

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:05pm on Thursday, May 07, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Valdenia Winn – Excused

Representative Louis Ruiz, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department

Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Discussion & possible action on: SB193 — Requiring a degree prospectus for postsecondary degree programs.**

Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion on **SB193**.

Representative Lunn introduced three balloon amendments: one to exclude technical schools and community colleges from the definition of "post-secondary institution", a second to remove the \$100 incentive for graduates who provide survey information, and a third to include the use of bureau of labor statistics from the Department of Labor. Hard copies of the balloon amendments were passed out to committee members and Tamera Lawrence explained each. Discussion took place on the amendments. *Representative Lunn moved the three amendments as a bundle. Representative Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion passed.* ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#))

Representative Hedke introduced an amendment in which language stricken from the bill is highlighted in red and new language added to the bill is highlighted in blue. The Hedke amendment shifts responsibility for creation of the prospectus from the institutions to the Board of Regents, requires website links for the information to be easy to locate, and requires electronic and hard copy documents to be distributed to anyone making inquiry or receiving materials. Washburn University would be excluded from the bill's requirements under the Hedke amendment. Hard copies of the amendment were distributed to members, and Tamera Lawrence gave an explanation. Discussion took place on the amendment. *Representative Hedke moved his amendment. Representative Bradford seconded the motion. The motion passed.* ([Attachment 4](#))

Discussion turned to the bill as amended.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Grosserode expressed agreement with the intent of the bill along with her doubt that the bill would receive attention on the House floor this legislative session if passed out of committee. She called for the Regents to take steps to comply with the bill without legislation, and moved to table the bill date certain to the beginning of the 2016 legislative session. Representative Smith seconded the motion.

Chairman Highland asked Tamera Lawrence to clarify for the committee the procedure necessary for the bill to be removed from the table in the 2016 session. A vote would be required to remove it from the table even though the motion was made as date certain. Suggestions were made regarding an alternative course of action. The Chairman noted his prerogative to adjourn the meeting at any time and adjourned the meeting, leaving the bill alive with the amendments in place and the motion to table date certain dead.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.