

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Nonini, Vice Chairman Shirley, Representative(s) Trail, Block (Block), Nielsen, Chadderdon, Shepherd, Wills, Marriott, Thayn, Hartgen, Bateman, Boyle, DeMordaunt, Nessel, Pence, Chew, Cronin

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Nielsen and Pence

GUESTS: Senator Smyser; James Page, Greg Hampikian and Nora Catherine Staum, Boise State University, Idaho Innocence Project; Robin Nettinga, Idaho Education Association (IEA); Rob Winslow, Idaho Education Association (IEA); Luci Willits, State Department of Education (SDE); Doug Jones, citizen; Colby Cameron, Sullivan Reberger Eiguren; Jess Harrison, Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA)

Chairman Nonini called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Thayn** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1308: **Senator Smyser** presented **S 1308**. She said that in light of the changes and cuts in recent years, this legislation presents an opportunity to help. By providing a safety net to educators who have been affected by reductions-in-force, **S 1308** would extend the time period for transfer of accumulated sick leave days from one (1) year to three (3) years for any educator whose employment is terminated as a result of reduction-in-force. She stated that this allows educators up to three years to find a new job without losing this leave; currently educators must find a new job within one year or they will forfeit this benefit.

In response to questions, **Robin Nettinga**, Idaho Education Association (IEA), stated that under **S 1308**, an educator who was terminated as a result of reduction-in-force must become employed by an Idaho school district or State agency within three years to qualify to keep their sick leave. The purpose of this proposed legislation is to allow educators who have been displaced through no fault of their own extra time to secure new employment in the field of education. Teachers are under contracts; reduction-in-force related changes to their employment would not be made mid-year.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **S 1308** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Thayn and **Rep. Shirley** spoke in support of the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Nonini** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1308** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Thayn** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 21290C1: **Rep. Hart** was unable to be located to present **RS 21290C1**. This proposed legislation will be rescheduled.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Representative Nonini
Chair

Mary Tipps
Secretary