

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Buckner-Webb, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

H 624 **Greg Wilson**, Senior Policy Advisor for Education, Office of the Governor, presented **H 624** and told the Committee that the legislation compliments **H 523's** goals to strengthen accountability for Idaho teachers in regards to the Career Ladder. He explained the technical aspects of the bill and explained that the bill sets a deadline for the audit of teacher evaluations. **Mr. Wilson** said that the bill sunsets the Master Educator Premium, fulfilling the promise of the Premium for those teachers who had already been awarded and those who were currently in the process of applying for the Premium. He told the Committee that **H 624** creates a sunset for the Master Educator Premium in 2024.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **H 624** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Den Hartog will carry the bill on the floor.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Crabtree** moved to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2020. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Vice Chairman Thayn moved to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2020. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Vice Chairman Thayn moved to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2020 and the Minutes of March 4, 2020. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Vice Chairman Thayn moved to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2020 and the Minutes of March 9, 2020. **Senator Crabtree** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Senator Den Hartog moved to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2020 and the Minutes of March 12, 2020. **Senator Crabtree** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PAGE FAREWELL: Senate Page **Halle Torgerson** thanked the Committee for the opportunity to work with them and discussed her plans for the future. She complimented the Senate as a whole for their unity, friendship, and professionalism. **Chairman Mortimer** presented Ms. Torgerson with a gift, a letter of recommendation, and a thank you letter from the Committee.

Chairman Mortimer presented Secretary Morgan Howard with a gift and a card.

Chairman Mortimer read a poem he had written for the end of session. He thanked the Committee for their strength and unity in his time as Chairman. He told the Committee about his goals for the future of education.

Vice Chairman Thayne and **Senators Ward-Engelking** and **Lent** thanked Chairman Mortimer for his leadership, mentorship, and hard work for education in his time as Chairman.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

Morgan Howard
Secretary