



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

- Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
- Rep. Steve Eliason, House Chair
- Rep. Steve Waldrip, House Vice Chair
- Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
- Sen. Ann Millner
- Sen. Kathleen Riebe
- Sen. Ronald Winterton
- Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
- Rep. Francis D. Gibson
- Rep. Craig Hall
- Rep. Dan N. Johnson
- Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

- Rep. Jefferson Moss
- Rep. Marie H. Poulson
- Rep. Susan Pulsipher
- Rep. V. Lowry Snow
- Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Members Absent:

- Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
- Rep. Bradley G. Last

Staff Present:

- Ben Leishman, Finance Manager
- Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
- Annette Sion, Committee Secretary

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

House Chair Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

1 . Approve Minutes -February 5, 2020

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes.

2 . Budget Review/Agency Response: Utah Schools for the Deaf & the Blind

Emily Willis presented the budget review for the Utah Schools for the Deaf & the Blind (USDB).

[2a. LFA - USDB Budget Review](#)

Joel Coleman, Superintendent, USDB, gave a presentation on the budget review with the assistance of Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent for the Deaf, USDB, and Carolyn Lasater, Associate Superintendent for the Blind, USDB.

[2b. USDB Budget Requests and Presentation](#)

Chair Eliason asked about the number of students.

Sen. Hillyard commented that SB 93 is about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and thanked Sen. Fillmore for pointing out that USDB hadn't been included in that bill. Sen. Hillyard noted that SB 93 will be amended to fix that oversight.

Rep. Johnson asked about the USDB's association with higher education. Michelle Tanner and Carolyn Lasater responded.

Rep. Johnson spoke about his association with students with disabilities. Carolyn Lasater and Michelle Tanner responded.

Chair Eliason said that the SafeUT app has been updated for those with disabilities. Joel Coleman responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked if there is an adequate number of applicants for teaching positions. Joel Coleman responded.

Sen. Hillyard commented on the USBD relying on the appropriations committee for funding. Joel Coleman spoke regarding the funding.

3 . Financial Management Discussion and Related Bills with Fiscal Impact

3a. Ben Leishman presented an overview of The Statewide Financial Management and Oversight of State and Local Education Agencies.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), discussed financial management regarding Local Education Agencies (LEA). He was assisted by Mark A. Huntsman, Chair (USBE), Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy (USBE), and Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support (USBE).

[3b. USBE Fiscal Monitoring Presentation](#)

[3f. 2015 Performance Audit of the State Office of Rehabilitation](#)

[3d. 2018 Single Audit State of Utah](#)

[3c. 2019 Single Audit State of Utah](#)

Sen. Briscoe asked for clarification of the audit. Scott Jones responded.

Sen. Riebe spoke regarding the trends and the ability of LEA's to pinpoint solutions. Scott Jones responded.

Sen. Fillmore asked what were the corrective actions that had been taken. Scott Jones responded.

Leah Voorhies presented the fiscal risk assessment in relation to the size of the grant.

Sen. Riebe asked about the risk factor for use of restricted funds. Leah Voorhies responded and Scott Jones gave further clarification.

Sen. Fillmore asked about declining federal funds being a fiscal risk factor. Leah Voorhies responded.

Sen. Fillmore asked about monitoring of the LEA's. Leah Voorhies responded.

Rep. Snow asked about payback amounts. Leah Voorheis responded and Scott Jones gave further clarification.

Rep. Waldrip assumed the chair.

Sen. Fillmore asked about unallowable use of funds. Leah Voorhies responded and Scott Jones gave further clarification.

Sen. Hillyard asked for clarification regarding federal and state money.

Sen. Riebe asked if every LEA was represented equally. Leah Voorheis responded.

Mark Huntsman gave a presentation regarding the Charter School Task Force that USBE oversaw during 2019.

Angie Stallings presented the consensus statements.

Mark Huntsman expressed his appreciation for everyone involved with the presentation.

Rep. Moss presented HB 242 with the assistance of Angie Stallings and Jim Moss, Member, State Charter School Board.

Chair Waldrip asked about the challenge of accountability. Rep. Moss responded and Angie Stallings clarified.

Chair Waldrip asked about the fiscal note. Jim Moss and Rep. Moss responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked about legislation coming forward and the power to subpoena information for compliance. Rep. Moss responded and Jim Moss clarified.

Rep. Ballard presented HB 67 with the assistance of Angie Stallings and Scott Jones.

Rep. Poulson asked about the financial systems. Scott Jones responded and Angie Stallings clarified.

Rep. Gibson asked what have we bought so far regarding the systems and licensing fees. Rep. Ballard and Scott Jones responded,

4 . Budget Review/Agency Response: State Charter School Board

[5b. State Charter School Board Presentation](#)

Kristin Elinkowski, Chair, State Charter School Board (SCSB), gave a presentation from the SCSB and was assisted by Delaina Tonks, Vice Chair, SCSB, and Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, SCSB.

[5a. LFA - State Charter School Board Budget Review](#)

Sen. Riebe asked several questions regarding the requests. Kristin Elinkowski responded.

Chair Waldrip asked for clarification regarding how the requests match what the state board does and is there competition back and forth for hiring. Kristin Elinkowski responded.

5 . Requests for Appropriation (RFA)/Bills with Fiscal Impact

Rep. Carol Moss spoke about HB 160 and explained the refugee program and results.

a. HB.160: Refugee Continuing Education Program

e. RFA: Innovative Student Improvement Program

Rep. Pulsipher discussed the funding of the Innovative Student Improvement Program with the assistance of Jennifer Lambert.

[Innovative Student Improvement Program](#)

d. H.B. 58: Electronic Cigarettes in Schools

Rep. Pulipher discussed the epidemic of E-Cigarettes and explained HB 58.

[Vaping and E-Cigarettes](#)

Sen. Hillyard asked the subcommittee to review the appropriation requests.

[Preliminary Draft - One-time Funding Requests 2.11.2020](#)

[Preliminary Draft - Ongoing Funding Requests 2.11.2020](#)

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

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- Rep. J. Briscoe
- Rep. S. Eliason
- Sen. L. Fillmore
- Rep. F. Gibson
- Rep. C. Hall
- Sen. L. Hillyard
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. M. Poulson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. B. Last
- Sen. A. Millner
- Rep. J. Moss
- Sen. K. Riebe
- Rep. V. Snow
- Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Waldrip adjourned the meeting at 11:02 A.M.