

Approved: March 30, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clay Aurand at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 in 784-DSOB.

All members were present except:
Representative Jana Goodman, excused

Committee staff present:

Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Bert Moore, Director, Chatauqua & West Elk Special Education Cooperative
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association School Boards
Cheryl Semmel, United School Administration of Kansas
Linda Aldridge, USD 501
Terry Collins, DCEC #616, Kansas Association Special Educators Association
Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center,
Oakley, KS, written only
Bill Reardon, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood
Gail Gillespie, High Plains Educational Cooperation, written only

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

SB 257 - Amendments to calculation of local option budget using state aid for special education and related services

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **SB 257**

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained to the committee that the Bill came from the Senate and amends current law. Sub Section B.

Questions and answers followed.

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Mark Tallman Kansas Association of School Boards, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 1](#))

Questions and answers followed.

Cheryl Semmel, United School Administrators of Kansas, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 2](#))

Questions and answers followed.

Bill Reardon, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 3](#))

Questions and answers followed.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing.

SB 260 - Eliminating minimum and maximum calculations of special education state aid

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **SB 260**.

Eunice Peters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained to the committee this bill repeals the portion of the special education state aid formula that determines the minimum and maximum amount of special education state aid a school district may receive, which is to go into effect in school year 2012-2013.

Bert Moore, Director, Chatauqua & West Elk Special Education Cooperative, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 4](#))

Questions and answers followed.

Linda Aldridge, USD 501 and Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 5](#))

Questions and answers followed.

Terry Collins, DCEC #616/Kansas Association Special Education Association, spoke to the committee as a proponent. ([Attachment 6](#))

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Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood, spoke to the committee as a proponent. (Attachment 7)

Questions and answers followed.

Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, provided written testimony only to the committee as a proponent. (Attachment 8)

Gail Gillespie, Director High Plains Educational Cooperative, provided written testimony only to the committee as a proponent. (Attachment 9)

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting is still to be determined.