

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 30, House Building
February 27, 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. Dean T. Sanpei
Rep. Keven Stratton

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Greg H. Hughes

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. Moss called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2013. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Last, Rep. McCay, Rep. Nielson, Rep. Sanpei, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

S.B. 128 Financial Transparency in Education (*Sen. D. Thatcher*) (Rep. S. Eliason)

Sen. Thatcher introduced the bill which imposes requirements regarding the submission of public financial information to the Utah Public Finance Website by a school district or charter school.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Patti Harrington, Utah School Superintendents Association and Utah School Boards Association
Ms. Kim Frank, Utah Charter Network
Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay absent for the vote.

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

H.B. 340 Snow College Economic Development and Workforce Preparation Advisory Committee (Rep. K. McIff)

Rep. McIff introduced the bill which modifies a committee to create the Snow College Economic Development and Workforce Preparation Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation, The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Eliason, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

H.B. 151 Chronic Absenteeism Amendments (Rep. J. Briscoe)

Rep. Briscoe introduced the bill which modifies requirements of the school performance report.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Karen Crompton, Voices for Utah Children
Ms. Elizabeth Garbe, United Way of Salt Lake
Mr. Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Autumn Cook, citizen
Mr. Peter Cannon, Vice President, Eagle Forum
Ms. Wendy Hart, citizen

Dr. Judy Park, Utah State Office of Education, commented on the bill and noted the State Board of Education has not taken a position on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Rep. McCay, Rep. Nielson, and Rep. Gibson voting in opposition to the motion.

H.B. 154 Suicide Prevention Programs (Rep. S. Eliason)

Rep. Eliason introduced the bill which provides requirements for suicide prevention programs.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Taryn Aiken, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Dr. Greg Pinnel, Provo School District
Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent

Ms. Cherylyn Eager, World Class Education Research, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. McCay and Rep. Nielson voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Sanpei and Rep. Snow were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Moss adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair