

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW41  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Kerby, Cheatham, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, Syme, Kloc, McCrostie, Toone  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Cheatham  
**GUESTS:** Kristen Pochop, Charter Commission; Harold Ott, IASA and IRSA; Jess Harrison, ISBA; Helen Price, IASA

**Chairman VanOrden** called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

**Carlos Munoz**, a senior at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls, presented his Senior Project. His project is research for the possibilities for alternative routes to teaching certification. In addition he has been researching the possibilities of hiring certified professionals (those with masters degrees or above) in STEM related fields without a teaching degree for the purpose of answering the teacher shortage issue present in the state of Idaho. In 2015 a study was done on the teacher shortage involving 115 Idaho school districts, and 59% of those districts responded. They found there is a definite shortage of teachers, especially in STEM teachers. He explained that over the past few months, he has compiled research and interviewed several people from educational professions and the public, and found some possible answers to this pressing state issue. He believes that they could tap into the resource pool of qualified professionals and bring those with STEM related graduate degrees into the classroom to mentor and guide students since they are proficient in their subject matter. Incentives for mentors would be provided by the school districts. Many of these professionals have teaching experience at the college level, and he explained the high school students could take college classes and have them credited at their high school. Other solutions are providing privatized grants to encourage collaboration between high school teachers and qualified STEM individuals, American Chemical Society as an example, and peer evaluations incorporated into the selection process.

**Mr. Munoz's** conclusion is there is definitely a shortage of STEM certified teachers at high schools, but there is also many resources that are in place to answer this shortage. In order to tap into these resources, changes that involve teachers' unions, the State Department of Education, and local school districts would need to be made. He thanked **Rep. Clow** for his invaluable contributions and mentorship that have made his Senior Project possible.

**RS 25249C1:** **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 25249C1** relating to allowing school districts to offer an elective course in firearms safety education and to authorized instructors to teach. **Superintendent Ybarra** is in agreement with this elective education for gun safety and prevention of accidents.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Amador** made a motion to introduce **RS 25249C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. McCrostie** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**RS 25412:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **RS 25412** relating to streamlining the opening procedures for new charter schools by simplifying the process, compressing the timeline and clarifying expectations for schools and authorizers.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 25412. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25404:** **Blake Youde**, State Board of Education, presented **RS 25404** relating to allowing school districts to request a waiver of minimum instructional hours from SBOE when districts are impacted by a declared emergency.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 25404. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25301:** **Rep. Thompson** presented **RS 25301** relating to defining broadcaster, including engineers and reporters as first informers during times of a declared emergency. Allowing for access to emergency sites to take care of transmitters or inform public through their stations.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 25301.**

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 25301** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Chairman VanOrden** requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion **RS 25301** to introduce and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 10 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. McDonald, Kerby, Syme, Kloc. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, McCrostie, Toone, VanOrden. Rep. Cheatham** was absent.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman VanOrden** called for a voice vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 25301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16 and February 20, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

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Representative VanOrden  
Chair

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Ann Tippetts  
Secretary