## MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

January 20, 2005

Room W135, State Capitol Complex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair

Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair

Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Bigelow

Rep. Urquhart

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst

Cindy Baker, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed committee members. Rep. Moss was asked to give a one minute lesson on grammar.

**MOTION:** Rep. Newbold moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2005. The motion

passed unanimously with Representatives Bourdeaux, Dougall, Ferrin, Hughes,

and Shurtliff absent for the vote.

## **H.B.183** Verification of Eligibility for Fee Waivers (W. Harper)

Rep. Harper stated the bill requires a student qualifying for a fee waiver to provide verification of eligibility.

Superintendent Ray Timothy, Utah State Office of Education, answered questions about the bill and noted the State Board of Education didn't think the bill was necessary.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Heather Tritten, Utah Issues

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The following expressed concern about the bill: Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action Program

**MOTION:** Rep. Christensen moved to amend the bill as follows:

- 1. Page 3, Lines 67 through 72
- 67 (a) requiring a parent or guardian of a student applying for a fee waiver to provide
- 68 documentation and certification to the school verifying <u>:</u>
  - (i) the student's eligibility to receive the
- 69 waiver; and
  - (ii) that the alternatives for satisfying the fee requirements under Subsection (2) have been complied with to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to the individual circumstances of both the fee waiver applicant and the school: and
- 70 (b) specifying the acceptable forms of documentation for the requirement under
- 71 Subsection (5)(a), which shall include verification based on income tax returns if the parent or
- 72 guardian was required to file a return.

The motion passed with Representatives Bourdeaux, Hogue, Moss, and Shurtliff voting in opposition and Representatives Holdaway, and Johnson absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Representatives Bourdeaux, Gowans, and Shurtliff voting in opposition and Representatives Holdaway and Johnson absent for the vote.

**H.B.46** Public Education Capital Outlay Act Amendments (D. Cox)

**MOTION:** Rep. Christensen moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Representatives Gowans, Hogue, Johnson, Moss, and Shurtliff voting in favor.

A vote was taken on the original motion to proceed to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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**MOTION:** Rep. Hogue moved to pass out favorably H.C.R.6

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Ferrin moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

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Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair