

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Bob Bethell

**HB 2777 - School districts; power to execute contracts, paying dues and claims.**

The Chair addressed the Committee in regard to **HB 2777** saying there were those who felt the vote for passage should be reconsidered.

A motion was put forward by Vice-Chair Kathe Lloyd that **HB 2777** be reconsidered for passage. Representative Loganbill seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

**SB 531 - USD 431, adjustment in school term and determination of enrollment due to disaster.**

Representative Bethell appeared before the Committee in support of **SB 531**. (Attachment 1).

It was moved by Representative Phelps and seconded by Representative Ostmeyer to pass **SB 531** favorably out of Committee.

Prior to a vote, questions of Dale Dennis regarding **SB 531** arose. Pending Mr. Dennis' answer, the hearing on this bill was suspended.

**SB 409 - Schools; contingency reserve fund; no-fund warrants; local option budgets.**

**HB 3020 - Allowing school districts to transfer unencumbered funds to the general fund; funds not considered local effort.**

The Chair asked if the Committee would be more comfortable working **SB 409** and **HB 3020** separately. If so, they would proceed with **SB 409**.

Representative Crow made the motion to amend all of sections 1 and 3 of **HB 2777** into **SB 409**. The motion was seconded by Representative Peterson and passed on a voice vote.

A motion to pass **SB 409** favorably as amended was made by Representative Flaharty and seconded by Representative Storm. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dale Dennis provided the information requested by the Committee on **SB 531**.

The motion to pass **SB 531** favorably out of Committee passed on a voice vote.

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The Committee's attention was called to information that had been provided by Citizens for Responsible Growth. (Attachment 2).

He suggested perhaps they should declare a moratorium on any new bond issue for capital improvements, that has not already been made as of March 21, 2002. The Chair asked that they look it over and at a later date, they could possibly amend it into **SB 551** unless there's a question of germaneness that prevails.

Chairman Tanner said if in the final analysis it is the Committee's decision not to do anything with this moratorium then he will attempt to do something on the floor or by proviso in the appropriations process.

An invitation was issued to the members of the sub-committee on charter schools to meet with the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2002.