

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE & REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 414, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
Monday, February 5 , 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair
 Rep. Bryan D. Holladay, Co-Chair
 Sen. Dan Eastman
 Sen. Ed Mayne
 Rep. Eli Anderson
 Rep. Chad Bennion
 Rep. David Cox
 Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Cindy Beshear

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst
 Jonathan C. Ball, Fiscal Analyst
 Marilyn Reed, Committee Secretary

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

Sen. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Holladay moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of January 31, 2001 and February 2, 2001. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Bennion, Beshear, and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to approve the Public Service Commission budget of \$1,476,500 which includes \$60,000 Dedicated Credit Revenue for a program manager. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion, Beshear, and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holladay moved to approve the budgets for the other Public Service Commission line items: Research and Analysis for \$60,000; Universal Public Telecommunications for \$5,193,800; and Speech and Hearing Impaired for \$1,818,800. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion, Beshear, and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to approve the Department of Commerce base budget of \$14,971,600. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Bennion, Beshear, and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to add to the funding priority list for the Department of Commerce: \$113,700 Commerce Service Fund and \$39,000 Dedicated Credit Revenue for **H.B. 107** 2000 General Session Fiscal Note; \$67,000 for a Securities Examiner; \$117,000 Commerce Service Fund and \$100,000 Beginning Balances for Processing and Office Technicians for the Division of Corporations.

Francine Giani, Director of Consumer Protection/Commerce, responded to concerns expressed by Sens. Jenkins, Eastman and Mayne and Rep. Holladay concerning Rep. Dayton's \$100,000 for a Consumer Protection Initiative.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to add \$161,200 to the priority funding list for Sen. Suazo's request to form the Athletic Commission through **S.B. 25**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion failed with Rep. Cox voting for the motion.

Sen. Mayne's original motion to add \$161,200 passed with Rep. Cox voting against the motion.

ATC / ATCSR Program and Budget Review:

Debbie Headden and Gary Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office, presented an overview of Applied Technology Education in Utah today. They addressed concerns with ATE's, the ATE Task Force, **H. B. 34**, and the future of ATE in Utah.

Sen. Leonard Blackham addressed the funding need for **H.B. 34**. He wanted the subcommittee to know that ATC / ATCSR budget issues had been assigned to the Commerce/Revenue Appropriation Subcommittee because ATC /ATCSR work closely with Workforce Services whose budget is reviewed by the subcommittee. Sen. Blackham's request for \$5,058,100 ongoing money is needed to enhance and build programs and bring underserved areas up to equity.

Janet Cannon, Vice Chair, State Board of Education, urged support of **H.B. 34**.

Rob Brems, Associate Superintendent of ATE, Utah State Office of Education, presented the FY2002 budget request. He gave each committee member a binder with catalogs from each ATC.

Rep. Wallace asked what the demographics of the ATCs are. Answer: Jr. and Sr. secondary school students. Adults looking for skills to improve job skills or to obtain new job skills. Many find the open entry, open exit appealing. Adults pay \$.90 per hour tuition.

Rep. Holladay asked if the STIT (Short Term Intensive Training) Program was still being offered. Answer: It is a higher education program and is still being offered.

Sen. Jenkins wanted assurance that accreditation for the ATCs was in place so those students wanting to go on to higher education could make the transition. Mr. Brems indicated that that is an issue the ATCs have struggled with, but they are working on it.

Pamela Atkinson, State Board of Regents, supports the funding requirements and **H.B. 34**. She addressed the need for ATCs for students who are not college bound and the role ATCs play in building a student's self-esteem. Applied technology is an integral part of higher education today. She urged funding requests for state-of-the-art equipment.

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Gary Wixom, Assistant Commissioner of Applied Technology Education with the State Board of Regents, addressed credit and non-credit training, support of partnership of public and higher education so resources are maximized, and support for the funding request.

Mr. Brems introduced the ATC Superintendents and ATCSR Directors:

Brent Wallis, OWATC
Mike Bouwhuis, DATC
Richard Jones UBATC
Richard Maughan, BATC
Brent Judd, SWATCSR
Miles Nelson, SEATCSR
Bo Hall, WFSATC

Public Comment:

The following individuals expressed support for the ATE Programs:

Karen Derrick, Board Chair, WFSATC
Bo Hall, WFSATC
Mike Bouwhuis, DATC
Richard Jones, UBATC

Rep. Holladay requested a breakdown report on JATEC one-time equipment needs funding to be given at the next subcommittee meeting on February 7, 2001.

Analyst Greer reviewed the revised agenda for the rest of the week and informed the subcommittee that they would need to send a prioritized list to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Beshear and Cox absent for the vote.

Sen. Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair

Rep. Bryan D. Holladay, Co-Chair