

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman Nielsen, Representative(s) Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Horman, Mendive, VanOrden, McDonald, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Nielsen; Representative(s) Bateman and Harris

GUESTS: Robin Nettinga and Matt Compton, IEA; Marilyn Whitney and Tracie Bent, SBOE; Charlotte Merritt, United Methodist Women; Dan Goicoechea and Audrey Musgrave, State Controller's Office; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Gaylen Smyer, Cassia School District; Sherri Ybarra, Mountain Home School District; Kristyn Kirschenman, Risch-Pisca; Tamara Baysinger, SBOE/PCSC; Luci Willits, SDE

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 and the February 17, 2014 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22729: **Marilyn Whitney**, Chief Communications and Legislative Officer, State Board of Education (SBE) presented **RS 22729**. She explained the purpose of the proposed legislation is to provide additional flexibility to the four state institutions in managing their unique administrative infrastructures. This will allow the authorization to the state college and the state universities to opt out of identified state services when they can show efficiencies will be gained by such action. She said any authorization to discontinue the use of a state service would require the agency impacted be given a minimum of 18 months notice prior to discontinuance and would be effective at the start of the next fiscal year.

Responding to questions from the committee, **Ms. Whitney** said the length of 18 months was decided by the state agencies and their concern for re-bidding, changes in staff, and other "leg work" necessary to comply with the statute. She said there is no time frame for opting back in. She indicated the institutions will still comply with Idaho Code, state reporting requirements, federal law, governmental accounting standards and board policy. In addition, the higher education institutions will still be required to participate in the state's annual financial report.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 22729**.

To questions regarding anecdotal examples and the implications written into the fiscal note, **Ms. Whitney** said an example could be in coverage of risk management. A university could find a less expensive source than what the state provides for risk management. At that point, the university could opt out of the state program. She indicated the fiscal note talks about proposals but at this point everything is hypothetical. If opting out drives up the cost of the properties and the cost to other agencies, it is yet to be seen. **Rep. Clow** asked for more data specific to the possible fiscal impact during the bill hearing.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman DeMordaunt** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 22729**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1229: **Marilyn Whitney** presented **S 1229**. She said the changes being proposed will provide a clear definition of "dual credits" in Idaho Code. It also clarifies the types of credit as either secondary credit, postsecondary credit, or dual credit. She said Chapter 51, Title 33, Idaho Code is the foundational statute that allows for secondary students to take dual credit. She indicated language was changed and/or stricken to provide school districts with consistency. Ms. Whitney explained the changes would also eliminate the requirement that each individual school district have a memorandum of understanding with the governing board for each institution from which students take courses.

In response to a question from the committee, **Ms. Whitney** stated the striking of language wherein parents had to sign the documents was done because it appeared in another portion of the statute, thus making it duplicitous.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **S 1229** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1264: **Marilyn Whitney** presented **S 1264** to the committee. She explained the bill will amend Idaho Code with respect to the relationship between the Public Charter Commission and the Executive Director of the State Board of Education. She said the proposed change would add the words "or his designee" so that the Executive Director has some separation in his or her duties in the event the SBE must hear an appeal from a school authorized by the Commission. She also stated the change will help eliminate a possible conflict or a conflict of interest in the event the SBE must hear an appeal from a charter school authorized by the commission.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **S 1264** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Van Orden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jean Vance
Secretary