

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday , February 8, 2018 • 7:30 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. LaVar Christensen

Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Staff Present:

Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Spendlove called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Chair Spendlove mentioned the list of appropriation requests, and that it is not in priority order.

1 . Utah Leading in Effective, Actionable, and Dynamic (ULEAD)

Rep. Moss introduced Mr. Jim Moss, Utah State Charter Board Member, and then he explained a request for appropriation for the Utah Leading in Effective, Actionable, and Dynamic (ULEAD) program.

Mr. Moss explained the part that Higher Education will play in ULEAD.

Rep. Pulsipher gave examples of how ULEAD will be a successful program. Rep. Moss made final comments.

2 . STEM Group Simulations - Rep. Moss - \$100,000 Ongoing

Rep. Moss introduced Mr. Casey Voeks, InfiniD Learning, and Mr. Voeks gave a presentation on a request for appropriation for Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Group Simulations. Mr. Skyler Carr, CEO, InfiniD Learning, explained some images shown to the subcommittee that shows that this pilot program is portable.

Sen. Hillyard asked if this program is statewide or will be used only in some districts, with a response from Mr. Voeks and Mr. Carr.

Sen. Stephenson made a comment about the importance of STEM programs, with a response from Mr. Voeks.

3 . Opioid Crisis Education Curriculum

Rep. Briscoe explained a request for appropriation (RFA) for an Opioid Crisis Education Curriculum. Rep. Briscoe introduced Dr. Louisa Stark, Professor, University of Utah, and Director, Genetic Science Learning Center; and Dr. Amy Hawkins, Post-doctoral Fellow, Genetic Science Learning Center, University of Utah. Dr. Hawkins explained the request.

4 . Carson Smith Scholarships

Sen. Fillmore explained an RFA for the Carson Smith Scholarship, and a request to make this appropriation ongoing.

Sen. Millner asked about the appropriation for the Carson Smith Scholarship, with a response from Sen. Fillmore.

5 . Equity Funding for Students - Sen. Fillmore - \$36,117,300 Ongoing

Sen. Fillmore explained an RFA for Equity Funding for Students.

Sen. Adams and Sen. Hillyard, made comments and asked questions about the Equity Funding for Students, with responses from Sen. Fillmore.

6 . Enhancement for At-Risk Students - Sen. Fillmore - \$15,000,000 Ongoing

Sen. Fillmore explained an RFI for Enhancement for At-Risk Students (EARS).

Rep. Eliason asked about At-Risk Students and encouraged that At-Risk Students be changed to include homeless children. Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Sen. Fillmore.

7 . Necessarily Existent Small Schools - Sen. Fillmore - \$500,000 Ongoing

Sen. Fillmore explained an RFA for Necessarily Existent Small Schools.

Sen. Hillyard asked a question, and Rep. Arent made a comment, about Necessarily Small Schools, with a response from Sen. Fillmore.

8 . Pupil Transportation - Sen Fillmore - \$5,000,000 Ongoing

Sen. Fillmore explained a request for Pupil Transportation.

9 . UPSTART Pilot - Sen. Stephenson - \$200,000 One-time

Sen. Stephenson explained an RFA for an UPSTART Pilot Program.

Rep. Arent asked about UPSTART with a response from Sen. Stephenson.

10 . UPSTART - Sen. Adams - \$3,000,000 Ongoing

Sen. Adams explained an ongoing RFA for UPSTART.

Sen. Millner asked about UPSTART, and Rep. Gibson made a comment, with responses from Sen. Adams and Sen. Stephenson.

11 . Assessment to Achieve - Sen. Adams - \$4,500,000 One-time

Sen. Adams explained an RFI for Assessment to Achieve (AtoA). Dr. Trent E. Kauffman, CEO, Ed Direction, and Daron Kennett, Supervisor, Davis School District, added some comments to the explanation.

Sen. Hillyard expressed a desire to hear what local districts feel about the funding for these RFA's.

Rep. Briscoe asked for the list of Davis County Schools that want to be in on the AtoA program.

Sen. Fillmore asked about the Assessment to Achieve program, with a response from Sen. Adams and Mr. Cauffman.

12 . Teacher Librarians Closing the Gap - Sen. Adams - \$3,600,000 One-time

Sen. Adams explained an RFA for Teacher Librarians Closing the Gap. Ms. Barbara Smith, retired, Davis School District introduced Dr. Sharyl Smith, Volunteer Advocate, School Library, Parents as Library Supporters (PALS) and Ms. Rae Louie, Principal, Beacon Heights Elementary Ms. Smith then further explained the RFA for Teacher Librarians.

Rep. Arent asked about the appropriation. Rep. Briscoe made comments.

13 . Elementary Schools in Response to Trauma Related Conduct

Rep. Christensen explained an RFA for Elementary Schools in Response to Trauma Related Conduct.

Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Snow asked about this RFA for Trauma Related Conduct, with a response from Rep. Christensen. Sen. Stephenson made a comment with a response from Rep. Christensen.

14 . List of Budget Requests

Rep. Eliason explained an RFA for HB 264, Elementary School Counselor Program, that was missed on the agenda. Ms. Holly Bell, President Elect, Utah School Counselor's Association, and Secondary Counselor Specialist, Jordan School District , further explained the need for this RFA. Ms. Monique Hadley, President Utah State School Counselor Association, commented that this is the number one bill that the Association is supporting this session.

Chair Spendlove asked about the amount for the request, with a response from Rep. Eliason. Rep. Eliason asked for someone from the State Board to comment on this RFA. Ms. Linda Hansen, Utah State Board of Education (USBE).

Sen. Stephenson asked about elementary counselors, with a response from Dr. Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Instruction Public Instruction, USBE responded.

15 . Building Utah Youth - Rep. Froerer - \$50,000 One-time (FY18 & FY19)

Rep. Froerer explained an RFA for Building Utah Youth. Mr. Brett Johnston, President, Rappport Leadership International, Board Member, Building Utah Youth, explained the Building Utah Youth (BUY) program. Mr. Mike Whitaker, Chair, Building Utah Youth, also explained this RFI.

Sen. Millner commented and Sen. Stephenson asked about the BUY program with a response from Mr. Johnston and Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. Froerer

16 . Youth Impact - Rep. Froerer - \$250,000 One-time

Rep. Froerer explained the RFA for Youth Impact. Mr. Jeff Kemp, Chair, Youth Impact, and Ms. Nicole Hall, Director, Youth Impact, also explained this RFA. Mr. Orlando (JoJo) Tenorio, student at Northern Utah Academy for Math Engineering and Science (NUAMES), spoke of his experience with Youth Impact. Rep. Froerer asked for the Board members of Youth Impact and Building Utah Youth, to stand.

[16a-Youth Impact Capitol Campaign \[Froerer\]](#)

Rep. Arent and Rep. Snow asked about Youth Impact with responses from Ms. Hall and Mr. Kemp.

17 . Funding for School Nurses - Rep. Ward - \$1,000,000 Ongoing

Rep. Ray Ward explained an RFA for School Nurses. Dr. William E. Cosgrove, Pediatrician, Utah American Academy of Pediatricians, further explained this request.

Rep. Arent made a comment on School Nurses with a response from Dr. Cosgrove.

18 . Financial Literacy Competency Assessment - Rep. Ward - \$50,000 One-time

This agenda item was not discussed.

19 . Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in the Schools

Sen. Mayne explained an RFA for Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in the Schools. Mr. Ben Horsley, Director, Communications Office, Granite School District, further explained the need for this RFA.

[21a-Gang Prevention and Intervention \[Mayne\]](#)

20 . List of Budget Requests

Rep. Eliason gave a presentation on an RFA that was missed on the agenda, for the SAFEUT suicide and tip app.

Sen. Thatcher made a comment, and Rep. Arent, Sen. Stephenson and Rep. Briscoe asked questions, on SAFEUT, with responses from Rep. Eliason.

21 . Digital Math - Rep. Peterson - \$1,000,000 Ongoing

Rep. Val Peterson explained an RFA on Digital Math. Mr. Paul Rogers, Utah Technology Council, gave further explanation on Digital Math.

Sen. Stephenson made a comment on Digital Math.

22 . YEEHAAA - Rep. Weight - \$45,000 One-time

Rep. Weight gave an explanation of an RFA for Youth Edification Equine Human Association and Alliance (YEEHAAA).

23 . ProStart Culinary Arts program

Students from the ProStart Culinary Arts program at West High School, served a snack to the subcommittee. Ms. Melva Sine, President and CEO, Utah Restaurant Association. Ms. Amilia Perez, student, explained what was being served.

Rep. Briscoe, Sen. Hillyard, and Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Thatcher, Rep. Arent, asked about the ProStart program, with responses from Ms. Sine.

Ms. Devan Beck explained the dessert served.

24 . LEA Administrative Cost Formulas

Ms. Kim Frank, Executive Director, Utah Charter Network, explained the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Administrative Cost Formulas.

[23a-Small District Administrative Costs \[Frank\]](#)

Rep. Arent, Rep. Briscoe, and Rep. McCay asked about (LEA) Administrative Costs..

25 . Subcommittee Discussion on FY 2018 and FY 2019 Budget Issues

Mr. Ben Leishman discussed budget issues and non-state fund changes.

[24a-Issue Brief - Public Education Non-State Funds](#)

Rep. Eliason made a comment about intent language for School Nurses. Rep. Briscoe asked about the Corrections program and Adult Education. Sen. Stephenson asked the State Board about school during the summer months for youth in custody. Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, USBE, responded.

26 . List of Budget Requests

Mr. Leishman explained the List of Budget Requests.

Sen. Iwamoto asked if the budget requests included those presented today. Mr. Leishman responded and continued.

Rep. McCay announced to the subcommittee that if there are appropriation requests that are not on the list of budget requests, that those requests need to be addressed in this meeting so that they can be put on the list for Monday's meeting.

Rep. Pulishiper commented on a request for appropriation that is not on the list. Sen. Hillyard and Sen. J. Stevenson responded.

Sen. H. Stephenson asked about Charter School funding with a response by Ms. Frank.

Rep. Eliason commented about the School Children Capitol Field Trip Visit program that needs action to move the distribution of the funds to another agency.

Rep. McCay commented about the Carson Smith Scholarship funding.

Mr. Leishman continued with explanation of the budget requests. Rep. Arent asked if that could be emailed to the subcommittee today.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 6 .

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Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
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Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Spendlove adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.