

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 2:05pm on Thursday, March 17, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Becky Hutchins – Excused
- Representative Rob Bruchman – Excused
- Representative John Barker – Excused
- Representative Dennis Hedke – Absent
- Representative Kevin Jones – Absent

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:

- Blake Flanders, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
- Janie Harris, student
- Woody Robertson, Chief Development Officer, Lumerit Education
- Linda Fund, Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing and possible action on: SB388 — Requiring the state board of regents to adopt a policy on awarding credit hours based on CLEP test results.

Chairman Highland opened the hearing on **SB388** and asked Tamera Lawrence to give an overview of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairman invited conferees to speak on the bill.

Blake Flanders spoke in favor of **SB388**, commenting that the provisions of the bill could encourage adults to return to postsecondary education and also allow for easier transfer of CLEP credits within the postsecondary system. Dr. Flanders answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 2](#))

Janie Harris support **SB388**, giving the committee information on the way CLEP credits have allowed her to study at the postsecondary level without incurring the debt typically incurred by students attending brick and mortar institutions. Ms. Harris answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 3](#))

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 2:05pm on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in Room 112-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Highland asked members to note written testimony in favor of **SB388** submitted by:

Woody Robertson, Chief Development Officer, Lumerit Education ([Attachment 4](#))

Linda Fund, Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. ([Attachment 5](#))

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB388**.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairman Highland noted the need to approve minutes for March 8, 9 and 10. Representative Bradford moved and Representative Barton seconded the minutes for those dates be approved. The motion passed.

The Chairman asked if there were objections to working **SB388**; there were no objections. The meeting was opened to discussion on the bill.

Representative Bradford moved and Representative Trimmer seconded **SB388** be passed out of committee favorably.

Representative Grosserode moved a technical amendment recommended by Revisor staff to add the letter 'd' to the word 'receive' in line 9 of **SB388**; Representative Winn seconded the motion. The motion to amend passed.

The Chairman directed attention back to the bill. There was no further discussion. The motion to pass **SB388** out of committee favorably as amended passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Friday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.