

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 05, 2014

TIME: 8:30 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:** None

GUESTS: Robin Nettinga, Matt Compton, IEA; Karen Echeverria, ISBA; Lucy Willits, SDE; Phil Horman, Rob Winslow, IASA; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Marilyn Whitney, Amy Nelms, SBOE;

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22608: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **RS 22608**. This concurrent resolution rejects a certain Administrative Rule Docket of the State Board and State Department of Education that relates to Physical Education requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to introduce **RS 22608** and recommend it be sent to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 22609: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **RS 22609**. This concurrent resolution rejects a certain Rule Docket of the State Board and State Department of Education that relates to Endorsements. The committee rejected this rule because it was moved from 20 credit hours to 40 hours. The committee did not think that was necessary.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 22609** and recommend it be sent to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 556: **Rep. Harris** presented **H 556** regarding student/parent input in certified employee evaluation. The purpose of this legislation is to require that teacher performance evaluation criteria include parent and student input. Rep. Harris stated the younger classes would not rely much on student input. Because the school is given the flexibility of student/parent input, school administrators and staff would rely on the parent. This bill does not change anything from what the Rule would do. This will still allow child and parent input.

Karen Echeverria from ISBA asked the committee to hold **H 556** but offered an alternate solution. Ms. Echeverria said their first concern is that **H 556** is in direct conflict with one of the Governor's Education Task Force Recommendations #6: empower autonomy by removing constraints. Secondly, one thing they have been working on over the last few years is to assure that administrators are fully trained on how to appropriately and effectively evaluate teachers. Ms. Echeverria said if this legislation passed, administrators will only be participating in 35% of the full evaluation. She also explained to the committee several years ago, Idaho chose to adopt the Charlotte Danielson Framework for teacher evaluation. The new evaluation system was designed to foster teacher learning. There are really only

two purposes of any evaluation system, to measure and develop. She said **H 566** uses very different purposes with very different implications.

Lucy Willits, SDE, stated best practice would indicate that you would not take student input for an evaluation under middle school. Ms. Willits stated there are advantages to both aspects. This gives parents input and in some situations the input received may not be favorable. She said either way there is not going to be damage.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Bateman made a motion to **HOLD H 556** in committee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Mendive made a substitute motion to send **H 556** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman DeMordaunt called for a vote on the substitute motion to send **H 556** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 568:

Rep. Gibbs presented **H 568** regarding the Board of Trustees extending authority to hire spouses. This legislation revises the authority of school district trustees and public charter school board of directors regarding employment of a spouse. This will have a sunset clause for four years, allowing the rural schools to utilize the legislative directive on a trial basis.

MOTION:

Rep. Wills made a motion to send **H 568** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1287:

Marilyn Whitney, Chief Communications and Legislative Officer, State Board of Education, presented **S 1287** regarding terms of office and appointment. The changes being proposed would move the timing of appointment to July 1st rather than March 1st. These changes will help avoid breaks in service of board members who are reappointed and help prolong some vacancies on the Board.

MOTION:

Rep. VanOrden made a motion to send **S 1287** with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary