

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE
February 25, 2011
Room 445, State Capitol Building**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bill Wright, Chair
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Greg Hughes
Rep. John Mathis
Rep. Kay McIff
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Holly Richardson
Rep. Ken Sumsion

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Rebecca Lockhart

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Wright called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2011. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Christensen, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. McIff, Rep. Newbold, and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

H.B. 110 Teacher Salary Supplement Program Amendments (*Rep. M. Poulson*)

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to delete in title and body **H.B. 110** and replace it with **1st Substitute H.B. 110**. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Christensen, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. McIff, Rep. Newbold, and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

Rep. Poulson introduced the bill which establishes an appeal process for the Teacher Salary Supplement Program.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Patti Harrington, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School
Superintendents Association

Tony Romanello, physics teachers, Alta High School
Maria Soriano, Canyons School District
Rubin McConkie, teacher
Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
Patricia Doty, teacher
Laurie Petersen, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Newbold, and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Sumsion voting in opposition. Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Newbold were absent for the vote.

H.B. 134 Focus on Primary Classroom Teachers Program (*Rep. J. Nielson*)

Rep. Nielson introduced the bill which provides WPUs to a school district or charter school with a relatively higher percentage of resources allocated to primary classroom teachers. Rep. Nielson was assisted by Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah Office of Education, and Royce Van Tassell, Vice President, Utah Taxpayers Association.

Peter Cannon, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Geoff Leonard, Utah School Employees Association, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to move to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Arent and Rep. Wright voting in opposition to the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to reconsider the motion to place **1st Substitute H.B. 110** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with Rep. Newbold voting in opposition to the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to place **1st Substitute H.B. 110** on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Newbold voting in opposition to the motion.

H.B. 151 Compulsory Education Amendments (*Rep. J. Briscoe*)

Rep. Briscoe introduced the bill which modifies the definition of "school-age minor" for purposes of establishing compulsory education requirements.

Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum
Helen Watts, Davis County 9/12 Project
Wendi Baggaley, citizen
Victor Shanti, citizen
Becky Pirente, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with Rep. Arent voting in opposition.

S.B. 235 Charter School Students' Participation in Extracurricular Activities (Sen. K. Mayne) (Rep.)

Sen. Mayne introduced the bill which amends provisions related to the eligibility of charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities. Sen. Mayne was assisted by David Spatafore, Utah High School Activities Association, and Bart Thompson, Executive Director, Utah High School Activities Association.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Patti Harrington, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School
Superintendents Association
Martell Menlove, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education
Chris Bleak, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Christensen, Rep. Edwards, and Rep. Poulson were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with Rep. Arent, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Moss, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright voting in opposition to the motion.

The committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Rep. Bill Wright, Chair

