

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt (Call), Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Shepherd

GUESTS: Donna Eggers, Ann Joslin, David Harrell and Stephanie Bailey-White, Idaho Commission for Libraries; Quinn Perry, ISBA; Rob Winslow, IASA; Gideon Tolman, Division of Financial Management; Helen Price and Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Greg Wilson and Bobbi-Jo Meuleman, Governor's Office

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 and February 8, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Ehardt Subcommittee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting as corrected, and the January 23, 2019 meeting of the Moon Subcommittee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26842: **Greg Wilson**, Senior Policy Adviser for Education, Office of the Governor, presented **RS 26842**. This proposed legislation would increase the first three cells of the residency rung of the career ladder over two years. Appropriations would be raised to \$38,500; \$39,00 and \$39,500, effective July 1, 2019 and to \$40,000; \$40,500 and \$41,000, effective July 1, 2020. This would address Idaho's higher than average teacher attrition rate and help allow students to stay in Idaho and earn a competitive salary. The fiscal impact would be \$3.8 million in the coming fiscal year and \$7.6 million in FY21. These estimates account for projected movement along the career ladder and growth in our schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 26842**.

Rep. McCrostie spoke **in support** of the motion, but noted he would like to address teacher retention in the future, as well as starting teacher recruitment.

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

Stephanie Bailey-White, Deputy State Librarian, Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), presented to the Committee. The Commission helps support more than 850 public, school, academic and special libraries. On their own, many of these libraries do not have the resources to create the depth and breadth of programming they need; the Commission helps by providing resources, consulting, continuing education and partnerships. ICfL is requesting \$60,000 in ongoing state funding to support a new kindergarten readiness grant to reach children before they enter school. One in four Idaho school libraries receive less than \$100 from their district to buy new books each year; to supplement this, the Commission provides School Library Access Mini-Grants. These grants require at least 40% of the funds be spent on nonfiction books that students can read at school and take home. Ms. Bailey-White also discussed the database access ICfL provides and highlighted available broadband support to help small and/or rural libraries.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Bailey-White** shared some of the activities funded by the kindergarten readiness grants.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

DOCKET NO. 30-0101-1801: **Rep. Moon** reported her subcommittee recommended approval of this docket, but did not have adequate time to discuss it and asked for it to be presented again.

Stephanie Bailey-White presented **Docket No. 30-0101-1801**, which addresses ICfL's state-funded grant programs, which did not exist in 2008 when the last update was made. The docket makes eligibility requirements the same for state- and federally-funded grant programs, defines eligibility for the grants, broadens the range of eligible libraries and aligns the Talking Book Service's guidelines with current national guidelines.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Bailey-White** stated current Library of Congress guidelines recommend eliminating fines for lost digital books from the Talking Book Service because there is nothing physical that needs to be replaced. Funds for ICfL's grants mostly come from federal programs, with \$200,000 provided by state funds.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 30-0101-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 08-0203-1801: **Rep. Moon** reported on this docket, which modifies and removes unnecessary language in the Idaho Special Education Manual. Her subcommittee recommended approval of the docket.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0203-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary