

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 14, 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) Boyle, Toone

**GUESTS:** Darnea Lamb, Madison School District; Steve Rayborn, Amy Lorenzo, Idaho Career Technical Education; Emily McClure, Education for All; Kari Overall, Sue Wigdorski, Idaho Education Association; Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News; Kelly Steely, College of Western Idaho; Crystal Ayers, College of Southern Idaho; Irene Westrick, Chelsie Wilson, Brandon Hampton, Boise School District; Lyndon Oswald, Technical Careers High School; Andrew Smith, West Ada School District; Timothy Leishmon, Idaho State University; Beth Richtsmerr, Meridian Technical Charter School; Scott Hill, Meridian Medical Arts Charter School; Curtis Richins; Tonya Tracy, College of Eastern Idaho; Gidion Tolman, Division of Financial Management

**Vice Chairman McDonald** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Amador** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018 9:00 a.m. meeting and the minutes of January 29, 2018 3:00 p.m. meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26181:** **Duncan Robb**, Chief Policy Advisor, State Department of Education, spoke to **RS 26181**. He said it replaces **H 502** with a correction on line 20 to the number of members on the Commission. In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Robb said the Superintendent of Public Instruction requested an additional 1.4 million dollars for mastery-based education. **Rep. Kerby** said the State Department of Education provides a tremendous amount of support for mastery-based education, and more schools are wanting to participate, so he supported the budget request.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce RS 26181. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Vice Chairman McDonald** turned the gavel over to **Chairman VanOrden**.

**RS 26177:** **Rep. Vander Woude** spoke to **RS 26177**. He said this legislation creates the Guided Education Management Act (GEM) which pays for qualified educational expenses for qualified students. It outlines the criteria for qualified students and the acceptable expenses. The money for expenses is paid directly to the providers, said Rep. Vander Woude, which provides checks and balances. In response to questions from the committee, Rep. Vander Woude said if this is funded by private contributions, there will be no fiscal impact. Rep. Vander Woude said the State Board of Education would select non-profit organizations which would select the students who would be awarded scholarships for these expenses.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kerby made a motion to introduce **RS 26177. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Representative VanOrden  
Chair

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Jenifer Cavaness-Williams  
Secretary