

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 05, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Tracie Bent and Blake Youde, SBOE; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Robin Nettinga, IEA; Rob Winslow, IASA; Dwight Johnson and Adrian San Miguel, PTE; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office; Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News

Vice Chairman VanOrden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 23692: **Marilyn Whitney**, Sr. Special Assistant for Education, Governor's Office, presented **RS 23692**. She said the proposed legislation comes from a recommendation from the Governor's Task Force. This legislation would add language that allows funds to be used towards college or career counseling in grades 8-12. It also clarifies what a school counselor should and should not be doing. A new section would be added to aid in meeting the 60% Goal, by using various methods to best reach students. The decision on how to utilize the funds and which method is most effective, will be reached by individual school districts.

In response to questions from the committee, **Ms. Whitney** clarified that the description of school counselor responsibilities is to focus the highly compensated school counselor on areas that best utilize their training.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 23692. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Representative VanOrden
Chair

Michele Jarvis
Secretary