

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 18, 2008

Room 445, State Capitol Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair  
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen  
Rep. Brad 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Patrick Painter, Vice Chair

**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, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Frank moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2008. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Moss, Rep. Newbold, Rep. Urquhart, and Rep. Wheatley were absent for the vote.

**S.B. 61      Financial and Economic Literacy Education (*Sen. P. Jones*)**

Sen. Jones introduced the bill which makes changes to school financial literacy education.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Cecilia Mitchell, Zions Bank

Preston Cochrane, United Way of Salt Lake

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

1. Page 2, Line 57 through Page 2a, Line 58  
Senate 3rd Reading Amendments  
2-6-2008:

- 57 (n) bankruptcy ~~§~~ → [z] ;  
57a (o) free markets and prices ;  
57b (p) supply and demand; ←~~§~~  
57c ~~§~~ → (q) monetary and fiscal policy; {~~and~~}  
57d (r) effective business plan creation, including using economic analysis in creating a  
57e plan {~~.~~} ;  
(s) scarcity and choice;  
(t) opportunity cost and tradeoffs;  
(u) productivity;  
(v) entrepreneurship; and  
(w) economic reasoning. ←~~§~~  
58 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

2. Page 3, Line 79b  
Senate 3rd Reading Amendments  
2-6-2008:

- 79b communicating to teachers, students and parents key financial ~~§~~ → and economic ←~~§~~

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Newbold, Rep. Urquhart, and Rep. Wheatley were absent for the vote.

Rep. Shurtliff moved to pass S.B. 61 out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Newbold, Rep. Urquhart, and Rep. Wheatley were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 194 Class Size Reduction in Kindergarten Through Grade Three (Rep. K. Morgan)**

Rep. Morgan introduced the bill which modifies class size reduction provisions.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Bonnie Despain, retired teacher  
Holly Langton, Utah PTA  
Julie Adamic, State Charter School Board  
Susan Kusiak, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass out H.B. 194 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Frank, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Urquhart voting in opposition. Rep. Newbold was absent for the vote.

**H.B. 329 High-ability Student Initiative Program (*Rep. B. Last*)**

Rep. Last introduced the bill which creates the High-ability Student Initiative Program to provide resources for educators to enhance the academic growth of high-ability students. Rebecca Odoardi, Utah Association for Gifted Children, assisted in presenting the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Kay Erwin, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Murray School District  
Holly Langton, Utah PTA

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to pass out H.B. 329 with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Sumsion voting in opposition. Rep. Anderson and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 200 Early Childhood Learning and Evaluation (*Rep. B. Last*)**

Rep. Last introduced a bill which creates a pilot project using a home-based education technology program to develop school readiness skills of preschool children.

Cheryl Wright, Chair, Family and Consumer Studies, University of Utah, suggested the RFP be expanded to include programs that research has shown to be effective.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Barbara Smith, Early Childhood Commission  
Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Stephanie Jordan, Waterford Research Institute  
Dustin Heuston, Waterford Research Institute

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to pass H.B. 200 out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Moss and Rep. Shurtliff voting in opposition. Rep. Dee and Rep. Holdaway were absent for the vote.

**H.B. 278 Charter School Funding Amendments (*Rep. R. Bigelow*)**

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to delete in title and body H.B. 278 and adopt 1st Substitute

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H.B. 278. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Wheatley were absent for the vote.

Rep. Bigelow introduced the bill which modifies provisions related to the funding of charter schools.

The following spoke in support of the bill:  
Julie Adamic, State Charter School Board

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:  
Debbie Swenson, Utah School Boards Association, Nebo School District

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to adopt 1st Substitute H.B. 278. The motion passed with Rep. Wheatley voting in opposition. Rep. Dee, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

Due to time constraints, the following was not heard.

H.B. 475 Labor Organization Amendments (*Rep. G. Hughes*)

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair