

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 23, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive (Mendive), Kerby, Cheatham, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, Syme, Kloc, McCrostie, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Cheatham

GUESTS: Michael Ryan, Associated Students University of Idaho; Sue Wigdorski, IEA; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Blake Youde, SBOD; Helen Price, IASA; Tanner Beymer, Wittmeyer & Assoc.; Hannah Grayle; Sara Fry;
Chairman VanOrden called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman McDonald** made a motion to approve the minutes for January 12, 2017, January 16, 2017, and January 18, 2017 committee meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24909 **Marilyn Whitney**, Governor's Office presented **RS 24909** intended to support adult student returning to a public college or university after an absence of a least three years or more and who are completing their fist undergraduate degree. Applicants may qualify for up to \$3,000 per academic year for up to eight consecutive semesters.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 24909**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24849 **Blake Youde**, SBOE presented **RS 24849** which prohibits the creation of fraternities, sororities, or secret societies in public schools whose membership is comprised in whole or in part of pupils enrolled in the public elementary or secondary schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 24849**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24868 **Blake Youde**, SBOE presented **RS 24868**. Idaho Code authorizes school buildings or vacant land owned by a school district to be used as a community center or for other public purposes. School districts already have this ability through their management of the school district and the school district assets making it unnecessary to specifically authorize it through this statute. The proposed legislation would repeal the section of Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 24868**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chuck Staben, University of Idaho President presented their annual update for 2017 during Higher Education Week. The presentation included focus on eleven areas: Idaho's Land-Grant, National Research University, Economic Impact For Idaho, Comprehensive College Excellence, Changing Our College-Going Culture, Maintaining Affordability, Transforming Lives, Student Excellence, Vandal Success, Investment Priorities, Research At UI, Industry Partnerships.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Representative VanOrden
Chair

Ann Tippetts
Secretary