

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 22, 2008

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
Linda Service, 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 2:12 p.m.

H.B. 269 **Scott B. Lundell Military Survivors' Tuition Waiver Amendments** (*Rep. M. Morley*)

Rep. Morley introduced the bill which modifies the undergraduate tuition waiver for certain surviving dependents of military members.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Col. Scot T. Olson, Utah National Guard
Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Tracey, Retired U. S. Army

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Urquhart absent for the vote.

H.B. 81 Task Force to Study Performance Incentives for Teachers (*Rep. B. Last*)

Rep. Last introduced the bill which creates the Performance Incentives for Teachers Task Force.

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

1. *Page 1, Line 22:*

22 ▶ {~~\$36,540~~} \$42,630 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only.

2. *Page 2, Lines 29 through 34:*

29 (1) There is created the Performance Incentives for Teachers Task Force consisting
of

30 the following {~~19~~} 21 members:

31 (a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more
than

32 three of whom may be from the same political party;

33 (b) {~~seven~~} nine members of the House of Representatives appointed by
the speaker of the

34 House of Representatives, no more than {~~five~~} seven of whom may be from the
same political party;

3. *Page 3, Line 89:*

89 (2) {~~\$21,315~~} \$27,405 to the House of Representatives to pay for the
compensation and expenses

The motion to amend the bill passed with Rep. Gowans, Rep. Wheatley, Rep. Shurtliff, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Last voting in opposition and with Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 3, Lines 62 through 64:*

62 (1) The task force shall study and make recommendations {~~on~~} for the
implementation of a goal-driven compensation system, including how performance
63 incentives may be implemented to motivate teachers in improving performance and
student

64 achievement.

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

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Larry Shumway, State Board of Education
Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association
Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association

Holly Langton, Utah PTA, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass the bill out as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

H.B. 245 Administration of Medication to Students Amendments (Rep. R. Lockhart)

Rep. Lockhart introduced the bill which addresses the administration of medication to students.

Sarah Meier, USBA/USSA, spoke in support of the bill.

Cescilee Ball, USNA, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Frank and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

H.B. 234 Kindergarten Assessment Amendments (Rep. L. Shurtliff)

Rep. Shurtliff introduced the bill which modifies provisions regarding the administration of kindergarten readiness assessments.

Sarah Meier, USBA/USSA, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Frank and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Frank and Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

H.B. 118 Veterans High School Diplomas (*Rep. L. Hemingway*)

Rep. Hemingway introduced the bill which provides for honorary high school diplomas for certain veterans.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Terry Schow, Department of Veterans' Affairs
Jack Wiseman
Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association
Gordon Woods
John Forsman, Chairman, Democratic Caucus
Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Tracey

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Frank absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to adjourn.

Rep. Hughes adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair