

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, March 03, 2022
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Marshall, Wisniewski, Galloway, Yamamoto, McCann (Liedke), McCrostie, Berch, Toone
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the legislative session the sign-in sheet will be retained in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.
- Chairman Clow** welcomed **Rep. Liedke** who is substituting for **Rep. McCann**.
- H 718:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 718** and shared how there is a doctor shortage in Idaho. He explained how this legislation would require Idaho students who enroll in the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WWAMI) Regional Medical Education Program to sign a contract with the State Board of Education. This contract would require students to repay monies paid for their education from public funds, unless the student is engaged in professional practice in Idaho for four years.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **H 718** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Jeff Seegmiller**, Regional Dean, WWAMI Medical Education Program, shared how Idaho is facing a physician crisis and how 50% percent of Idaho students who attend university out of state come back to Idaho. He explained how they realize this legislation would solve a problem, but there are a few things within the legislation they do not approve of.
- In response to Committee, **Dr. Mary Barinaga**, Assistant Dean for Regional Affairs, Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program, shared how after graduating medical school a student must complete a residency program. She explained how most doctors practice medicine close to where they completed residency. Dr. Barinaga explained how other states have similar programs.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Marshall** and **Berch** requested to be voting as **NAY**. **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HCR 38:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **HCR 38** and shared how it would request the WWAMI Regional Medical Education Program to increase the number of seats available beginning in 2025.
- In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Moyle** shared how **HCR 38** and **H 718** would work together to bring more doctors to Idaho.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **HCR 38** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the resolution on the floor.
- RS 29710:** **Rep. Boyle** introduced **RS 29710** and shared how it is a revision of **S 1280**.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Boyle** described the differences between **RS 29710** and **S 1280**.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 29710**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

H 716: **Chairman Clow** presented **H 716** and **HCR 39** and explained how they are related.
HCR 39: He shared how **H 716** would codify new English, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel standards. He explained the changes made to the ELA, Math, and Science standards and how the changes would make it easier for parents to review the standards. He shared how the changes made to the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel standards would make it easier for students to understand the certification process. **Chairman Clow** described the fiscal note for **H 716** and shared how there are federal rules which apply to money allocated. **Chairman Clow** shared how **HCR 39** rejects the pending rule in Idaho Administrative Procedure Act (IDAPA) 08.03 rules governing thoroughness, section 004., subsection 01.d., 01.h., and 01.j.. **HCR 39** would enable the new standards within **H 716** to be put into effect.

In response to Committee questions, **Chairman Clow** shared how **H 716** and **HCR 39** enactment dates go together.

Misty Swanson, Executive Director, Idaho School Boards Association shared how they have concerns on the impact of **H 716**. She discussed how they would like a partnership with the Committee to ensure teachers have the tools needed.

Jonathan Oppenheimer, External Relations Director, Idaho Conservation League, shared how they have concerns with **H 716** and shared how they oppose the non-inclusion of climate change materials within the standards. He shared how the standards were not put through the full rule making process.

Paul Stark, Executive Director, Idaho Education Association and **Marilyn Whitney**, Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education, voiced their support of **H 716**. They explained the process behind reviewing the content standards.

Representing themselves: **Shiva Rajbhandari**, **Karina Bjorkman**, **Lily Saperston**, **Abigail Combs**, **Halley Hoellwarth**, **Noor Sodhi**, **Alexis Heichman**, and **Mya Lewis** voiced their opposition to **H 716**. They shared how students were not involved in the standards review process and how more climate change materials should be taught in the classroom. It was discussed how STEM jobs are going unfilled because students are not being taught climate change in school.

Representing themselves: **Nina Terhaar**, **Ella Cornett**, and **Jeff Jenks** voiced their opposition to **HCR 39**. They discussed how students were not involved in the standards review process and how they did not learn about climate change in the classroom.

Matt Freeman, Executive Director, State Board of Education, shared how the board is having a special meeting to discuss **H 716** and **HCR 39**.

In response to Committee questions, **Chairman Clow** shared the process behind this legislation's creation.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to send **H 716** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **HCR 39** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Clow** will sponsor the resolution on the floor.

- MOTION:** Rep. Marshall made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0000-2100** with the exception **08.02.01.801.02.f, 08.02.02.004.01, 08.02.03.105.01.d.ii,iii,iv, 08.02.03.112.03.a.ii and b.ii;** and **Dockets Nos. 08-0102-2101, 08-0110-2101, 55-0000-2100, and 08-0000-2100F** in their entirety. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow.**
- RS 29728:** Rep. Ehardt introduced **RS 29728** and how this proposed legislation would enable children to receive exemptions from wearing a mask in school.
- MOTION:** Rep. Mendive made a motion to introduce **RS 29728.** **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Toone and McCrostie wished to be recorded as voting **NAY.**
- RS 29730:** Rep. Ehardt introduced **RS 29730** and shared how this proposed legislation would require parental input and approval before a survey is taken by a student.
- MOTION:** Rep. Moon made a motion to introduce **RS 29730.** **Motion carried by voice vote.** Reps. Toone and McCrostie requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.**
- RS 29660C1:** Rep. Ehardt introduced **RS 29660C1** and shared how this proposed legislation would define homeschooling.
- MOTION:** Rep. Mendive made a motion to introduce **RS 29660C1.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary