

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 07, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch (Bratnober), Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve minutes for the February 5, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Clay Long, State Administrator from Idaho Division of Career Technical Education, reviewed the CTE's mission statement, did an overview of programs in high schools, technical schools, community colleges, and four-year universities in Idaho. He also reviewed successes from the past year, and program applications. Mr. Long discussed post graduate data, and the Skill Stack.

In answer to committee questions, **Clay Long** clarified what secondary program application means, saying it includes applications started, changed, and reinstated.

Tracie Bent, Chief Administrative Officer, CTE explained if a student receives certification or a degree but doesn't continue on to get an additional certification or a degree, they wouldn't be included in the go-on rate. Mr. Long said the bottlenecks for CTE is educator certification with too few staff members and wait lists of students, also, the funding for ongoing maintenance and support. CTE was supported during last year's legislature with the Career Ready Student Grant, which focuses on rural expansion. However, large districts have significant wait lists that causes challenges for students.

Mr. Long also stated the Inspire Ready Program starts with a week long boot camp, and can go up to three years for competency. As to problems obtaining staff for CTE at the College of Southern Idaho, Mr. Long said they are in discussions about the friction with variable pay and is proposing a pay scale to institutions and a comprehensive overhaul to address continued growth and faculty costs. CTE does have a wish list of areas in the state to have new career tech centers, and it is on their radar. Some school districts partner for joint facilities but it is not always easy for out of area students to travel there.

Clay Long introduced students **Madi Levitt**, Idaho FCCLA President, and **Luke Crosby**, Idaho TSA President to speak to the committee.

RS 31189: **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 31189**, Idaho Opportunity Scholarships. This proposed legislation allows community colleges to be eligible for use of these scholarships with money that's already been appropriated annually. Last year community colleges were removed. It also prohibits use of an opportunity scholarship and a Launch grant to the same student in order to make scholarships available to more students. The proposed legislation also creates eligibility rules for renewing scholarship timing and provides guidance to the State Board of Education. The proposed legislation allocates 5% to adult learners who qualify.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 31189**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Monica Anderson
Secretary