

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**  
Room 30, House Building  
February 25, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair  
Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Rich Cunningham  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. David Lifferth  
Rep. Dan McCay  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Jim Nielson  
Rep. Val Peterson  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Keven Stratton

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Rep. Greg H. Hughes  
Rep. Dean T. Sanpei

**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 4:27 p.m. and announced that Rep. Hughes and Rep. Sanpei are excused.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to adopt the minutes of February 21, 2013. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

**H.B. 134 Parental Notification Related to Student Safety** (*Rep. G. Froerer*)

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to replace **H.B. 134** with **1st Sub. H.B. 134**. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay, Rep. Poulson and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

Rep. Froerer introduced the bill which requires parental notification of certain safety threats to a parent's student.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Nielson voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Stratton was absent

for the vote.

**H.B. 318 Classroom Size Revisions (Rep. R. Edwards)**

Rep. Edward introduced the bill which imposes requirements pertaining to class size.

Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent, commented on the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Last moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Rep. Arent, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Powell, Rep. Gibson, and Rep. Snow voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Stratton was absent for the vote.

**S.B. 51 Higher Education Tuition Waivers (Sen. S. Urquhart) (Rep. D. Ipson)**

Sen. Urquhart introduced the bill which amends provisions related to tuition waivers at institutions of higher education. Mr. James Morales, Utah State University, assisted with the presentation.

Mr. Dave Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in support of the bill.

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

*1. Page 3, Lines 79 through 81:*

- 79 (3) Upon recommendation of the board, a president ~~{may}~~ shall grant  
additional full or partial  
80 tuition waivers to encourage students to enroll for instruction in occupations critical to the  
state  
81 for which trained personnel are in short supply.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

**S.B. 100 Higher Education Scholarship Amendments (Sen. J. Stevenson) (Rep. D. Brown)**

Sen. Stevenson introduced the bill which modifies requirements related to certain higher education scholarships.

Commissioner Buhler expressed support for the bill and addressed committee members' questions.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Cherlyn Eager, World Class Education Research  
Mr. Ron Mortensen, Citizens for Tax Fairness  
Ms. Ali Sadler, member of Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU)  
Ms. Geneva Thompson, Vice President, ASUU  
Mr. Logan Froerer, University of Utah student

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Adam Eliason, Hillcrest High School student  
Ms. Erin Preston, Superintendent, Providence Hall Charter School  
Mr. Christian Heugly, student, Providence Hall Charter School

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to hold the bill.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Cunningham, Rep. Lifferth, Rep. Nielson, Rep. Peterson, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Stratton voting in opposition to the motion.

**H.B. 173**      **Necessarily Existent Small Schools Funding Amendments** (*Rep. K. Powell*)

Rep. Powell introduced the bill which modifies provisions relating to funding for necessarily existent small schools.

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

1. *Page 1, Line 20:*

20            {~~None~~}      **This bill provides an effective date.**

2. *Page 2, Line 29:*

29            (1) As used in this section {~~,"board"~~}      :

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "Necessarily existent small schools funding balance" means the difference between:

(a) the amount appropriated for the necessarily existent small schools program in a fiscal year; and

(b) the amount distributed to school districts for the necessarily existent small schools program in the same fiscal year.

3. Page 3, Lines 69 through 71:

69           ~~{(8) An amount not to exceed five percent of the total necessarily existent small~~  
~~schools~~  
70   ~~funding may be distributed in accordance with a formula adopted by the board that~~  
~~considers~~  
71   ~~the tax effort of a local school board.}~~ =  
          (8)(a) Subject to Subsection (8)(b), the board may distribute a portion of  
necessarily existent small schools funding in accordance with a formula adopted by the  
board that considers the tax effort of a local school board.  
          (b) The amount distributed in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) may not exceed  
the necessarily existent small schools funding balance of the prior fiscal year.

4. Page 3, Line 74:

74   [state] board. =  
          Section 2. Effective date.  
          This bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Last and Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Moss absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stratton moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Moss absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair

