

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Fulcher, Winder, Toryanski, Malepeai, and LeFavour
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senators Andreason and Pearce
- 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 Goedde** called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. and asked the secretary to take a silent roll. He then reordered the agenda and directed **H 604** to be heard first.
- H 604** **Jason Hancock** of Department of Education presented **H 604**. He said this legislation relates to the technology task force. They will review any online course to ensure the courses meet state standards. This legislation is making a statute subsection and consulting rules. The rules will be in front of the State Board of Education where they will be temporary and promulgated until next session when they can be placed before the Senate Education Committee for approval.
- Vice Chairman Mortimer** said he remembered from last year the online classes could be approved by the department and the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA). **Mr. Hancock** responded this does not relate to IDLA. IDLA will use that authority to approve their own courses. This pertains to any outside providers.
- Chairman Goedde** asked if IDLA has the ability to charge fees and can they do reviews of courses. **Mr. Hancock** replied he was not sure and he would have to review their statutes.
- Vice Chairman Mortimer** moved, seconded by **Senator Toryanski** to send **H 604** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Chairman Goedde** will carry the bill on the floor.
- H 590** **Tamara Baysinger**, Director of Idaho Public Charter Schools Commission (IPCSC), presented **H 590**. She said this is a clean up bill. After working and living in the law, it was time to have them reflect how IPCSC does its work. She gave the committee a hand out explaining all the changes and she highlighted some of the changes.
- Vice Chairman Mortimer** asked if another group has also reviewed these changes. **Ms. Baysinger** said yes; the Idaho School Board Association and the Idaho Charter Schools Commission. All were okay with the modifications.
- Vice Chairman Mortimer** moved, seconded by **Senator LeFavour**, to send **H 590** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Vice Chairman Mortimer** will carry the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** After waiting for 15 minutes for **Representative Wood** to present **H 564**, **Chairman Goedde** adjourned the meeting at 3:39 P.M.

Senator Goedde
Chairman

LeAnn South
Secretary