

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 445, State Capitol
January 27, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Bill Wright, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steven Eliason
Rep. Greg H. Hughes
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Ken W. Sumsion

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Rebecca D. 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. Gibson called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

H.B. 261 Dividing of School Districts Amendments (*Rep. K. Sumsion*)

Rep. Sumsion introduced the bill which modifies requirements for the imposition of property taxes in a new district and remaining school district after a school district split.

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

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to place **H.B. 261** on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Christensen, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Poulson were absent for the vote.

H.B. 65 College and Career Counseling for High School Students (*Rep. P. Arent*)

Rep. Arent introduced the bill which creates a pilot program that provides grants for college and

career counselors.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Ms. Lillian Tsosu-Jensen, Utah State Office of Education
Ms. Nancy Michako, Park City High School
Ms. Nancy Karpowitz, President, Utah School Counselors Association
Ms. Chris Richards-Khong, Utah Association of Career Technology Education
Mr. Bill Egelund, West Haven, Utah
Mr. Deon Turley, Utah PTA
Ms. Tami Pyfer, Utah State Board of Education

Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Newbold and Rep. Sumsion voting in opposition.

S.B. 10 College and Career Readiness Assessment (*Sen. M. Dayton*) (Rep. K. Grover**)**

Sen. Dayton, assisted by Supt. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Schools, introduced the bill which requires school districts and charter schools to administer college and career readiness assessments.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Wesley Smith, Prosperity 20/20
Ms. Judi Clark, Parents for Choice in Education

Mr. Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. McIff and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gibson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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