

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**  
Room 30, House Building  
January 30, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair  
Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Rich Cunningham  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Greg H. Hughes  
Rep. David Lifferth  
Rep. Dan McCay  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Jim Nielson  
Rep. Val Peterson  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Keven Stratton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Brad G. Last  
Rep. Dean Sanpei

**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 4:10 p.m. Rep. Last was excused.

**H.B. 61      Dixie State College - University Status** (*Rep. D. Ipson*)

Rep. Ipson introduced the bill which changes the name of Dixie State College to Dixie State University

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

*1. Page 1, Lines 16 through 21:*

16 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

17            { ~~This bill appropriates:~~

18            ~~to Dixie State University - Education and General, as an ongoing~~  
                 ~~appropriation:~~

19            ~~from the Education Fund, \$4,000,000.}      None~~

20 Other Special Clauses:  
21 {~~This bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.~~} **This bill provides an immediate effective date.**

2. Page 12, Lines 351 through 366:

351 {~~Section 11. Appropriation:~~  
352 ~~— (1) Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act,~~  
353 ~~for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the following sums of~~  
354 ~~money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts~~  
355 ~~previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in~~  
356 ~~addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2014:~~  
357 ~~— To Dixie State University - Education and General~~  
358 ~~— From Education Fund ————— \$4,000,000~~  
359 ~~— Schedule of Programs:~~  
360 ~~— Education and General ————— \$4,000,000~~  
361 ~~— (2) The Legislature intends that the appropriation under Subsection (1) be used to~~  
362 ~~provide infrastructure and meet benchmarks that will facilitate the transition from college to~~  
363 ~~university status, including increased efficiency and expediency of instructional delivery and~~  
364 ~~developing capacity partnerships with other institutions. }~~  
365 Section {~~12.~~} **11.** Effective date.  
366 {~~This bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.~~} **If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dave Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 254**     **College Credits for Veterans** *(Rep. P. Ray)*

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to adopt **1st Substitute H.B. 254**. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ray introduced the bill which requires a college or university within the state system of higher education to award credit for certain military service.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Peter Monson, University of Utah student  
Mr. Dave Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass out **1st Substitute H. B. 254** with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 275**     **Health Insurance for Schools** *(Rep. J. Bird)*

Rep. Bird introduced the bill which amends the duties of local school boards relating to health insurance.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Peter Cannon, Davis County citizen  
Ms. Elizabeth Weight, American Federation of Teachers  
Ms. Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum

Mr. Chris Bleak, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, requested that the requirement to bid out next year be removed from the bill.

Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent, responded to questions on the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to hold the bill.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Rep. Cunningham, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Eliason, Rep. McCay, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Snow voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Hughes was absent

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for the vote.

A vote was taken on Rep. Powell's motion to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Cunningham, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Lifferth, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Peterson voting in opposition to the motion.

**MOTION:** Rep. Powell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hughes absent for the vote. Rep. Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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Rep. Gibson, Chair