

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 3, 1998 - 3:00 P.M.  
Room 303, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chairman  
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen  
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux  
Rep. Judy Buffmire  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Keele Johnson  
Rep. Susan Koehn  
Rep. Patricia Larson  
Rep. Tammy J. Rowan  
Rep. Richard Siddoway  
Rep. Bill Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: J. Wayne Lewis, Research Analyst  
Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Vice Chairman Ron Bigelow called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Upon motion by Rep. Richard Siddoway, the minutes for January 30 were approved. Absent for the vote were Reps. David Hogue, Keele Johnson, Susan Koehn and Patricia Larson.

H.B. 234 - SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LIMIT AMENDMENT - Rep. J. Brent Haymond

Rep. Haymond presented his bill which changes the limit required before advertising for bids on a school building project from \$60,000 to \$100,000. He explained that inflation has caused costs to escalate and the districts are having difficulties finding contractors to make a bid. Speaking against the bill was Richard Thorne, Association General Contractors who noted that there are 200-400 new licenses granted to new contractors each year. When the bidding ceiling increases, it takes work away from smaller contractors. Also speaking against the bill was Robert Burgman, Utah Mechanical Constructors Assn. Speaking in favor of the bill were Cliff Rhodes, Classified School Employees; Gary Payne, Davis School Dist.; Scott Bean, Supt., Public Instruction; and James Day, Granite Dist.

MOTION: Rep. Lloyd Frandsen made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed. Voting against the motion were Reps. Bigelow, Duane Bourdeaux, David Hogue and Bill Wright. Absent for the vote was Rep. Koehn.

H.B. 291 - HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION WAIVERS - Rep. John W. Hickman

Rep. Hickman presented his bill which provides that an individual who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces is granted resident status for tuition purposes at public higher education institutions. Speaking in favor of the bill were: Pat O'Hara, USOE; Carol Berry, USU; and Ron Stanfield, USOE.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow made a motion to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 31:                    After "system" insert "if he or she starts school within 180 days of discharge."

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue made a motion to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 29:                    After "received" delete "an honorable" and insert "a"; after "discharge" insert "under honorable conditions and is a citizen of the United States"

After considerable Committee discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Rep. Judy Buffmire made a motion to divide the above amendment:

The first part of the amendment will read: After "received" delete "an honorable" and insert "a"; after "discharge" insert "under honorable conditions"

The second part of the amendment will read: "and is a citizen of the United States"

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue made a motion to accept the following amendment:

Page 2, Line 29:                    After "received" delete "an honorable" and insert "a"; after "discharge" insert "under honorable conditions"

The Committee voted on this amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue made a motion to accept the following amendment:

Page 2, Line 29:                    After “conditions” insert “and is a citizen of the United States”

The motion failed. Voting against the motion were Reps. Frandsen, Bigelow, Allen, Buffmire, Bourdeaux, Koehn, Larson, Rowan, and Siddoway.

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire made a motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 182 - CLASS SIZE REDUCTION IN GRADES 7 - 8 - Rep. Lloyd Frandsen

MOTION: Rep. Frandsen made a motion to accept the following amendment:

Page 1, Line 25:                    After “plan” insert “, developed with the participation of administrators, teachers, and parents of students attending the school.”

The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Koehn.

Rep. Frandsen presented his bill which provides for an appropriation for class size reduction in grades 7 and 8 in the public schools. It also requires that schools use innovative ways to reduce class size. He noted there were 70,000 students in Utah in grades 7 and 8. The appropriation for this bill is \$13,600,000. Speaking for the bill were: Dottie Bingham, Granite School Dist.; Jerry Peterson, USOE; Ellen Thompson, Davis School Dist.; Gary Carlston, Governor’s Office; Arlene Arnold, UEA; Steve Peterson, USBA/USSA; Susan Kuziak, UEA; and Juniel Lyon, Utah PTA.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed. Voting against the motion was Rep. Wright. Absent for the vote was Rep. Koehn.

H.B. 303 - CENTER FOR THE SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE - Rep. Beverly Evans

Rep. Beverly Evans presented her bill which establishes the Center for the School of the Future at Utah State University. It provides a model for improvement in public education. Included in the school is an education research institute to synthesize best practices in public education as well as a teacher’s academy. Assisting Rep. Evans was Dr. Andy Gibbons, Director, School of the Future.

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MOTION: Because of time limitations, Rep. Frandsen made a motion to move to the next item on the agenda. He noted this bill would be the first item of business in the next meeting. The motion passed favorably. Absent for the vote were Reps. Koehn and Wright.

H.B. 299 - CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR  
EDUCATORS - Rep. Richard Siddoway

Rep. Siddoway asked the Committee to hold his bill. He stated there were items needing resolution prior to the presentation.

Upon motion by Rep. Siddoway, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

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Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chair