

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 26, 2007

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair  
Rep. Patrick Painter, Vice Chair  
Rep. Sylvia S. Anderson  
Rep. Craig A. Frank  
Rep. James R. Gowans  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff  
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion  
Rep. Stephen Urquhart  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Brad Dee  
Rep. Brad Last

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
Diane Obeshaw, Committee Secretary  
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

**Note:** List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Vice Chair Painter called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Rep. Moss gave a grammar lesson on the use of the words 'lose' and 'loose'.

**H.B. 58      New School District Leeway Retention (*Rep. B. Daw*)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Frank moved to delete in title and body H.B. 58 and substitute it with 1st Substitute H.B. 58. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

Rep. Daw explained 1st Substitute H.B. 58 which addresses property tax revenues for a newly created school district.

Brian Allen, Cottonwood Heights City, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass out favorably 1st Substitute H.B. 58.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

**H.B. 77 High School Diploma Amendments (*Rep. K. Holdaway*)**

Rep. Holdaway introduced the bill which modifies provisions relating to high school and adult education diplomas.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Tom Gregory, State Board of Education

Carol Lear, State Board of Education

Debi Tabor, Utah PTA

Jodi Sundberg, Utah School Boards Association and School Superintendents Association

Mark Spencer, State Board of Regents

Kim Campbell, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to move to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Gowans, Rep. Moss, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Wheatley voting in favor of the motion.

A vote was taken on Rep. Hughes motion. The motion passed with Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Moss, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Wheatley voting in opposition.

**H.B. 215 School Reporting Amendments (*Rep. K. Morgan*)**

Rep. Moss moved to delete in title and body H.B. 214 and adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 214. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Morgan introduced the bill which modifies requirements for the reporting of certain data on public schools.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 215 out with a favorable motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 240 Public Education Job Enhancement Program Amendments**  
*(Rep. R. Menlove)*

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Lines 13 through 14:

13           ▶       ~~{allows elementary teachers in grades four through six to qualify for cash awards and~~  
14           ~~scholarships to obtain mathematics endorsements.}~~   expands the positions that may  
qualify for cash awards and scholarships under the Public Education Job  
Enhancement Program.

2. Page 1, Line 27 through Page 2, Line 28:

27   education training.   =

(1) As used in this part, "special education teacher" includes occupational  
therapist.

28           ~~{(1)}~~   (2)   The Public Education Job Enhancement Program is established  
to attract, train, and

3. Page 2, Line 34:

34           ~~{(2)}~~   (3)   The program shall provide for the following:

4. Page 2, Line 38:

38   degree, an endorsement, or graduate education in the areas identified in Subsection  
          ~~{(1)}~~   (2)   to be

5. Page 2, Lines 42 through 43:

42   identified in Subsection   ~~{(1)}~~   (2) ;

43           (c) (i) as to the cash awards under Subsection   ~~{(2)}~~   (3) (b), payment of the  
award in two

6. Page 2, Line 47:

47   complete two years of the four-year teaching term in the areas identified in Subsection  
          ~~{(1)}~~   (2)   as

7. Page 2, Line 53:

53 (d) (i) as to the scholarships awarded under Subsection ~~{(2)}~~ (3) (b),  
provision for the

8. Page 3, Line 60:

60 ~~{(3)}~~ (4) An individual teaching in the public schools under a letter of  
authorization may

9. Page 3, Lines 63 through 64:

63 areas referred to in Subsection ~~{(1)}~~ (2) ; and  
64 (b) the application made under Subsection ~~{(2)}~~ (3) (a) is based in large  
part upon the

10. Page 3, Line 66:

66 ~~{(4)}~~ (5) (a) The program may provide for the expenditure of up to  
\$1,000,000 of available

11. Page 3, Line 70:

70 (b) An award granted under this Subsection ~~{(4)}~~ (5) shall be made in  
accordance with

12. Page 3, Line 73:

73 (c) An amount up to \$120,000 of the \$1,000,000 authorized in Subsection  
~~{(4)}~~ (5) (a) may

The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Menlove explained the bill which expands the positions that may qualify for cash awards and scholarships under the Public Education Job Enhancement Program.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Tom Gregory, State Board of Education

Anna Lee Hansen, Davis School District

Carrie Doris, Special Education Teacher

Nan Gray, Special Education Administrator

Merri Shumway, President, Utah School Boards Association, Superintendents Association, and Business Managers

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair