

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, March 01, 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, 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 filed in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- RS 29318:** **Rep. Kerby** introduced **RS 29318**. He explained this proposed legislation would allow parent and local education agencies to determine when a child is school ready. **RS 29318** would allow students turning five between September 1st and December 31st to enroll in public kindergarten.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to introduce **RS 29318**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Clow** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Kerby**.
- RS 29682:
RS 29679:** **Chairman Clow** introduced **RS 29682** and **RS 29679** and explained how they are related. He noted that **RS 29682** would create new English, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel standards, while **RS 29679** would reject the old ELA, Math, and Science standards. Chairman Clow discussed how the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) would still be used, but would be compared to the new proposed standards.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to introduce **RS 29682**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to introduce **RS 29679**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Vice Chairman Kerby** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.
- RS 29676:** **Rep. Moyle** introduced **RS 29676** and explained how this legislation would ask the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WWAMI) Regional Medical Education Program to increase the number of seats available beginning in 2025.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 29676**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29646C1:** **Rep. Moyle** introduced **RS 29646C1** which would require Idaho students who enroll in the 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. He noted how other states have set up a similar program to encourage more students to practice medicine in their home state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 29646C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 669:** **Chairman Clow** brought **H 669** before the Committee for discussion.

H 669 is legislation that would create Hope and Opportunity Scholarships (HOS) accounts for Idaho families with students in kindergarten through 12th grade. This was a continued presentation from a previous meeting. In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Moon** shared how potentially 1% of students could change schools. She explained how most of the funding would stay within the public school system. Rep. Moon discussed how home schooled students are not eligible for the Hope and Opportunity Scholarship. The State Department of Education would create a list of how money can be spent. She described the requirements of a student being eligible for this scholarship.

In answer to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** shared there are currently no schools or districts which receive extra funding based on their test scores. She specified ways **H 669** would create accountability and transparency. It was explained how the State Department of Education would be responsible for approving any education service providers. Rep. DeMordaunt shared other states which currently have ESA's and how they consulted with these states to create **H 669**. She described the eligibility requirements for the Hope and Opportunity Scholarship within **H 669**.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 669** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 669** in Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Kerby, Marshall, Yamamoto, McCann, McCrostie, Berch, Toone and Clow. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Galloway.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary