

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 07, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the legislative session the sign-in sheet will be retained in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

H 734: **Chairman Clow** reopened the testimony on **H 734**.

Steven Keyser, Adrianna Caldwell, Crystal Erickson, Deborah McFadyen Amber Pearson, Baily Pearson, William Pearson, and Peggy Carrick, voiced their support for **H 734** and shared how it would give parents and children authority over their health decisions.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 734** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Toone** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor **H 734** on the floor.

H 733: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **H 733** and shared how it would require non-academic evaluations, questionnaires, surveys or data collection to receive parental and school board permission. This legislation would also require all curriculum on matters of social and emotional learning and mental behavior be displaced on the school website.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** shared how this legislation would only pertain to evaluations, questionnaires, surveys, or data collection related to behavior, psychological, trauma, attitude, or social and emotional status of the student. It was explained how this would create transparency on the questions and topics students are being surveyed on.

Quinn Perry, Deputy Director, Idaho School Board Association, voiced ISBA's support for parental consent required in **H 733**, but expressed concern over requiring schools to display curricular materials on the school website.

Andy Grover, Executive Director, Idaho Association of School Administrators, and **Paul Stark**, Executive Director, Idaho Education Association, expressed concern on how the school is not allowed to survey or collect data on the behavior, psychological, trauma, attitude, or social and emotional status of a student.

Dr. Sonia Galaviz, Peggy Hoy, Lacey Watkins, Kelli Aiken, Region 1 President, Idaho Education Association, **Jerica Hardy, Dr. Jessica Henderson**, Idaho School Counselor Association, **Morgan Hammon, Melanie Folwell, and Peggy Carrick**, voiced their opposition to **H 733**. They shared how this legislation would prevent teachers and school counselors from getting students support and help. It was explained how waiting to get parent permission could cause the student further harm.

Richard Smith, voiced his support for **H 733** and shared how it would keep parents involved in their child's education.

Rep. DeMordaunt shared how this legislation would not prevent a teacher or school counselor from checking in and asking the student how they are doing. She shared how **H 733** would only pertain to a written questionnaire or survey which asks questions regarding the student's behavior, psychological, trauma, attitude, or social and emotional status. She explained how within Idaho Code there are guidelines to direct a teacher on what to do if they see potential abuse of a student.

MOTION: **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 733** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to **HOLD 733** in Committee.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary