

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 1, 2008

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. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen Urquhart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Mark Wheatley

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

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

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2008. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Last, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Moss, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

H.B. 287 Regulation of Teacher - Student Relationships (Rep. S. Sandstrom)

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to delete in title and body H.B. 287 and adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 287. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Last, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Moss, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

Rep. Sandstrom explained the substitute bill which requires the State Board of Education to revoke an educator's license if the educator commits a sexual offense against a minor or engages in sexually explicit conduct with a student.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass out with a favorable recommendation 1st Substitute H.B. 287. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Moss was absent for the vote.

H.B. 271 Utah Purple Heart Recipients Tuition Act Amendments (*Rep. R. Barrus*)

Rep. Barrus introduced the bill which provides a graduate tuition waiver for Purple Heart recipients under specified conditions.

Terry Scow, Department of Veterans' Affairs, responded to committee members' questions.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Terry Scow, Department of Veterans' Affairs

Ben Gile, Purple Heart recipient

Amanda Covington, State Board of Regents, spoke in support of the bill and requested reimbursement for the cost of the tuition waivers.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

S.J.R. 1 Resolution Encouraging the Advertisement of Alternative Routes to Teaching (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton introduced the resolution which encourages the advertisement of alternative routes to teaching.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to pass the resolution out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

H.B. 127 Community Council Elections (*Rep. K. Sumsion*)

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to delete in title and body H.B. 127 and to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 127. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Sumsion explained the bill amends provisions for the election of members of school community councils.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Steve Asay, West High School Community Council

Natalie Gordon, Trust Lands Commissioner, Utah PTA
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School
Superintendents Association
Keith Davis, Principal, Grantsville Junior High
Laura Chaney, Math Department Chair, and National Board of Teachers, East
High School

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion failed with Rep. Last, Rep. Urquhart, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Moss voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Urquhart moved to table the bill. The motion failed with Rep. Urquhart, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Shurtliff, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Last voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to pass the bill out with a favorable motion. The motion failed with Rep. Frank, Rep. Sumsion, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Painter voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to adjourn. The motion passed with Rep. Moss, Rep. Shurtliff, and Rep. Holdaway voting in opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair