MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
February 6, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Greg H. Hughes
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

Staff Present   Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. McCay, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Powell, Rep. Sanpei, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

H.B. 36   Charter School Enrollment Amendments *(Rep. D. Lifferth)*

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to amend H.B. 36 as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 15:*

15   •   a child or grandchild of a member of the charter school governing

board   {**.**}   **; and**

▶ **allows a charter school to weight its lottery to give a slightly better chance of admission to educationally disadvantaged students.**

2. *Page 3, Lines 64 through 65:*

64   language learners may give an enrollment preference to English language learners. =

(7) A charter school may weight its lottery to give a slightly better chance of admission to educationally disadvantaged students, including:

(a) low-income students;

(b) students with disabilities;

(c) English language learners;

(d) migrant students;

(e) neglected or delinquent students; and

(f) homeless students.

65   **{ (7) }   (8)**   A charter school may not discriminate in its admission policies or practices on the

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. McCay, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Powell, Rep. Sanpei, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

Rep. Lifferth explained the amended bill to the committee.

Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

Chris Bleak, President, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Sanpei absent for the vote.

H.B. 72   Higher Education Grievance Procedure Amendments *(Rep. M. Wheatley)*

Rep. Wheatley explained **H.B. 72** to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to pass the bill favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Sanpei absent for the vote.

H.B. 250   Local School Board Amendments *(Rep. J. Draxler)*

Rep. Draxler explained **H.B. 250** to the committee.

JoDee Sundberg, Utah School Boards Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Nielson voting in opposition.

H.B. 96   Utah School Readiness Initiative *(Rep. G. Hughes)*

Rep. Hughes explained **H.B. 96** to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: David Crandall, Acting Chair, Utah State Board of Education
        Dr. Martell Menlove

Spoke for the bill: Joan Nichol, day care provider
        Ben McAdams, Salt Lake County Major
        Jared Lisonbee, Weber State University and Utah Association for
        the Education of Young Children

Spoke against the bill: Joyce Kinmont, homeschool provider
        Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum
        Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The substitute motion failed with Rep. McCay and Rep. Nielson voting in favor of the motion.

The motion to pass the bill out favorably passed with Rep. McCay, Rep. Nielson, and Rep. Peterson voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Nielson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair