

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Dan Kerschen – Excused

Committee staff present:  
Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department  
Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:  
Representative Brandon J. Whipple  
Representative Blake Carpenter  
Ray Petty, President, Kansas Accessible Sports

Others in attendance:  
[See Attached List](#)

### **Hearing on: SB470 — Establishing the intercollegiate adaptive sport grant program.**

Chairperson Abrams asked for approval of minutes from the Senate Education Committee meetings as follows: January 26, January 27, January 28, February 1, February 2, February 4, February 8, February 9, February 10, February 11, February 15, February 17, and February 18, 2016.

*Senator Arpke moved, Senator Fitzgerald seconded, the approval of minutes from those meetings. Motion carried.*

Chairperson Abrams then opened the hearing on **SB470**. Revisor Long presented a brief summary of the bill, which would establish an intercollegiate adaptive sport grant program for students with disabilities and addresses funding through income tax contributions.

The chairperson asked if there were any questions on the content of the bill. There were none.

Representative Brandon Whipple testified in support, stating that this bill would allow students with physical disabilities to participate in adaptive athletics at the college level. ([Attachment 1](#))

Representative Blake Carpenter testified in support, advocating for active life styles for those with disabilities and also allowing them to compete in higher levels of sporting activities. ([Attachment 2](#))

Ray Petty testified in support, informing committee members that children with disabilities have

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greater activity barriers and their sedentary lives can lead to greater health problems. ([Attachment 3](#))

A question followed concerning whether there would be additional costs to the state for possibly having to add an extra page to the tax forms.

Senator Hensley commended Mr. Petty for the outstanding work he has accomplished on disability issues around the statehouse for over 40 years.

Written testimony in support was provided electronically by the following:

Jeremy Lade, Director of Wheelchair Athletics, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater ([Attachment 4](#))

Rob Egan, Founder and President, American Collegiate Society for Adapted Athletics ([Attachment 5](#))

John Watson, University of Kansas Alumni Association ([Attachment 6](#))

Dustin Casey, Seattle Mariners ([Attachment 7](#))

John Teagarden, Recreation Council of Greater Kansas City ([Attachment 8](#))

Connor England, Vice President, American Collegiate Society for Adapted Athletics ([Attachment 9](#))

Adam Kramer, Assistant Coach, Women's Wheelchair Basketball ([Attachment 10](#))

Dug Jones, Associate Vice President, Santa Fe College ([Attachment 11](#))

Richard Herries, Board Member, Kansas Accessible Sports ([Attachment 12](#))

Bob Dole ([Attachment 13](#))

There being no further conferees, the chairperson closed the hearing on **SB470**.

He informed members that the hearing on **HB2008** is being canceled and possible action on bills previously heard is going to occur on Monday instead.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.