

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle and DeMordaunt

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 9:01 am.

RS 29837: **Rep. Kerby** introduced **RS 29837** and explained how it would create a resolution to approve **Docket No. 08-0000-2100F**. He explained how **RS 29837** would keep the fees the same.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 29837** and recommended it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kerby** will sponsor the resolution on the floor.

S 1374: **Sen. Lent** presented **S 1374** and explained how this legislation would create and define a career exploration experience. This would enable students to identify future career paths in 8th grade. He discussed how the go on rate for students has decreased in recent years. **S 1374** would enable students to have ideas to determine their future career. This would benefit both students and the workforce, by filling critical jobs. **Sen. Lent** described how this legislation would be implemented in the classroom and how it complements the career pathway plan. **Sen. Lent** explained how currently under Idaho Code the student's career pathway plan is required to be annually reviewed.

In response to Committee questions, **Sen. Lent** explained how the local school districts have flexibility on how to implement this program. He discussed how schools could trade an 8th grade health class for this program.

In response to Committee questions, **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education, explained how this program would be funded.

Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education, voiced her support for **S 1374**. She shared how **S 1374** gives school districts and charter schools flexibility regarding the implementation of the career exploration experience. It was explained how there is a funding formula to determine how much money each school receives.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Whitney** explained how local school districts and boards decide what will be taught in an 8th grade health class.

Paul Stark, Executive Director, Idaho Education Association voiced his support for **S 1374** and how the career exploration experience may take the place of an 8th grade health class, but schools do not have to replace it. He explained how they expect to see benefits coming from this program.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Stark** explained how annually reviewing the student's career pathway plan helps students decided on their future career.

MOTION: Rep. McCann made a motion to send **S 1374** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Reps. Moon, Toone, and McCrostie requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. Rep. Kerby will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee; the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Representative Clow
Chair

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Secretary