

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 8, 2007

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
Rep. Patrick Painter, Vice Chair
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
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 L. Dee, Rep. Bradley G. Last, Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart, and Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

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 8:14 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2007. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes, Rep. Frank, and Rep. Wheatley absent for the vote.

H.B. 155 Student Achievement Assessment Amendments (*Rep. M. Newbold*)

Rep. Newbold introduced the bill which modifies U-PASS (Utah Performance Assessment System for Students) and requirements for reading achievement plans and the reporting of students' reading grade level.

Judy Park, Assessment Director, Utah State Office of Education, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

H.B. 185 Higher Education Partnerships Appropriation (*Rep. G. Snow*)

Rep. Snow introduced the bill which appropriates monies to Utah State University to extend partnerships with other state institutions of higher education and to enhance regional programs.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sumsion and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

1st Substitute H.B.95 Accelerated Learning Program Amendments

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

1. *Page 1, Line 19:*

19 ~~{None}~~ **This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007-08:**
 ▶ \$2,017,655,849 from the Uniform School Fund: and
 ▶ \$15,000,000 from the Interest and Dividends Account.

2. *Page 2, Line 37:*

37 may not exceed the sum of [~~\$2,032,219,545~~] ~~{ \$2,033,080,849 }~~ **\$2,032,655,849**
 for the fiscal year beginning July

3. *Page 3, Line 71:*

71 (w) accelerated learning programs, [~~\$12,010,853~~]
 ~~{ \$12,872,157 }~~ **\$12,447,157** ;

4. *Page 4, Lines 110 through 112:*

110 (2) the appropriation under Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in H.B. 3 supersedes the
111 appropriation in Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in this bill, except that the appropriation
 under
112 Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in H.B. 3 shall be increased by
 ~~{ \$525,000 }~~ **\$100,000** .

5. *Page 5, Lines 121 through 123:*

121 (2) the appropriation under Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in H.B. 160 supersedes the
122 appropriation in Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in this bill, except that the appropriation
 under

123 Subsection 53A-17a-104(1) in H.B. 160 shall be increased by
{~~\$525,000~~} \$100,000 .

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sumsion and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sumsion and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

H.B. 286 School Discipline and Conduct Amendments (Rep. E. Hutchings)

Rep. Hutchings introduced the bill which amends provisions of the State System of Public Education relating to school discipline and conduct.

Stacey Hutchings spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to adopt 2nd Substitute H.B. 286 School Discipline and Conduct Amendments. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Sumsion and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

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

1. Page 11, Lines 305 through 307:

- 305 (c) "Qualifying minor" means a school-age minor who:
306 (i) is at least {-12} nine years old; or
307 (ii) turns {-12} nine years old at any time during the school year.

The motion passed with Rep. Newbold voting in opposition, and with Rep. Moss and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed with Rep. Newbold, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Gowans voting in opposition, and Rep. Moss, and Rep. Painter absent for the vote.

H.B. 212 School Discipline Amendments (Rep. L. Fowlke)

Rep. Fowlke introduced the bill which directs the state superintendent of public instruction to research methods of motivating and providing incentives to students.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ronda Rudd, Utah State PTA

Tamara Lowe, Utah School Boards Association, Davis School Board

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass out favorably H.B. 212. the motion passed with Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Wheatley, and Rep. Hughes voting in opposition, and with Rep. Anderson, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

H.B. 134 School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments (*Rep. J. Mathis*)

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to adopt 2nd Substitute H.B. 134 School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

H.C.R. 5 Early Childhood Reading Readiness Resolution (*Rep. K. Morgan*)

Rep. Morgan introduced the bill which encourages reading with a child 20 minutes a day.

Susan Kuziak, Utah Education Association, spoke in support of the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson, and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to place the resolution on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.