

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 24, 2006

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair
Rep. Ron Bigelow
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
Rep. Stephen Urquhart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen Policy Analyst
Barbara Thomas, Committee Secretary
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

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

Vice Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Bigelow, Bourdeau, Dougall, Ferrin, Hughes, Johnson, Urquhart and Dayton absent for the vote.

H.B. 68 School Fee Waiver Amendments (*Rep. L. Shurtliff*)

Rep. Shurtliff introduced the bill which allows the State Board of Education to distribute funds to school districts impacted by fee waivers.

Larry Latham, Principal, Fremont High School, discussed the financial impact of fee waivers.

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

1. *Page 3, Lines 74 through 79:*

- 74 (7) (a) ~~[-To compensate school districts for impacts of fee waivers, the]~~ The State
Board of
75 Education [may] shall distribute funds ~~[to school districts]~~ appropriated to compensate
school districts for impacts of fee waivers as provided in this Subsection (7).
76 (b) Each school district shall receive up to \$40 per student in grades 9 through 12
77 eligible for ~~[[free school lunch]]~~ fee waivers .
78 (c) The State Board of Education [may] shall make rules specifying procedures for
the
79 application for and distribution of funds under this Subsection (7).

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Bigelow, Dougall, Hughes, Urquhart and Dayton absent for the vote.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Larry Latham, Principal, Fremont High School
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School Superintendents Association
Kimberly Campbell, UEA
Bruce Penland, Ogden City Schools

Ray Timothy, State Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Newbold voting in opposition and Representatives Bigelow, Dougall, Hughes, Urquhart and Dayton absent for the vote.

H.B. 289 Utah Education Network Amendments (Rep. K. Holdaway)

Rep. Holdaway presented the bill which modifies provisions relating to the Utah Education Network (UEN).

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

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 13:*

- 12 ▶ ~~[[establishes an expanded]]~~ modifies the definition of UEN, including

[[~~expanded~~]] **modified** duties and authority
13 related to the provision of broadcasting and telecommunication services;

2. *Page 2, Lines 39 through 51:*

39 (2) The center shall provide services to citizens of the state in cooperation with higher
40 and public education, state **and local** government, and private industry.

41 (3) Distribution services provided through the center shall include KUED [~~Channel 7,~~
42 ~~KULC Channel 9]~~ - TV, KUER - FM [90, ~~the statewide two-way interactive system for video~~
43 ~~and audio, hereafter referred to as EDNET, Instructional Television Fixed Service, hereafter~~
44 ~~referred to as IFFS, educational data communications network facilities, hereafter referred to~~
as

45 ~~UtahLink, and satellite uplink and downlink services]~~, and the Utah Education Network.

46 (4) KUED - TV and KUER - FM are licensed [~~and accountable~~] to the University of
47 Utah.

48 (5) [~~KULC~~] The Utah Education Network's broadcast entity, KUEN - TV, is licensed
49 to the Utah State Board of Regents [and, together with EDNET, UtahLink, and the satellite
50 services, is operated by the University of Utah on behalf of the state's systems of public and
51 higher education] **and, together with UEN, is operated on behalf of the state's systems of**
public and higher education .

3. *Page 3, Lines 69 through 71:*

69 of public and higher education;

70 (e) develop or implement other programs or services for **the delivery of** distance
learning as directed

71 by law; and

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Representatives Bigelow,
Dougall, Hughes, and Urquhart absent for the vote.

Dr. Peterson, Executive Director, UEN, indicated that the bill clarifies statutory authority of the UEN as well as removes acronyms no longer being used. Terminology has been updated, but day to day operations will not be impacted.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Bigelow, Dougall, Hughes, and Urquhart

absent for the vote.

H.B. 285 Appropriation for Highly Qualified Teachers (*Rep. K. Holdaway*)

Rep. Holdaway stated the bill reimburses costs of teachers to obtain National Board certification or to take tests to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards.

Travis Lemon, teacher, Alpine School District, distributed information on how National Board certification impacts the classroom.

Ray Timothy stated the State Board of Education has not yet taken a position on the bill. He noted the State Board of Education is in support of the National Board certification program.

Becky Hatch, Granite School District, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ferrin moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Dayton voting in opposition and Representatives Bigelow, Hughes, Johnson, Moss, and Urquhart absent for the vote. .

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair