MINUTES

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2013

TIME: 12 Noon or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room C310 JFAC

MEMBERS: Chairman Anderson(1), Representatives Moyle, Crane, Vander Woude, Rusche,

Burgoyne, Pence

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Representative Pence

GUESTS:

None

Chairman Anderson(1) called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Rusche made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20th, 2013. **Motion**

carried by voice vote.

Chairman Anderson(1) requested to do the agenda in reverse order due to

available presenters. There was no objection.

RS 22331: Rep. Erpelding presented RS 22331. He explained this proposed legislation

makes permanent Weed Awareness Week, which has been occurring on an annual basis through the Governor's proclamations since 2002. Historically, Weed Awareness Week has been held the week prior to Memorial Day weekend. The purpose of Weed Awareness Week is to make citizens aware that Idaho has an immense noxious weed problem. He stated this includes both marine and land noxious weeds. The weed awareness groups that support this proposed legislation work together to make sure there is a wide advertising campaign every year. This proposed legislation puts Weed Awareness Week in permanent statute and allows

for better planning year after year.

MOTION: Rep. Rusche made a motion to introduce RS 22331 and recommend it be sent

directly to the Second Reading Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep.

Erpelding will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 22319: Rep. Moyle presented RS 22319. He explained this proposed legislation deals

with the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho Regional Medical Program (WWAMI) and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) programs, which helps to subsidize students getting their education in the medical field. He said less than 50% of those students stay in Idaho to practice their trade. The proposed legislation provides a mechanism for the student who completes one of the programs and moves to another state to practice, he(she) would have to pay back the State subsidized funding they had received. He explained they would not have to pay the State if they practiced their trade in Idaho for three years upon completion of one of the programs. He said if a student drops out of one of the programs they would have to pay the fund back with interest. He explained his intent to not have this proposed legislation go through this Legislative session but to

have discussions started on the subject.

In response to questions regarding the inclusion of other fields; such as, law, accountancy or engineering, **Rep. Moyle** stated the case for those can be brought into the discussion. He explained Idaho charges more for out-of-state residents

going to law school than in-state.

MOTION: Rep. Burgoyne made a motion to introduce RS 22319.

Rep. Moyle clarified he did not expect a hearing in a committee this Legislative

session regarding RS 22319.

VOTE ON MOTION:	Chairman Anderson(1) called for a vote on the motion to introduce RS 22319. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Rusche requested that he be recorded as voting NAY.
RS 22306:	Rep. Vander Woude presented RS 22306. He explained there have been some issues in regards to the printing operations at the State correctional institution. He said the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) will be looking into this issue. The proposed legislation ensures the legislative body will get an answer from JLOC. The purpose of this proposed legislation is to establish additional provisions to the Correctional Industries Act to ensure the Board of Corrections' contracting authority will sell their printing products only to public institutions or agencies, preventing direct competition with private printing businesses in Idaho.
MOTION:	Rep. Crane made a motion to introduce RS 22306. Motion carried by voice vote
ADJOURN:	There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.
Representative A	nderson(1) Jackie Wright Secretary