials
- Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2013, meeting with the following correction: On page 1, paragraph 1, change committee to Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Brent Reinke**, Director of the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC), gave a presentation to the Committee. He stated IDOC has four divisions: Prisons; Probation and Parole; Education, Treatment, and Reentry; and Management Services. Mr. Reinke said the focus in the new year will be on staff, population and settling the federal Balla lawsuit.
- Mr. Reinke** stated there are 8,097 inmates in 11 prisons. Three of the prisons are privately-operated by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), one of them located in Colorado. He said because the prison population is down in the first five months of the year, he is exploring the possibility of returning some inmates to Idaho.
- Shane Evans**, IDOC Division Chief of Education, Treatment, & Re-entry, presented information on programs available to inmates. These include Adult Literacy, GED, Adult Basic Education, Professional Technical Education, and transition support for those re-entering the workforce.
- In answer to questions, **Mr. Reinke** stated it is not easy for an ex-inmate to re-enter the workforce, but the IDOC has an extensive list of felony friendly employers and they work closely with the Department of Labor.
- H 81:** **Marilyn Whitney**, State Board of Education, presented **H 81**. She stated it removes the sunset clause and allows institutions to continue to have sole discretion on state purchasing contracts. She said after a three year review, all parties concluded to remove the sunset clause.

Bruce Newcomb, Boise State University, testified **in favor of H 81**. He stated it will prevent duplication of efforts, and will allow purchases to be completed in a more timely manner.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **H 81** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 82: **Marilyn Whitney**, presented **H 82** saying it aligns workers compensation laws so that post secondary students will receive the same coverage as K-12 students. She said it allows universities or colleges to purchase coverage through the State Insurance Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **H 82** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 83: **Marilyn Whitney** presented **H 83** explaining this legislation will allow flexibility in establishing surety bond requirements by allowing for an alternative source to be used in place of, or in conjunction with the surety bond. Alternate financial instruments must be of equal value to the surety bond requirements.

In answer to questions about the formula used, **Ms. Whitney** explained it is based on the prior fiscal year revenue.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 83** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 84: **Marilyn Whitney** presented **H 84**. She explained the changes in this legislation will eliminate jurisdictional conflicts with local agencies by specifying the Division of Building Safety's responsibility in regards to inspection and issuance of certificates of occupancy.

Kate Haas, Association of Building Officials, testified **in opposition of H 84**. She stated Title 39 of the Idaho Code already allows districts to choose who reviews plans, and this legislation will remove that decision.

In answer to questions, **Ms. Whitney** explained this legislation will clarify when the hand off to local jurisdiction takes place.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to **hold H 84** with recommendation that the State Board come back with new language.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a substitute motion to send **H 84** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Clow and **Rep. Bateman** spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion. **Rep. Bateman** stated local school districts should have some latitude in who approves projects.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman DeMordaunt** called for a vote on the substitute motion to send **H 84** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nielsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Lynn Walker
Secretary