

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

GUESTS: Amy Christopherson, College of Southern Idaho; Harold Ott, IRSA/IASA; Quinn Perry, ISBA; Marilyn Whitney and Tim McMurtrey, SDE

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

S 1104aa: **Rep. Horman** presented **S 1104aa**, which authorizes the State Board of Education (SBOE) to promulgate rules allowing teachers of professional development or college courses to count those credits toward their own certificate renewal. This bill came from a citizen who taught college level credits, but was unable to renew her teaching certificate because as the instructor, she did not earn those credits.

Amy Christopherson, Director, College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, spoke **in support** of the bill. She stated in the last ten years she has taught 86 higher education credits, but was unable to submit any of them toward recertification of her teacher's license.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to send **S 1104aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Horman was recognized to close testimony on **S 1104aa**. She stated this bill recognizes Idaho teachers as professionals by allowing them to use professional development credits to recertify, as other professions are allowed to do.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 111: **Sen. Winder** presented **SCR 111**, which authorizes the appointment of an interim committee to study public school facilities funding. He noted the issue of building maintenance came up repeatedly while the Public School Funding Formula Interim Committee was meeting with school leaders across the state. He noted this interim committee is not intended to study issues around facilities bonds and the appointment process would be up to the Legislative Council.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **SCR 111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Goesling** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary