

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 21, 2016

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

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representative(s) Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Shepherd, Clow, Kloc

**GUESTS:** Helen Price, Rob Winslow, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Jodie Mills, Caldwell School District; Jeff Church, State Department of Education; Amy Lorenzo, Steve Rayborn, Career-Technical Education; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2016. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24785:** **Rep. VanOrden** spoke to **RS 24785**, regarding career ladder allocation for career-technical instructors. Currently, 486 school staff have a career-technical or occupational specialist certificate, said Rep. VanOrden. Career-technical programs and classes have had to be closed, because of the lack of teacher availability, she said, and some high schools have had to reduce the number of student seats available in those programs. Students in those programs have a high rate of participation in post-secondary education, said Rep. VanOrden. Last year, 162 career-technical staff were certified at the secondary level, and 182 were certified at the post-secondary level, she added.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 24785** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. VanOrden** said schools could give the allocation to other personnel, but they are not likely to do so, because they already have a difficult time hiring instructors for these programs. **RS 24785** puts career-technical educators on the career ladder, and recognizes their professional certificates. The \$3,000 is added to the salary funding, like a leadership premium, she added. The Idaho Education Association participated in the early discussions on this topic, said Rep. VanOrden.

**Rep. Kerby** said industry people were placed on the salary grid with a few year's of experience, before the career ladder was implemented. **RS 24785** would give districts the flexibility to give career-technical program teachers more money, and keep career-technical programs going, he added.

In response to questions from the committee, **Karen Echeverria**, Idaho School Boards Association, said the ISBA did not have an official position, as it had not seen the legislation. She does hear a lot about the difficulty school districts have in hiring career-technical teachers, she added.

In response to questions from the committee, **Matt Compton**, Idaho Education Association, said he has not seen the language of **RS 24785**, so he does not have an official position. He said he does have concerns about putting non-certified teachers in classrooms, and this legislation provides additional incentives for people without educational backgrounds to come in to the classroom.

**Rob Winslow**, Idaho Association of School Administrators, said it is difficult to bring people from career-technical fields to teach career-technical classes, and he would probably be supportive of the legislation.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

**Rep. Rubel** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 24785**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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Representative DeMordaunt  
Chair

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Jenifer Cavaness-Williams  
Secretary