

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 05, 2021

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Shepherd, Yamamoto, McCrostie, Berch, Toone

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Mike Keckler, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBOE); Tracie Bent, Chief Planning and Policy Officer SBOE; Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, State Department of Education (SDE); Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN); Senator Thayn, District 8; Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent, Communications and Policy SDE

**Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 25, 26 and March 1, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 280:** **Blake Youde**, ICSN, presented legislation to secure teacher professional endorsements. The public comment period was opened however there were no stakeholders or citizens seeking to testify.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 280** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Toone** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1075:** **Sen. Thayn** presented legislation to create a kindergarten jump start program to help students arrive at kindergarten better prepared. Assessment for eligibility in the four-week program would be conducted at the spring registration event. In answer to committee questions, Sen. Thayn stated the bill is necessary to clarify school's responsibility to reach out to caregivers before kindergarten.

**Vice Chairman Kerby** spoke in support of **S 1075** and discussed the reasons for his involvement, and experience as a teacher helping children reach their potential. The bill promotes parental engagement to benefit student success. In answer to committee questions, Vice Chairman Kerby confirmed student participation is completely voluntary.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **S 1075** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Vice Chairman Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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Representative Clow  
Chair

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Christine Reynolds  
Secretary