

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2014
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Pearce, Fulcher, Nonini, Thayn, Patrick and Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Buckner-Webb
- 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 Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:02 p.m., and a silent roll was taken.
- RS 22837** **Senator Lakey** stated that **RS 22837** concerns appeals to school board decisions, and provides a mechanism and criteria whereby an appellant may augment the record. It allows that the record may be augmented on appeal to the district court if (1) prior to a hearing date being set, application is made to the court to present additional evidence; (2) the court deems the evidence material and relevant, and (3) good cause exists for failing to present that evidence at the original school board hearing. The court may choose to remand the case back to the school board for reconsideration. A similar procedure applies for appeals to the supreme court. **Senator Lakey** stated that his legislation comes from a cooperative effort between the Idaho School Boards Association and the Idaho Education Association.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Mortimer** made a motion to print **RS 22837**. **Senator Fulcher** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- RS 22859** **Senator Fulcher** said that **RS 22859** requires the Legislature to ratify by statute any agreement between the State Board of Education or the State Department of Education and multistate consortiums or the federal government that deals with student data, testing or standards. It would not apply to agreements already approved, but would apply going forward.
- MOTION:** **Senator Pearce** made a motion to print **RS 22859**. **Senator Nonini** seconded the motion. In discussion, **Chairman Goedde** expressed concerns over the bill's constitutionality and its effect on balance of powers, but agreed that such discussion could occur after the bill was printed. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- PRESENTATION:** **Ron Pisaneschi**, General Manager, Idaho Public Television (IPTV), stated that IPTV is part of the State Board of Education with funding from the general fund, federal grants, private donations and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. IPTV provides a valuable service to Idaho. It is the number one most viewed public broadcasting station. IPTV provides award-winning services that have engendered larger donations made by viewers than its peer stations. The FY 2015 Operating and Personnel Budget Recommendation total is \$7.24 million with 64 percent from local funds, 22 percent from state funds and 14 percent from a Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant.

IPTV is trusted by both parents and educators. Data shows that children who watch IPTV children's programming score higher on standardized math and literacy skills tests than those who do not. A Boy Scout Video Collection is available any time to both teachers and parents. National programming continues to be popular. "Antiques Road Show " which came to Boise in 2013, was very successful with 12,000 items appraised. The highest item was valued at \$300,000 and is up for sale at a major auction house. IPTV taped three, one-hour shows which were broadcast nationally in January 2014. "Idaho in Session" broadcasts the business of Idaho's legislators.

IPTV has a highly complex delivery system that reaches nearly 100 percent of households in their viewing area. The delivery system has a highly efficient design and infrastructure. It operates under a lean business model and requires support from the general fund to sustain rural, statewide service.

The Governor's budget recommendation reflects a 2.2 percent increase in operating costs, with no funds for capital replacement. All IPTV funds are audited annually and are available to the public. A \$60,000 grant may be available this year. Areas of risk include critical equipment and infrastructure concerns.

PRESENTATION: **Paul Headlee**, Budget and Policy Analysis Division, Legislative Services Office reviewed the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) schedule for the current week relating to final reports for the annual budget process. Mr. Headlee spoke in detail about : (1) the 22 year general fund appropriation history, (2) a comparison of the FY 2015 public schools budget request with the Governor's recommendation, (3) the FY 2015 public schools compensation metrics and discretionary funds history, and (4) all other education budgets. Mr. Headlee's detailed report is attached and incorporated by reference. The Committee asked several clarifying questions relating to specific numbers in the report.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Goedde** asked the Committee to discuss items that should be included in his Chairman's address to JFAC. He stated that following this discussion, he would draft a proposal which the Committee could further refine. A lengthy discussion ensued. Topics included charter school funding, "use it or lose it", Idaho Educational Network expansion, teacher salaries, and escalating health insurance costs and their effect on teacher salaries. **Chairman Goedde** stated that he would work on the report and present it to the Committee for review.

ADJOURNED: Having no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Goedde** adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Senator Goedde
Chair

Elaine Leedy
Secretary