

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, March 16, 2022
TIME:	9:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Room EW41
MEMBERS:	Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representative(s) Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Reps. Boyle and DeMordaunt
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 filed in the Legislative Library. Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
RS 29837:	Rep. Kerby introduced RS 29837 and explained how it would create a resolution to approve Docket No. 08-0000-2100F . He explained how RS 29837 would keep the fees the same.
MOTION:	Rep. McCrostie made a motion to introduce RS 29837 and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Kerby will sponsor the resolution on the floor.
S 1374:	Sen. Lent presented S 1374 and explained how this legislation would create and define a career exploration experience. This would enable students to identify future career paths in 8th grade. He discussed how the go on rate for students has decreased in recent years. S 1374 would enable students to have ideas to determine their future career. This would benefit both students and the workforce, by filling critical jobs. Sen. Lent described how this legislation would be implemented in the classroom and how it complements the career pathway plan. Sen. Lent explained how currently under Idaho Code the student's career pathway plan is required to be annually reviewed. In response to Committee questions, Sen. Lent explained how the local school districts have flexibility on how to implement this program. He discussed how schools could trade an 8th grade health class for this program.
	In response to Committee questions, Tracie Bent , Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education, explained how this program would be funded.
	Marilyn Whitney , Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education, voiced her support for S 1374 . She shared how S 1374 gives school districts and charter schools flexibility regarding the implementation of the career exploration experience. It was explained how there is a funding formula to determine how much money each school receives.
	In response to Committee questions, Ms. Whitney explained how local school districts and boards decide what will be taught in an 8th grade health class.
	Paul Stark , Executive Director, Idaho Education Association voiced his support for S 1374 and how the career exploration experience may take the place of an 8th grade health class, but schools do not have to replace it. He explained how they expect to see benefits coming from this program.
	In response to Committee questions, Mr. Stark explained how annually reviewing the student's career pathway plan helps students decided on their future career.

- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **S 1374** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Moon, Toone, and McCrostie** requested to 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 adjourned at 9:50 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary