

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 05, 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:** None

GUESTS: Blake Youde, Teach for America; Tracie Bent and Mike Keckler, SBOE; Marilyn Whitney, SDE

RS 26705: **Blake Youde**, on behalf of Teach for America, presented **RS 26705**. This proposed legislation would allow State Board of Education-approved nontraditional educator preparation programs to obtain state funding, provided the program matches at least 100% with private funds. The program must have a history of recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers who achieve above-average academic growth from their students.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 26705**.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Youde** explained several states are entering into similar arrangements with private teacher preparation programs because of the need for teachers. He noted private donors may only be willing to continue support if the state also contributes funds; demonstrating the state is a willing partner. The 100% minimum match was included to prevent private programs from becoming fully state-subsidized.

Chairman Clow noted the proposed legislation would authorize board-approved teacher preparation programs to request state money, but does not force the state to expend funds.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Clow** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 26705**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Martin Schimpf, Interim President, Boise State University (BSU), presented to the Committee. He described BSU's growth over the past thirty years, from an undergraduate commuter college to a doctoral research university, with the largest graduate student population in Idaho. BSU offers forty degree and certificate programs fully online, with 3,000 enrolled students. The Passport to Education program launched last fall to help students returning to college as adults. Dr. Schimpf also described applied learning and readiness programs, to encourage students to develop workforce-applicable skills. BSU recently reached a goal to dramatically increase completion rates and the first-year retention rate is now over 80%.

In response to Committee questions, **Dr. Schimpf** stated the Beyond the Major program to increase workforce readiness launched last year and has not produced data yet, but the university plans to track participating students to evaluate the program. Regarding students who enter college with dual credit, he said he has not seen them graduate early, but their dual credits allow them to broaden their curriculum during college. He sees the program as allowing BSU to reach into high school and pull students toward attending college.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary