

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, February 09, 2023
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Lent, Vice Chairman Toews, Senators Den Hartog, Nichols, Dunn (Carlson), Herndon, Lenney, and Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senators Carlson and Semmelroth
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman Lent** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3 p.m.
- RS 29940C1** **Teacher Apprenticeships. Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education (ISBE), presented **RS 29940C1** to the Committee. This bill amended Idaho Code § 33-1201, and it allowed for a student serving in a practicum, internship or student teaching position under the supervision of a certified staff person to be paid, and individuals who successfully completed an approved registered apprenticeship program to be eligible for standard certification.
- DISCUSSION:** **Senator Nichols** asked Ms. Bent to explain why there was no fiscal impact in the RS. **Ms. Bent** replied that while it would be more favorable to the program, all the appropriation necessary to carry out the mission of the program was in place, but may need funding down the road.
- MOTION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to send **RS 29940C1** to print. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- RS 30156C2** **Prohibit Sex Education Prior to 5th Grade. Vice Chairman Toews** stated that the bill outlawed the teaching of sexual education prior to the fifth grade.
- DISCUSSION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** made the comment that the bill was unnecessary due to the current content standards in place and asked Vice Chairman Toews to comment on that notion. He responded that due to the amount of content out there, it was warranted to put protections in place for children.
- Senator Herndon** asked Vice Chairman Toews what the typical age was for human sexuality instruction in K-12. **Vice Chairman Toews** stated that human sexuality courses started in the fifth grade per the ISBE.
- MOTION:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **RS 30156C2** to print. **Senator Herndon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- RS 30181** **Career Technical Centers. Senator Den Hartog** stated that the bill provided additional flexibility to existing requirements on eligibility for schools to be career technical schools.
- DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Lent** asked Ms. Bent why there was no fiscal note associated with the bill. She responded that the funding was already in place for the program and therefore a fiscal note was not necessary.
- MOTION:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **RS 30181** to print. **Senator Nichols** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lent** adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Senator Lent
Chair

Linette Grantham
Secretary

James Nelson
Assistant Secretary