

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 07, 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:** None

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 in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0000-2100:** Committee members discussed changes to the Eligible Reimbursements section. When discussing Higher Educator Preparation Programs it was noticed this would simplify current code enabling schools and teachers to have clarity and flexibility. There was concern on rejecting this section before having something to replace it. When discussing the removal of Instructional Certificate Endorsements, it was explained how this section was moved to Board Policy due to Executive Order No. 2020-01.

In response to Committee questions, **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education discussed in the Higher Educator Preparation program section there would be no certification standards in rules, but explained other options. When discussing Student Teaching and semester credit hours, Ms. Bent shared this change was to clarify the requirements for higher education institutions.

**DOCKET NO.
08-0203-2101:** Committee members discussed the Official Vehicle For Approving Education Preparation Programs and shared how this program should be held up to Idaho Standards and a separate accrediting body. There was discussion on math requirements for senior high school students and which sections the Committee would like to reject.

Vice Chairman Kerby turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

Reps. Mendive and **Moon** gave a report on the Empowering Parents Grant funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). They shared how the grant would provide funding to help parents identify and create solutions for problems their children are having. This grant would require continued appropriation funding after this year.

Rep. Marshall gave a report on the ARPA funded University of Remote Worker Training program. He shared this program is designed to teach people how to work from home. There was discussion on how other states have implemented remote worker training programs and how these funds would be distributed.

Rep. McCann discussed the Head Start's Program increased ARPA funding. She shared how the increased funding would increase the occupancy of this program.

In response to Committee questions, **Tammy Perkins**, Head Start, shared how they are in support of ARPA funding going towards this program.

Rep. McCrostie discussed "Kids in School" bonus and how it is a one time bonus coming exclusively from ARPA funding. There was discussion on how the typical 19.5% employer contribution was not included in this bonus. He shared he supports accepting **Governor Little's** "Kids in School" bonus budget recommendation.

Rep. Yamamoto discussed the one time ARPA funding for the Career Ladder Acceleration. This acceleration would give teachers this year and part of next year's raise. Rep. Yamamoto shared how she supports accepting **Governor Little's** Career Ladder Acceleration budget recommendation.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

Elbia Christensen
Secretary