

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2015

TIME: 8:30 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:** None

GUESTS: Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Phil Homer, IASA; Robin Nettinga, IEA; Don Coberly, Superintendent, Boise School District; Jess Harrison, ISBA; Tim Corder, SDE

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

RS 23890: **Marilyn Whitney**, Sr. Special Assistant for Education, Governor's Office presented **RS 23890**. She explained the change to education funding in the proposed legislation. She said the change occurred on pages 27 and 28 of the text, Section 10, addressing Master Teacher Premiums. In subsection (b) it now allows groups of teachers based on measurable student achievement goals, aligned with school district approved continuous improvement plans, to receive Master Premiums.

A discussion was held concerning the specifics of the change including the submission of plans for Master Premiums to the State Board of Education for approval prior to implementation of projects. In addition, teachers will have input, in conjunction with their district, into the design and accountability measures which will result in a Master Premium. It was also explained that each teacher within the group will be eligible for a \$4,000 Master Premium. The support units dedicated to the Master Teacher Premiums part of the education funding were estimated.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 23890**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1072aa: **Sen. Souza** said **S 1072aa** will require candidates for school board trustee positions to file sunshine reports for their campaigns similar to those filed by legislators. She indicated a large amount of money from taxpayers is being entrusted to school board trustees to maintain and staff the schools. Companies wanting contracts for construction and/or school contracts can be large contributors to a trustee's election campaign. She said the public should know this information.

In response to questions, **Sen. Souza** said the amendments to the legislation made trustees in a school district, with less than 500 students, exempt from the reports. She said the exemption of 500 was an effort to find a clean matrix. Forty-five out of the 115 school districts will be exempt. She also said the emergency clause, first contained within the bill, has been removed.

MOTION: **Rep. McDonald** made a motion to send **S 1072aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Jessica Harrison, Idaho School Boards Association, Policy and Government Affairs Coordinator, spoke **in support** of **S 1072aa**. She said the 22 member board at ISBA discussed the difficulty of filling school board seats in small districts. She said the bill struck a good balance.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman DeMordaunt** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1072aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McDonald** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- RS 23779C1:** **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 23779C1**. He said current funding for alternative education is established for 7th through 12th grades. He said since there are middle schools designated as alternative schools, the proposed legislation will allow 6th grade students to receive the alternative school interventions. Also, those at-risk 6th graders would be more prepared for 7th grade. He said the fiscal note will be \$3,057 per student.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 23779C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman DeMordaunt** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman VanOrden**.
- RS 23782:** **Vice Chairman VanOrden** explained the rule rejection of **Docket No. 08-0203-1406** in **RS 23782**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 23782** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 23783:** **Vice Chairman VanOrden** explained the rule rejection of **Docket No. 08-0223-1402** in **RS 23783**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 23783** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- Vice Chairman VanOrden** turned the gavel over to **Chairman DeMordaunt**.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jean Vance
Secretary