

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 445, State Capitol
January 31, 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. John G. Mathis
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Ken W. Sumsion

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

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

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2012. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hughes, Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2012. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hughes, Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

H.B. 206 Curriculum Options for Secondary School Students (*Rep. J. Dougall*)

Rep. Dougall introduced the bill which amends provisions related to the career and technical education of public school students.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Peter Cannon, citizen
Judi Clark, Parents for Choice in Education
Tom Bingham, Board of Trustees, Utah College of Applied Technology

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

1. *Page 2, Lines 29 through 30:*

29 If a [~~school district~~] secondary student {~~, or~~} and the secondary student's
parent or guardian.

30 {~~determines~~} determine that [a] the secondary student's career and technical
education goals are better

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. McIff and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

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

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion failed with Rep. Powell voting in opposition. Rep. McIff was absent for the vote.

**S.B. 39 Gubernatorial Authority over Higher Education Officials (*Sen. S. Reid*)
(**Rep. B. Wright**)**

Sen. Reid introduced the bill which modifies the hiring and termination process for the commissioner of higher education and president of the Utah College of Applied Technology.

MOTION: Rep. Wright moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Arent, Rep. Edwards, Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, and Rep. Powell voting in opposition.

H.B. 258 Education Funding Amendments (*Rep. K. Powell*)

Rep. Powell introduced the bill which modifies funding for a secondary school student who attends a regional applied technology college.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Supt. Larry Shumway, State Board of Education
Supt. Steven Norton, Cache County
Ms. Patti Harrington, Utah School Boards Association
Mr. Zane Woolstenhulme, Logan School District
Mr. Kyle Sedgwick, Morgan School District

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

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

motion passed with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Newbold, and Rep. Wright voting in opposition.

S.B. 93 School Construction Revisions (Sen. S. Jenkins) (Rep. M. Morley)

Sen. Jenkins introduced the bill which modifies provisions in the Utah Code relating to school construction contracts.

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to adopt **1st Substitute S.B. 93**. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Powell and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Brad Stevens representing small contractors and electrical contractors.
Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen

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

1. Page 7, Lines 199 through 200:

199 (6) (a) A local school board may require in the proposed contract that [~~at least 10%~~
 ~~to~~ **up**
200 **to**] **at least** 5% of the contract price be withheld until the project is completed and
 accepted by the

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. McIff, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hughes moved to pass **1st Substitute S.B. 93** as amended out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. McIff, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair

