

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 12:00pm on Monday, February 15, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Nancy Lusk – Excused
- Representative Jarrod Ousley – Excused
- Representative Ben Scott, appointed substitute member to the committee
- Representative John Alcala, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

- Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
- Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
- Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
- Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

- Jacqueline Johnson, Director, Private Postsecondary Education and Adult Testing, Kansas Board of Regents
- Representative Ron Highland
- Lisa Heusers, concerned citizen
- Walt Chappell, Education Management Consultants
- Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Highland opened the meeting and called on Representative Rhoades for an update from the subcommittee on school district budget accountability. Representative Rhoades provided information on the work of the subcommittee, explaining that information already being collected by the Department of Administration and the Department of Education will be placed on a website yet to be determined. This information will include figures for capital outlay, bond indebtedness, salaries and wages. Insurance and athletic expenses are not currently being collected and will not be included on the initial dashboard. The subcommittee is currently waiting for the development of the dashboard on a website by officials at the Department of Administration. When it has been prepared, committee members will have opportunity to view the dashboard and give input on the information found there and on whether they would like other information placed there, whether the formatting is easy to use, etc.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2207 — Development and implementation of ethnic studies in schools.

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The Chairman opened the meeting to discussion on **HB2207** and asked Tamera Lawrence to give an overview of the bill.

Representative Alcala moved and Representative Winn seconded **HB2207** be passed out of committee favorably.

Discussion took place on the bill.

Representative Alcala moved an amendment suggested by Representative Barker which would strike the words 'but is not' in line 27 and replace them with the words 'and is'. Representative Barker seconded the motion.

Discussion took place on the amendment.

Representative Alcala modified his amendment to also strike the words 'and other racialized peoples' in line 29. Representative Barker agreed with the modification.

Discussion continued on the amendment.

Representative Alcala closed on his motion to amend. The motion to amend passed.

Discussion returned to the bill.

Representative Alcala moved an amendment suggested by Representative Lunn which would:
1) add the words 'and supplemental materials' following the words 'text books' in lines 18 and 19, and
2) add the words 'but that do not promote social justice remedies' following the word 'studies' in line 20.

Discussion took place on the amendment.

Representative Lunn seconded the motion to amend.

Discussion continued on the amendment. Representative Alcala closed on his motion to amend. The motion to amend passed.

Discussion returned to the bill.

There being no further discussion on the bill, the Chairman called for a vote on passing the bill out of committee favorably. The motion to pass **HB2207** out favorably as amended passed.

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

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Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion on **SB193** and asked Tamera Lawrence to review the history of the bill.

*Representative Lunn moved and Representative Scott seconded **SB193** be passed out of committee favorably as amended.*

Representative Lunn offered an amendment which would strike the language of **SB193** and insert language reflecting the work done by the Kansas Board of Regents in developing the degree prospectus tool presented to the committee at a previous meeting. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairman asked Ms. Lawrence to explain the amendment. Discussion took place on the amendment.

*Representative moved and Representative Macheers seconded adoption of the proposed substitute for **SB193**. The motion passed.*

Discussion returned to the bill.

*Representative Lunn moved and Representative Bradford seconded the substitute bill for **SB193** be passed out of committee favorably as amended. The motion passed.*

The Chairman called for a 10 minute recess at 1:30 p.m.

Hearing and possible action on: HB2622 — Board of regents; updating fees and making amendments to the Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institution act.
The meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Chairman Highland opened the hearing on **HB2622** and asked Nick Myers to give an overview of the bill. Mr. Myers answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 2](#))

The Chairman invited conferees to speak on the bill.

Jacqueline Johnson spoke as a proponent of **HB2622**, explaining the interest the Board of Regents has in the bill. Ms. Johnson answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 3](#))

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2622**.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2532 — Including financial literacy as an educational capacity.

Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion on **HB2532**.

*Representative Lunn moved and Representative Rhoades seconded **HB2532** be passed out of committee.*

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Representative Boldra offered an amendment which would add STEM courses (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to the Rose Capacities. Discussion took place on the amendment.

[\(Attachment 4\)](#)

Representative Boldra moved and Representative Smith seconded the adoption of the amendment to include STEM courses in the Rose Capacities. The motion to amend failed.

Discussion returned to the bill. There being no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion to pass **HB2532** out of committee favorably. The motion passed.

Hearing and possible action on: HB2588 — Requiring encryption of student data.

Chairman Highland opened the hearing on **HB2588** and asked Nick Myers to give an overview of the bill. [\(Attachment 5\)](#)

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Lunn. Mr. Myers answered questions from the committee.

Vice-Chairman Lunn asked conferees to speak on **HB2588**.

Chairman Highland spoke in favor of **HB2588**, referring to the work done by the committee on student data privacy in previous years and emphasizing the intent of the bill as the establishment of security measures for the safe-keeping of student data. The Chairman answered questions from committee members. [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

Lisa Heusers gave support for **HB2588**, expressing her concerns that school district policies to gain parental permission are not being enforced. [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

Walt Chappell spoke as a proponent of **HB2588**, encouraging the committee to strengthen the bill by amending it to include data security for teachers and staff and by requiring prior written consent before data is collected or shared. [\(Attachment 8\)](#)

Tom Krebs spoke from a neutral stance on **HB2588**, expressing his concern about the fiscal note and asking for cooperation with the implementation of data security measures at the local level. [\(Attachment 9\)](#)

Conferees answered questions from committee members.

Written testimony from a neutral position on **HB2588** was submitted by Laurie Dechery, Lifetouch Inc. [\(Attachment 10\)](#)

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The Vice-Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2588**.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Tuesday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.