

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 16, 2007

Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
Rep. Patrick Painter, Vice Chair
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen Urquhart
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

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

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

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

Rep. Moss gave an English lesson on the difference between "its" and "it's."

H.B. 3 Minimum School Program Base Budget Amendments (*Rep. B. Last*)

Rep. Last introduced the bill which provides base funding for the Minimum School Program.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

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

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

1. *Page 1, Lines 16 through 18:*

- 16 This bill appropriates:
17 ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints,
18 ~~{ \$900,000 }~~ \$1,500,000 from the
Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education.

2. *Page 3, Lines 81 through 83:*

- 81 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is
appropriated
82 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08, { \$900,000 } \$1,500,000
to the State Board of
83 Education to distribute to school districts impacted by fee waivers as provided by Section

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 1, Line 13:*

- 13 ▶ establishes criteria for the distribution of the funds; ~~{ -and }~~
▶ beginning on July 1, 2009, makes compensation for impacts of fee waivers
conditioned upon compliance with certain financial reporting requirements; and

2. *Page 3, Line 79:*

- 79 application for and distribution of funds under this Subsection (7).
(d) Beginning on July 1, 2009, a school district or charter school may not receive a
distribution of funds under this Subsection (7) unless the school district or charter
school accounts for revenues collected and expended at the school level in accordance
with rules of the State Board of Education which shall:
(i) require that revenues collected and expended at the school level be classified
in accordance with a uniform chart of accounts;
(ii) provide for the identification of revenues from fees and how fees are
expended; and
(iii) require that revenues collected and expended at the school level be:

(A) reported to the state superintendent for inclusion in the annual report of the state superintendent provided by Section 53A-1-301 ; and
(B) included in the annual audit report required under Section 51-2a-201.

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

Rep. Shurtliff introduced the amended bill which provides money to reimburse school districts for fee waivers.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Superintendent Noel Zabriskie, Ogden School District

Bruce Penland, Ogden School District

Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and School Superintendents Association

The following commented on the bill:

Jean Hill, Utah State Office of Education

Cheryl Phipps, Utah PTA

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Frank, Rep. Newbold, and Rep. Sumsion voting in opposition. Rep. Gowans was absent for the vote.

H.B. 79 Concurrent Enrollment Amendments (Rep. K. Holdaway)

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

1. Page 6, Lines 177 through 179:

177 (4) Each year the Legislature shall increase the money appropriated to the State
Board

178 of Education in Section 53A-17a-104 for concurrent enrollment based on enrollment
growth in

179 concurrent enrollment **from additional students enrolled, courses offered, and credit**
hours taken .

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously with Rep. Gowans absent for the vote.

Rep. Holdaway introduced the bill which modifies funding of the concurrent enrollment program.

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The following spoke in support of the bill:

Superintendent Patti Harrington, State Board of Education

Rich Kendall, State Board of Regents

Rhonda Rose, Utah State PTA

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and School Superintendents Association

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Hughes adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair