

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Helen Price, Phil Homer, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Blake Youde, Tracie Bent, State Board of Education; Harold Ott, Idaho Rural School Administrators; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Jeff Church, State Department of Education; Clark Corbin, Education News; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2016 with correction. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24419
RS 24420:** **Chairman DeMordaunt** explained **RS 24419** and **RS 24420** are the resolutions by the committee rejecting certain rules. **RS 24419** is rejecting the rule regarding the use of an unweighted average in determining Opportunity Scholarship recipients. The committee felt the standards in **RS 24420** have a lot of merit, but had concerns with the process for public feedback, said Chairman DeMordaunt.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 24419** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to introduce **RS 24420** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SCR 139
SCR 140
SCR 141:** **Senator Thayne** spoke to **SCR 139**. He said the State Board of Education had asked the committee to reject **Docket No. 08-0203-1503**, because the rules published were not the same as those submitted by the State Board of Education. He said this was also true for **SCR 140**, which rejects **Docket No. 08-0203-1506**, and **SCR 141**, which rejects **Docket No. 08-0203-1511**.

MOTION: Rep. Kloc made a motion to send **SCR 139** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to send **SCR 140** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to send **SCR 141** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pence** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1249: **Marilyn Whitney**, Senior Special Assistant for Government Affairs for **Governor Otter**, spoke to **S 1249**. She said the bill which created the STEM Action Center in the last legislative session did not contain a provision to reimburse travel expenses for board members. Five of the nine board members are business leaders from all areas of the state, and their travel expenses are not reimbursed. In response to questions from the committee, Ms. Whitney said the bill only reimburses board members for travel expenses, and does not make them members of PERSI.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **S 1249** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jenifer Cavaness-Williams
Secretary