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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
KERBY SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Moon, McCrostie
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Representative Shepherd

GUESTS: Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News; Jess Hamson, ISRA; Sue Wigdorski, IEA

Chairman Kerby called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 08-0201-1602: Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Office, Idaho State Board of Education, reviewed the docket presented at the meeting on January 16th. This docket pertains to continuous improvement plans, literacy plans, and career and college plans. Terms are more clearly defined.

MOTION: Rep. McCrostie made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0201-1602. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1608: Tracie Bent reviewed the docket from the January 16th meeting. The rule creates a statewide accountability framework.

In response to questions from the committee, Ms. Bent clarified that there was an error in publishing the rule on page 129. The rules are complete from the State Board of Education and will be republished.

MOTION: Rep. McCrostie made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0203-1608 with the inclusion of 08.02.03. section 112, subsection .03, paragraph .b, subparagraph .iv. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1603: Tracie Bent presented the rule pertaining to teacher preparation standards from the State Board of Education. The Board of Education was responsible for negotiated rule making and public comments. Each year the Professional Standards Commission reviews sections of the requirements to confirm that the standards are up to date for various areas, such as Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Early Childhood Education, etc.

Concerns were raised by members of the committee regarding science standards and climate change. Ms. Bent clarified the standard is meant to be broad and relates to the standards that teachers should come to the profession with, not what they are going to teach. This is left up to the local school districts.

MOTION: Rep. Moon made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0202-1603. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1604: Tracie Bent presented the rule on operating procedures for Idaho Driver Education.

MOTION: Rep. McCrostie made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0202-1604. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1605: Tracey Bent presented the rule for school bus procedures and standards for Idaho school buses and their operation. Additional language was added to increase clarification and have one standard operating procedure. The rule also refers to alternative fuels and changes to the inspection process.
MOTION: Rep. Moon made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0202-1605. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1604: Tracie Bent presented the rule from the Department of Education regarding the Special Education manual. This rule incorporates the entire manual with updates based on federal requirements. The remainder of the incorporated document pertains to what schools are doing.

MOTION: Rep. McCrostie made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0203-1604. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1606: Tracie Bent presented the rule that updates the Idaho Achievement Test achievement descriptors. The Department of Education through the rule making process set the range to levels 1-4. There is a temporary rule in place as the old rule refers to a different exam that is no longer in place.

MOTION: Rep. Moon made a motion to recommend the full committee approve Docket No. 08-0203-1606. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.