

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 12, 2018
- 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, Ehardt, Kloc (Tway), McCrostie, Toone
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) DeMordaunt, VanOrden
- GUESTS:** Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office; Teresa Harper, Association of Charter School Leaders; Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News; Sue Wigdorski, Kari Overall, Idaho Education Association; Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Rural Water; Mark Brown, College of Western Idaho; Steve Rayborn, Dwight Johnson, Idaho Career Technical Education
- Vice-chairman McDonald** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- RS 26107:** **Rep. Boyle** spoke to **RS 26107**. She said the legislation deals with how charter schools hire administrators, and make it easier for charter schools to hire administrators who fit the mission of the charter school. The legislation creates a new charter school administrator certificate, as an alternative to traditional administrator certificates. An administrator would be eligible for a charter school administrator certificate with the following qualifications: hold a bachelor's degree, pass a background check, receive training on teacher evaluation, and possess a letter which demonstrates a charter school board of directors commits to hiring the administrator and overseeing the administrator's work. The certificate would be renewable every five years, said Rep. Boyle.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to introduce **RS 26107**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1210:** **Mike Keckler**, State Board of Education, spoke to **S 1210**. He said the legislation removes references to Eastern Idaho Technical College in Idaho Code, in § 33-2208, 33-2209, 33-2210, and 33-2212. The legislation also replaces references to Eastern Idaho Technical College with the College of Eastern Idaho, allows the State Board of Education to dissolve Eastern Idaho Technical College as a legal entity, and allows the College of Eastern Idaho to assume that role.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **S 1210** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1222:** **Tracie Bent**, State Board of Education, spoke to **S 1222**. She said the legislature had enacted a program which provides funding for high-quality agriculture career technical education (CTE) secondary school programs, and this legislation creates an additional section of code which provides legislative intent related to career technical education and the expansion of incentive funding to other CTE programs. The technical assistance funding will be available to approved career technical education programs in the areas of business management and marketing, engineering and technology, family and consumer sciences, health sciences, and skilled and technical sciences. Section one provides the legislative intent. Section two authorizes the other career technical education areas. Section three establishes provision regarding a quality funding mechanism for incentive funding for high-quality career technical education secondary programs. Section four provides a sunset date for section two and makes section three effective July

1, 2019, said Ms. Bent. She said it is necessary to add the section expanding the career technical education areas which qualify for the workforce readiness incentive program, and then add the funding.

The fiscal impact will be \$300,000 said **Ms. Bent**. For fiscal year 2018, the legislature appropriated \$300,000 in ongoing general funds for the agricultural and natural resources program. The fiscal year 2019 recommended amount expands on that appropriation another \$300,000, for a total of \$600,000, to fund Workforce Readiness Incentives for high-quality programs in all the career technical education programs. Ms. Bent said the administrative rule for the agricultural programs, which was reviewed by the Mendive Subcommittee, is a good example of how the administrative rules for the other programs will look. The Workforce Readiness Incentive Funding focuses on student outcomes for the programs, she added. In response to questions from the committee, Ms. Bent said the extra funding would be used to expand the grant to other career technical education programs. Currently, the grant is only for agricultural programs. The Workforce Development Council grants are not available for secondary career technical education programs, said Ms. Bent. Those grants are available for post-secondary programs. The legislation expands last year's appropriation to cover five more career technical education program areas, she said. The funding is ongoing funding for all career technical education programs at the secondary education level.

MOTION:

Rep. Kerby made a motion to send **S 1222** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to questions from the committee, **Ms. Bent** said the extra \$300,000 funding request was designed to not impact the current agricultural programs funding. **Dwight Johnson**, Idaho Career Technical Education, said there are 85,000 students taking career technical education classes, and fourteen percent of those students are enrolled in agricultural programs. The expansion will not impact the agricultural programs, he said. The funding is tied to program incentives and accountability, he added, and the agricultural program administrators are very supportive of the legislation. In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Johnson said the Workforce Development Council funding is specifically for the training of adult workers, so it cannot be used for secondary education students. As post-secondary education becomes more connected to secondary education, with a more integrated approach, those funds for post-secondary programs can be leveraged, he added.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Syme requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Representative McDonald
Vice-Chair

Jenifer Cavaness-Williams
Secretary