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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO REWORK S1068 AND S1069

BOISE, IDAHO – The Senate Education Committee will finish taking public testimony on Superintendent Tom Luna's "Student's Come First" plan Thursday, February 10. The public hearing will run from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Ten minutes will be provided at the beginning of the hearing for two stakeholders – Paul Anderson of the Idaho Education Technology Association, and James Shackelford, former Executive Director of the Idaho Education Association – after which one hour and fifteen minutes will be allotted for public testimony.

The format for testifying will follow that of the last two days: Testimony will be limited to three minutes per person. Those wishing to testify are encouraged to arrive early as the opportunity to do so will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. At the discretion of the Chairman, a portion of the time will be set aside to allow for geographic diversity in testimony.

Having reviewed the legislation again over the last three days, Chairman Goedde has determined there are enough small corrections needed in <u>\$1068</u> and <u>\$1069</u> that they should not be held for a vote in committee as they are currently written. This is with the provision that Superintendent Tom Luna will present two more drafts for printing on Monday, February 14, 2011.

The Chairman has determined it is appropriate to allow time for Superintendent Tom Luna and Jason Hancock to walk the Committee through the existing language today, as it will expedite the process in the days following.

As with preceding hearings, those unable to attend today's hearing are encouraged to send their thoughts to Committee Secretary Sara Pealy at spealy@senate.idaho.gov or edutestimony@lso.idaho.gov. All comments submitted to this email will be retained as public record and distributed to members of the committee. The public hearing will be streamed live over the internet and can be found at http://www.idahoptv.org/leglive/.

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