MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 09, 2018
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Kari Overall, Sue Wigdorski, Idaho Education Association; Tracie Bent, Mike Keckler, Idaho State Board of Education; Murphy Olmstead, Jane Wittmeyer, Coalition of Idaho Charter School Families; Carlie Foster, Jason Kreizenbeck, Lobby Idaho, LLC; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office; Roger Brown, Boise State University; Rob Winslow, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Harold Otter, Idaho Rural Schools Administrators; Dennis Stevenson, Idaho Rules Coordinator; Gary Lough, Education Networks of America; Blake Youde

Chairman VanOrden called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Chairman VanOrden welcomed Rep. Ehardt and Rep. Scanlin to the committee. She introduced the secretary and the page to the committee and asked the page to introduce herself. Kayla Wills said she was a senior at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian. After graduation, she plans to study elementary education at Utah State University. Chairman VanOrden asked the committee to introduce themselves. After introductions, she explained that subcommittees to review administrative rules would be organized at the next meeting. There will be three subcommittees to review twenty-five rules. She added that one of the administrative rules may be referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

Chairman VanOrden said agencies or individuals interested in legislation are encouraged to make an appointment to visit with her. She explained the House Education Committee was chosen to conduct a pilot project on remote testimony. Several locations around the state of Idaho have been chosen as remote testimony sites. When people testify at these sites, it will be like they are in the committee room. They will be asked to watch a video on protocol before the meeting. If the pilot is successful, other committees will be set up to use remote testimony technology. Chairman VanOrden said she thinks the ability to participate from other parts of the state will be good for the citizens of Idaho. In response to questions from the committee, Chairman VanOrden said only some of the legislation which goes through the Education Committee would be used for the pilot project.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Representative VanOrden
Chair

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Jenifer Cavaness-Williams
Secretary