

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2020
- 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. Moon
- GUESTS:** Clark Corbin, Idaho Ed News; Tracie Bent, OSBE
Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 27495C1:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 27495C1**, which would change the distribution of the "Content and Curriculum" technology line item from formula-based to a block grant. The grants would be capped at \$50,000 and distributed to districts on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference would be given to schools with the most economically disadvantaged students. The fiscal impact will depend on if JFAC continues to fund this line item.
- Committee members requested more information on the process of deciding who will receive the grants and if it would be cost-effective for districts to individually negotiate for services.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 27495C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 27678:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 27678**, proposed legislation that was suggested by his home school district. It would recognize students who have reached proficiency in another language, by creating a seal of biliteracy to be attached to their high school diploma.
- In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Raymond** clarified this is a request to recognize language proficiency on a state level. He noted the President of the State Board of Education expressed her support.
- MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 27678**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 388:** **Rep. Goesling** presented **H 388**, which affords children of military families in-state status when registering for school, activities or charter school lotteries. The family must have orders they are coming to Idaho and once the student arrives, they have ten days to verify their location.
- In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Goesling** stated there is now a stronger emphasis on the needs of military families and orders are issued more regularly, to allow families to move during the summer. He stated Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) confirmed once a student knows they will be moving here, they can begin taking online classes through IDLA. This legislation would not put military families at the front of the line in a public charter lottery, rather it allows them to be in the pool with other students already living in-state.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 388** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Goesling** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. DeMordaunt welcomed students from Eagle High School in attendance and expressed her hope that more schools will attend the legislature in person, or be able to participate through audiovisual means.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary