

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014
- 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, Rubel
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Agidius and Boyle
- GUESTS:** Robin Nettinga and Matt Compton, IEA; Rob Winslow, IASA; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Clark Corbin, Idaho Ed News; Marilyn Whitney, Amy Nelms, and Tracie Bent, State Board of Education; Kristyn Kirchenman, Risch-Pisca; Luci Willits, SDE; Raeleen Welton, ILBA
- Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014, with the correction of removing **Rep. Rubel** from the list of committee members since she had not yet been appointed to the House of Representatives. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Shepherd Subcommittee on January 9, 2014. **Rep. Pence** asked that **Rep. Rubel** be added to the committee members since she had been in attendance at the Subcommittee meeting. **Rep. Rubel** asked for the minutes to reflect her request for language in **Docket No. 08-0113-1301** to indicate a specific minimum requirement for home school and GED students, thus satisfying the application requirement for the Opportunity Scholarship. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman DeMordaunt** welcomed **Rep. Rubel** to the full committee. He also explained the RS process used by the Idaho Legislature to vet future legislation.
- RS 22437:** **Marilyn Whitney**, Chief Communications and Legislative Officer, State Board of Education (SBE) presented **RS 22437**. She explained that in the State of Idaho, a proprietary school must obtain a surety bond in order to register to do business in the state. Changes were made during the 2013 Legislature to allow proprietary schools to use alternate financial instruments, as approved by the Board's Executive Director, to satisfy this requirement. She added that the Department of Finance asked for the amendment which would correct a technical error in the language. Ms. Whitney stated the proposed legislation would also remove the bond requirement for proprietary schools that are degree-granting institutions. She also explained if a proprietary school is accredited by a body recognized by the State Board of Education, it has met requirements for financial soundness.
- In response to a question, **Ms. Whitney** said the accreditation process includes stringent requirements for program quality and fiscal responsibility. Since the State Board of Education issues the accreditation, the need for a surety bond is no longer necessary.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 22437**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 22438:** **Marilyn Whitney**, SBE, presented **RS 22438**. She said the proposed legislation would revise Idaho Code to provide that disbursement of liquor funds to the community colleges will be authorized by the State Board of Education instead of the Liquor Division. She indicated the distribution of liquor funds to the counties is formula based.

In response to a question from the committee regarding the change from the State Board of Education to the State Liquor Division (SLD), which took place two years ago. **Ms. Whitney** said giving authority to SLD had been an effort to eliminate the SBE as middle man. However, there were unforeseen ramifications.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Horman** made a motion to introduce **RS 22438**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

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Representative DeMordaunt  
Chair

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Jean Vance  
Secretary