

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 445, State Capitol
February 15, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Bill Wright, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steven Eliason
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Ken W. Sumsion

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Greg H. Hughes
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. LaVar Christensen

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

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

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

H.B. 123 Education Savings Accounts (*Rep. J. Dougall*)

Rep. Dougall introduced the bill which modifies funding for public and higher education.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Mr. Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
Ms. Peggy Jo Kennett, Utah School Boards Association
Ms. Deon Turley, Utah PTA

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen
Ms. Wendy Hart, parent
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute
Mr. Ron Mortensen, Citizens for Tax Fairness
Mr. Jim Young, student, Syracuse High School
Ms. Makenna Harvey, student, Syracuse High School

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MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to hold **H.B. 123** for the purpose of considering amendments to the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Sub. H.B. 135 **Focus on Front-line Teachers Program** (*Rep. J. Nielson*)

Chair Gibson announced that **1st Sub. H.B. 135** will be placed on the agenda for the committee's meeting on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. McIff moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair