

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2015

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Shepherd, Mendive

GUESTS: Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board Of Education; Rob Winslow, IASA; Marilyn Whitney, Special Assistant for Education, Governor's Office, Jess Harrison, ISBA; Clark Corbin, Idaho Ed News; Stacey Knudsen and Stephanie Zimmerman

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23873: **Marilyn Whitney**, Governor's Office introduced **RS 23873**. She said the proposed legislation adds language to Idaho Code allowing Education Support Program funds to be used toward academic and college or career advising. The legislation adds clarity and requires notification to students and their parents of the availability of advising. School districts will be required to report annually on the effectiveness of their programs.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to introduce **RS 23873**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 245: **Rep. VanOrden** presented **H 245**. She said the bill removes language to reflect current practice and allows foreign exchange students to enroll in college courses while attending high school.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **H 245** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1070aa: **Rep. Harris** presented **S 1070aa**. This legislation gives concerned parents the right to an alternative assessment measure for meeting the ISAT graduation requirement. He stated these alternate paths are already in place in school districts. In answer to questions, Rep. Harris said stake holders did not propose the bill and that they are neutral.

Concerns were expressed that there may not have been adequate discussion with school boards and administrators relative to this bill.

Stacie Knudson and **Stefanie Zimmerman** spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **S 1070aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Chairman DeMordaunt** stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and asked for a show of hands. **By a show of hands, motion failed.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary