

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 25, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Ehardt and McCann

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

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

RS 29206: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 29206** proposed legislation which would amend section 33-402 of Idaho Code to revise eligibility requirements for armed forces and public safety officer scholarships. This would allow the children of those who have died in active duty and inactive duty training to be eligible for the armed forces and public safety officer scholarship program

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 29206**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Maria Lorcher, Vice President of Legislation, Idaho Parent Teacher Association, shared the Idaho PTA's goal for this year is to reconnect with students, parents, and teachers. Ms. Lorcher discussed the Idaho PTA's support of legislation which would limit a child's ability to access sensitive material through an electronic device. She shared two of Idaho PTA's main goals which is to encourage digital safety for all students and fully funded Full-day Kindergarten. Ms. Lorcher expressed her excitement that Idaho has four recipients from the National Parent Teacher Association's sponsored grants.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Lorcher**, shared by having local schools part of the Idaho PTA, teachers, parents, and students are more informed on legislation.

Sara Scudder, Career Information Senior Program Manager, State Board of Education, discussed the background of Next Steps Idaho. Their vision was to create a easily deliverable, highly visible, used by Idahoans, career and college planning tool. She discussed how two of Next Steps Idaho goals were to incorporate career development sources on to the Next Step Idaho website and increase their ability to meet and respond to stakeholder needs. Ms. Scudder described the CTE program directory which enables students to see potential career paths. She also shared how they are engaging students and professionals by expanding marketing and outreach.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Scudder** shared how they are collaborating with Idaho Workforce Development to create ads to engage students with Next Step Idaho. She also discussed how Next Steps Idaho was created to be a resource for career counselors. Ms. Scudder shared that within schools more students are using computers to access Next Steps Idaho website, which is why the desktop users are up and mobile usage is down. There was discussion on parent engagement, and Ms. Scudder shared how they are doing virtual and in person training for parents, schools, and students. Ms. Scudder shared the purpose of the student portfolio and how the website has interactive activities to help students decide on a future career.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary