

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 03, 2014
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, McDonald, Pence, Kloc, Rubel
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Nielsen
- GUESTS:** Janet Gallimore, Idaho State Historical Society; Chuck Shackett, Supt., Bonneville School District 93; Robin Nettinga and Matt Compton, IEA; Phil Homer and Rob Winslow, IASA; Tracie Bent, Marilyn Whitney and Amy Nelms, SBOE; Kristyn Kirschenman, Risch-Pisca; Jessica Harrisen, ISBA; Jason Hancock, SDE
- Chairman DeMordaunt** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2014, minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Common Core Forum on January 22, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 378:** **Rep. Bateman** presented **H 378** to the Committee. He explained **President Abraham Lincoln** created the territory of Idaho on March 4, 1863. He said the purpose of the legislation is to declare March 4th as Idaho Day to be celebrated *in perpetuum* by Idahoans everywhere, but especially by the school children of the State of Idaho. He spoke of the rich history, cultural diversity, unique beauty and boundless resources in Idaho.
- Janet Gallimore**, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society, **David Leroy**, Attorney at Law, and **Jason Hancock**, Deputy Chief of Staff, State Department of Education (SDE), spoke **in support** of **H 378**. Ms. Gallimore said Idaho Day will encourage Idaho's public officials, elected representatives, organizations, schools, museums, associations and community members to reflect on the accomplishments of Idaho from territorial days until today. Mr. Leroy quoted the words of **Bob Dylan**, "You can't duplicate a legacy." He said Idaho Day would be a singular opportunity to enshrine Idaho, in addition to inspiring Idaho's youth to achieve something worthwhile.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **H 378** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bateman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 379:** **Rep. Bateman** presented **H 379** which will give each member of the legislature the ability to recognize a public school teacher, who resides within his or her legislative district. He said it was a very simple piece of legislation. He indicated the school districts will choose the outstanding teacher; the legislator will not. Each member of the legislature may honor only one teacher annually. The name of the chosen teacher from a school district would be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, who would sign a certificate. Rep. Bateman said a \$500 check would accompany the certificate, and those funds will be taken from the legislative account. Each legislator would have the opportunity to visit the school and present the award.

Chuck Shackett, Supt., Bonneville School District 93, and **Matt Compton**, IEA, spoke **in support** of **H 379**. Supt. Shackett said it was an opportunity for legislators to honor teachers. He told the committee of an event where the administration and school board in the Bonneville School District used Title II funds and spent \$50,000 rewarding 41 outstanding teachers. Mr. Compton said the Idaho Education Association is supportive of the intent of this legislation and encouraged lawmakers to appropriately compensate teachers in future legislative action.

In response to questions from the committee, **Supt. Shackett** said most districts have a mechanism in place to evaluate teachers, and since student learning is part of that evaluation rubric, the process of choosing outstanding teachers should be relatively well-established. However, if a district has not been evaluating teachers, when the school district is chosen by a legislator to nominate an outstanding teacher, the district will, by necessity, create a criteria incorporating language by the legislation. Supt. Shackett also explained the Bonneville School District has not had another teacher awards event because of resistance from the local teachers union and because of the economic recession.

Rob Winslow, IASA, and **Jason Hancock**, SDE, also spoke **in support** of **H 379**. Mr. Winslow said in speaking to superintendents, he found approval of the awards program. Mr. Hancock said the State Department of Education supports the legislation. He told the committee, since legislators are only a ceremonial part of the process and are not setting up selection criteria, he sees no problem.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **H 379** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Harris and Mendive** requested that they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Bateman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 429: **Marilyn Whitney**, Chief Communications and Legislative Officer, SBOE, presented **H 429** to the committee. She explained the changes in legislation were to align community colleges to four year institutions regarding residency requirements for tuition purposes. She indicated the changes included additional language affecting military personnel, members of Native American tribes, and changes to the veterinary medicine program. She said the language change in the veterinary medicine program is merely dropping the state of Oregon and adding Utah to the state partnership program. In regard to residency for military personnel, the words added were: "those that maintain resident status, but on military orders are stationed outside the community college district." In addition, Ms. Whitney said that "being on the list" will no longer be stated in Idaho Code for Native Americans requesting residency. However, "the list" of tribes whose "traditional and customary boundaries" are/were within the State of Idaho shall remain on file in the State Department of Education. She told the committee "the list" is constantly changing, thus causing a change to the Idaho Code every time a new tribe, with ties to Idaho, surfaces. This legislation will stop the cycle of re-listing in the Idaho Code.

In response to questions from the committee, **Ms. Whitney** said there is no fiscal impact to the state. The legislation only made some clarification for those students who are eligible to pay in-state tuition. She said traditionally any member of a Native American tribe can declare residency if they can prove their tribe inhabited Idaho for any period of time, even if that person is presently living outside the state.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **H 429** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jean Vance
Secretary