

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research Department
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brad Miller, American Contractors Association & Midwest Crane & Rigging, LLC
Sheila Ohrenberg, President, Sorella Group, Inc. |

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB475 — Requiring performance and payment bonds for certain public construction contracts.

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **SB475**.

David Wiese, Assistant Revisor briefed the committee concerning **SB475**, which would require performance and payment bonds for certain public construction contracts ([Attachment 1](#)).

Brad Miller, American Subcontractors Association and Midwest Crane and Rigging, LLC supported the bill because it provides payment protection for contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers on private public partnerships(P3's) ([Attachment 2](#)).

Sheila A Ohrenberg, President, Sorella Group, Inc, encouraged the passage of **SB475**, because she said, with the lack of payment protections, by not legally being able to file a lien, and in case a financier or general contractor defaults on their contract, substantial risk is borne by the subcontractors and suppliers without the lien protection ([Attachment 3](#)).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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After a short question and answer period, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB475**.

Hearing on: SB515 — Amendments to the CLASS Act regarding supplemental general state aid and capital outlay state aid.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **SB515**.

The Chairperson informed the committee a certified court reporter would be recording all of the proceedings concerning the hearing of **SB515** which concerns K-12 school funding and involves supplemental general state aid and capital outlay state aid.

Jason Long, Senior Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained **SB515** and said it establishes a statutory formula for delivering supplemental general state aid and capital outlay state aid ([Attachment 4](#)).

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, State Board of Education, explained the information he distributed to the committee ([Attachment 5](#)).

The full transcript of the proceedings concerning **SB515** is attached electronically to these minutes and were recorded and transcribed by Barbara J Hoskinson, Certified Court Reporter, Appino and Biggs Reporting, Inc. All questions, answers, and comments concerning the bill hearing is also included in this transcript ([Attachment 6](#)).

Chairperson Masterson announced that the hearing on **SB515** would be held open and continued in the Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on March 23, 2016.

Possible action on bills previously heard

No action was taken on any that were previously heard.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.