

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 09, 2015
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Keough, Nonini, Patrick, Souza, Den Hartog, Buckner-Webb and Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- 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.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman Mortimer** called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. He welcomed the audience to the meeting.
- PRESENTATION:** **Jane Gallimore**, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS), presented the history of the museum and its impact on the State. She explained the preservation work of the museum and the expansion project. The expansion work that will be done will include more exhibition space, classrooms, and lecture halls. To determine how to expand, the ISHS did a great deal of research on what exhibits were needed to enhance the museum experience. She introduced Kurt Zwolfer, Education/Visitor Services Manager, to explain the data used to determine the reason for the expansion. **Mr. Zwolfer** addressed the educational strategies for school visits: direct curriculum support, applied learning and informal learning. He gave examples of the many different programs the museum provides which bring history alive. He concluded by saying that a museum can be many things and they specifically focus on education. **Ms. Gallimore** concluded the presentation thanking the Committee for the legislative support.
- Senator Patrick** said he really likes the whole project and thinks history is important for future generations. He asked if there will be enough parking with the increased size of the museum. **Ms. Gallimore** replied ISHS is fortunate to be working with the Boise Parks and Recreation Department to insure adequate spaces are available. ISHS shares parking with the other businesses in Julia Davis Park and it works well.
- H 20:** **Tracie Bent**, Chief Policy Officer, State Board of Education (SBE), presented **H 20** relating to appraisal, lease, and sale of lands. This bill cleans up a conflict in two existing pieces of code. It amends the language in Section 55-335 to clarify the similar language in the prevailing code, Section 33-107. She explained each of the codes' current statements of authority for the disposal of surplus lands. The conflict is there are two different codes that have two different entities having the authority to dispose of surplus property.
- Senator Den Hartog** asked what has been the past practice of disposing of property considering the conflict in code. **Ms. Bent** replied whenever there has been surplus property for disposal the SBE contacts the Land Board as a courtesy. If any concerns are raised then the SBE can address those.
- Chairman Mortimer** stated it seems that this bill will put into statute the current practice of disposing of property. He asked if she could give an example. **Ms. Bent** gave an example of Idaho State University disposing of property to the Pocatello School District.

Senator Patrick asked about the University of Idaho's (UI) property in Caldwell that may be sold. **Ms. Bent** said the property that UI owns already has language exempting them. This statute would not change UI's practice of disposing property.

Chairman Mortimer asked if state agencies, including charter schools, had preferential treatment in the purchasing of state property. **Ms. Bent** answered in the affirmative.

MOTION: **Senator Patrick** moved to send **H 20** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engleking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 21 **Ms. Bent** presented **H 21** relating to nursing, which strikes the language in Section 54-1406 that requires the SBE to approve any curriculum changes that would impact the existing articulation agreements between nursing programs. There are eight state nursing institution programs and five private nursing programs. She explained the SBE approves programs but not curriculum. She stated this administrative clean-up, and the Nursing Board approves this legislation.

Senator Thayn asked in regards to the articulation agreements, if the credits from one institution transfer seamlessly to another. **Ms. Bent** replied in the affirmative and explained transfer process between programs.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Thayn** move to send **HB 21** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 22 **Ms. Bent** presented **H 22**, relating to district trustees. This is truly an administrative clean-up. There is a section of code, Section 33-5038, that specifies how the board of trustee terms would transition from the previous three-year terms to the current four-year terms. This is an unnecessary section of code and this bill would repeal it.

MOTION: **Senator Nonini** moved to send **H 22** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engleking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Thayn.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1402: **Vice Chairman Thayn** stated this rule as been before the Committee before and no action was taken. There are three parts to the rule that will be reviewed. He invited Dr. Taylor Raney, Director of Certification, State Department of Education (SDE) to present the docket. **Dr. Raney** said the docket has several parts and he is speaking only on parts about three sets of teacher professional preparation standards; exceptional child, school counselors, and school psychologists. He outlined the proposed changes and answered questions.

Vice Chairman Thayn asked Tim Corder, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, State Department of Education (SDE), presented the drivers training program changes. He handed the Committee information regarding student reimbursement and explained how the process works between the SDE and districts. Clarification of the reimbursement process was necessary.

TESTIMONY: **Mike Ryals**, Idaho Association of Licensed Driving Businesses, testified against the rule change stating that negotiated rulemaking didn't occur when setting the prices.

Doug Pottinger All About Safe Driving, spoke in favor of the rule change.

Tonya Haustreit, Phillips Driving School, spoke in favor of the rule change

Mike Arnell, Idaho Association of Licensed Driving Businesses, spoke against the rule change. He stated the rule is not needed and believed there is an unequal issue of enforcement.

MOTION: **Senator Keough** moved to adopt **Docket No. 08-0202-1402**. **Senator Ward-Engleking** seconded the motion. **Senate Keough** stated that incorporation by reference is a challenge. She appreciated the time that SDE gave the Committee to walk through the changes. She stated the effort in the Drivers Ed rule is for the protection of the public dollar and the protection of a public process. When amounts of a public contract go above \$25,000 the State needs to have oversight of the process. She is in favor of the docket.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Senator Nonini** moved to adopt **Docket No. 08-0202-1402** with the exception of Section .004.03. **Chairman Mortimer** seconded the motion. **Chairman Mortimer** spoke in favor of the substitute motion and said the language of the new section is unclear and vague. He doesn't object to concept, but the language is unclear.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Vice Chairman Thayn** called for a roll call vote. **Senators Mortimer, Thayn, Nonini, Patrick, and Den Hartog** voted aye. **Senators Keough and Ward-Engleking** voted nay. The motion carried.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Thayn returned the gavel to Chairman Mortimer.

ADJOURNED: There being no more business, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Senator Mortimer
Chair

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Secretary