

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
March 2, 2011  
Room 445, State Capitol Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Bill Wright, Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice Arent  
Rep. Becky Edwards  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Greg Hughes  
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart  
Rep. John Mathis  
Rep. Kay McIff  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Merlynn Newbold  
Rep. Marie Poulson  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Holly Richardson  
Rep. Ken Sumsion

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Wright called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2011. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. McIff, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 447 Kindergarten Literacy Improvement Program (Rep. J. Anderson)**

Rep. Anderson introduced the bill which establishes a computer-based kindergarten literacy program.

Rep. Christensen moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 3, Line 62:

62 (2) The program shall be optional to school districts and may be made  
available to all kindergarten students in the state.

2. Page 3, Lines 86 through 88:

86           (2) From funds appropriated for computer hardware for the program, the board  
              ~~{shall}~~    may  
87    allocate an equal amount of money for each kindergarten classroom in a participating  
              public  
88    school.

3. *Page 3, Line 89 through Page 4, Line 91:*

89           (3) (a) For school year 2011-12, a school district or charter school  
              ~~{shall}~~    may use the money  
90    allocated in Subsection (2) to purchase computers for kindergarten classrooms in  
              participating  
91    schools to be used primarily to operate the program described in Section 53A-1a-1102.

4. *Page 4, Lines 102 through 104:*

102          (4) A school district or charter school participating in the program  
              ~~{shall}~~    may :  
103          (a) annually conduct a pre- and post-kindergarten reading assessment for a  
104    kindergarten student participating in the program;

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

Janice Dubno, Sr. Policy Analyst, Voices for Utah Children, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Martel Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to hold the bill and instruct the chair to recommend that the bill be put on the interim study list.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to pass **H.B. 447** out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Arent, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 145      Public School Privacy Amendments (Rep. S. Eliason)**

Rep. Eliason introduced the bill which requires the State Board of Education to establish public school student confidentiality standards.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association, spoke in support of the bill

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to pass out **H.B. 145** with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. Edwards, Rep Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to place **H.B. 145** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 288 Concurrent Enrollment Transcripts (Rep. R. Menlove)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 4, Line 120 through Page 5, Line 123:

120 (5)(a) ~~{Three}~~ Eight weeks after the end of each semester, the State Board  
of Regents shall  
121 make available, to a requesting higher education institution in the state system of higher  
122 education that participates in concurrent enrollment, a report listing each public high  
school  
123 student who was enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course and admitted to the  
requesting higher education institution, including:

2. Page 5, Lines 129 through 131:

129 (v) (A) - ~~{the grade}~~ all the credits the student earned in each  
concurrent enrollment course ~~{:~~ : and  
(B) a designation that indicates which credits listed in Subsection (5)(a)(v) the  
student earned at a grade "C" or higher.  
130 (b) The board shall report the information described in Subsection (5)(a) for every  
131 concurrent enrollment course taken by a student in any year.

1. Page 5, Line 125:

125 (ii) the student's :  
(A) school district and school; or  
(B) charter school;



memorial service.

3. *Page 3, Line 68:*

68           (c) engages in a disruptive activity within ~~{-1,000}~~ 500 feet of a military  
memorial service.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sumsion moved to pass out **1st Substitute H.B. 465** as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 290           Public School Transportation Amendments** (*Rep. C. Wimmer*)

Rep. Wimmer introduced the bill which modifies the distance between a residence and a public school that qualifies a student for state-sponsored transportation.

Martel Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Alicia Anderson, Jordan School District parent  
Joylynn Alger, Jordan School District parent

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to pass out **H.B. 290** with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Eliason, Rep. McIff, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright, voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 421           Use of Public Buildings for Political Caucus Meetings** (*Rep. D. Brown*)

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to delete in title and body **H.B. 421** and replace it with **1st Substitute H.B. 421**. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

Rep. Brown introduced the bill which modifies the Utah Election Code by requiring the legislative body of a county, municipality, or school district to make facilities under its control available for caucus meetings, assisted by Julie Dole, Salt Lake County Republican Party, and Taylor Oldroyd, Utah County Republican Party.

**MOTION:** Rep. McIff moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 2, Line 45:*

45           (3) ~~{A}~~ The charge imposed for use of the facility ~~{may not~~

charge} by a registered political party {more than} may not exceed the actual cost of:

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Richardson moved to pass out **1st Substitute H.B. 421** as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to place **1st Substitute H.B. 421** as amended on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Arent, Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson and Rep. Powell voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Edwards and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 339 Charter School Enrollment Amendments (Rep. E. Hutchings)**

Rep. Hutchings introduced the bill which authorizes the State Board of Education to annually approve an increase in charter school enrollment capacity. Rep. Hutchings was assisted by Chris Bleak, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools.

The following spoke to the bill

Martel Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah Office of Education  
Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Newbold moved to pass out **H.B. 339** with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 302 Reading Program Amendments (Rep. M. Newbold)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Newbold moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Lines 47 through 48:

47 Other Special Clauses:

48 This bill provides an effective date.

**This bill coordinates with H.B. 301, School District Property Tax Revisions, by providing superseding amendments.**

2. Page 2, Lines 55 through 56:

55 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

56 53A-1-606.6, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 275

**Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

53A-17a-150, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 305

3. *Page 11, Line 333:*

333 (3) Section 53A-1-606.6 takes effect on July 1, 2012.

Section 7. Coordinating H.B. 302 with H.B. 301 -- Superseding amendments.  
If this H.B. 302 and H.B. 301, School District Property Tax Revisions, both pass,  
it is the intent of the Legislature that the amendments to Subsection 53A-17a-150(15)  
in this bill supersede the amendments to Subsection 53A-17a-150(15) in H.B. 301  
when the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepares the Utah  
Code database for publication.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Newbold moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 22:*

22 teacher using a {~~mobile~~} portable technology device;

2. *Page 6, Line 174:*

174 (b) shall be available to be downloaded to a {~~mobile~~} portable technology  
device so that a teacher may be

3. *Page 6, Line 177:*

177 (b) After an assessment is downloaded to a {~~mobile~~} portable technology  
device, the device shall

4. *Page 10, Lines 278 through 279:*

278 (b) A school district or charter school may use program money for  
{~~mobile~~} portable technology  
279 devices used to administer reading assessments.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Poulson and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

The following spoke to the bill:

Sara Krebs, Cache School District  
Maurine Donovan, Cache School District

**MOTION:** Rep. Christensen moved to pass out **H.B. 302** as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Edwards voting in opposition to the motion. Rep.

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Poulson and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Poulson and Rep. Richardson were absent for the vote.

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Rep. Bill Wright, Chair