

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 21, 2004

Room 129, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold, Vice Chair
 Rep. LaVar Christensen
 Rep. John Dougall
 Rep. James A. Ferrin
 Rep. James R. Gowans
 Rep. Ann W. Hardy
 Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
 Rep. David L. Hogue
 Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
 Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
 Rep. Brad King
 Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
 Rep. Loraine T. Pace
 Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
 Cindy Baker, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Newbold called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and welcomed committee members.

H.B. 65 Tuition Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients (Rep. G. Hughes)

Rep. Hughes said the bill allows purple heart recipients to receive a tuition waiver at state institutions of higher education. Rep. Hutchings responded to committee members' questions.

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

1. Page 1, Lines 14 through 15:

14 ▶ requires state institutions of higher education to waive the tuition of a Utah resident
15 admitted to ~~[[a]]~~ an undergraduate program of study leading to a degree or certificate, if the student
has

2. Page 2, Lines 44 through 47:

44 (1) Beginning in the 2004-05 academic year, a state institution of higher education
45 shall waive undergraduate tuition for each Purple Heart recipient who:

- 46 (a) is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student in ~~[[a]]~~ an undergraduate
program of
47 study leading to a degree or certificate;

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dougall, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Hogue, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. King absent for the vote.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:
Rep. Hutchings, assisted and commented on the bill
Mr. John Spangler, Captain, U.S. Navy, Retired
Mr. Frank Maun, North Weber County Veteran
Mr. Bill Colvert, Captain, U.S. Forces, Retired

The following spoke to the bill:
Mr. Dave Buhler, Utah Systems of Higher Education

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

The motion passed with Rep. Dougall, Rep. Ferrin, and Rep. Pace voting in opposition.

H.B. 46 Appropriation for School Districts Impacted by Fee Waivers (Rep. L. Shurtliff)

Rep. Shurtliff explained the bill allows the State Board of Education to distribute funds to school districts impacted by fee waivers. Rep. Shurtliff introduced Larry Latham and Bruce Penland, Ogden District, who discussed the impacts of fee waivers.

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

Page 2, Lines 42 through 43: (iv) The waiver provisions in Subsections (2) and (3) apply to all other fees, deposits, and charges made in the secondary schools.

(v) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall make rules:

(A) requiring a student applying for a fee waiver to provide documentation to the school that verifies the student's eligibility to receive the waiver; and

(B) specifying the acceptable forms of documentation for the requirement under Subsection (1)(b)(v)(A).

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to amend the bill by adopting Rep. Hughes' amendment with the following modifications:

1. After "(A) requiring" insert "the parent or guardian of" and after "documentation" insert "and certification"

The substitute motion passed with Rep. King absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to amend the amendment previously adopted by deleting "verifies" and inserting "verify".

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. King absent for the vote.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:
Mr. Michel Withers, Salt Lake School District
Mr. Dick Arnold, Utah Education Association

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

The motion passed with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Dougall, and Rep. Newbold voting in opposition. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. King absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Newbold adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair