2018 Interim Study Items
June 7, 2018 | Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

During the 2018 Interim Session, appropriations subcommittees will meet in June, August, and October. The Committee will spend time on several matters in the August and October Meetings. The items below are proposals and the Committee’s ability to address all matters may be impacted by the amount of time available during Interim.

2nd Meeting – August 14, 2018

- **USBE Nonlapsing Balances:**
  a. Review of the use of balances at the end of FY 2017 and anticipated FY 2018 balances.
  b. Discussion about short and long-term plans with regards to expenditures or return of funds.

- **Electronic Learning Providers:**
  a. Review of private providers that provide e-learning products to the public schools on a statewide contract, including funding structure, RFP process, contract review, performance, etc.
  b. Additional discussion related to providers that contract with districts on a local level.

- **To and From Pupil Transportation:**
  a. Statute provides that the State will pay up to 85 percent of approved transportation costs. The subcommittee will determine how to measure the 85 percent so that is replicable for all participating LEAs and what happens if an LEA’s distribution exceeds 85 percent.
  b. The Committee will review the work and recommendations of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

- **Charter School Local Replacement (CSLR) Review:**
  a. Review the CSLR formula changes made in 2016.
  b. Discuss potential formula adjustments to mitigate the data reporting lag from school districts.

- **Statewide Assessment Contracts:**
  a. The Board will report on the process, cost estimates, and scope of replacing the SAGE assessment. This will include how Utah Core Standards abandon the “common core” standards and limit impacts of federal ESSA changes.

- **Performance Measure Review:**
  a. The Board will report on the performance measures included in the current year appropriations bill for Minimum School Program items.
2019 General Session Preparation:
   a. The Committee will review potential budget “clean-up” items from the changes made during the 2018 General Session and 2018 Interim study items.
   b. These include technical changes as well as those that may require statute changes for implementation.
   c. Recommendations will be made for actions during the 2019 General Session.

Necessarily Existent Small Schools:
   a. The Committee will study potential distribution formula changes to simplify the distribution of funding to qualifying schools or students.

Special Education – Intensive Services:
   a. Review the reimbursement process and formula for distributing appropriated funding.
   b. The Committee will also discuss how to determine which revenue sources should be included for reimbursement.

Funding for At-Risk Students:
   a. Review the funding formula developed by the State Board of Education based on statutory changes made during the 2018 General Session.
   b. The Committee will also conduct further study on converting the program to WPU's and providing for student weightings.

School Fees:
   a. The Committee will study how fees are charged in districts throughout the state;
   b. The recently released Legislative audit regarding the charging of fees within districts.

Performance Measure Review:
   a. The Board will report on the performance measures included in the current year appropriations bill for Utah State Board of Education items.

HB 230 (18GS) Implementation:
   a. LFA staff will present on the implementation of this bill which requires the Subcommittee to review all “related to basic school program” funding items and set a schedule for the future review of all items under this program.