

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES STANDING COMMITTEE
Room W020, House Building
February 13, 2013**

Members Present: Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
Rep. Merrill Nelson, Vice Chair
Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Lynn Hemingway
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Members Absent: Rep. Brad Last

Staff Present: Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

MOTION Rep. Duckworth moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler, Rep. Froerer, and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

H.B. 194 State Employee Benefits Amendments (Rep. J. Dunnigan)

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Lines 69 through 70:*

69 accumulated sick leave accrued prior to January 1, 2006, at the employee's rate of pay at
the
70 time of retirement; and

2. *Page 7, Lines 184 through 188:*

184 (c)(i) ~~{The}~~ Subject to the maximum limit under Subsection (3)(c)(iii),
the Legislature shall annually determine the contribution amount that an
185 employer shall provide to each qualifying employee under Subsection (2).
186 (ii) The department shall make recommendations annually to the Legislature on the
187 contribution amount required under Subsection (2), in consultation with the Governor's
Office

188 of Management and Budget and the Division of Finance.

(iii) The biweekly matching contribution amount required under Subsection (2) may not exceed \$26 for each qualifying employee.

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler, Rep. Froerer, and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

Rep. Dunnigan introduced the bill and the amendment to the committee. A handout was provided to committee members.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mr. Jeff Herring, Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management
Mr. Ron Bigelow, citizen
Mr. Kory Cox, Utah Public Employees Association

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to pass H.B. 194 as amended out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 95 **Amortization Rate Contribution for Reemployed Retirees Revisions** (*Rep. D. Sagers*)

Rep. Sagers introduced the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Mr. Dan Andersen, Utah Retirement System

MOTION: Rep. Nelson moved to pass H.B. 95 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Nelson moved to place H.B. 95 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Froerer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair