

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statues
Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Kenny Wilk
Rep. Don Hill
Rep. Kay Schallenkamp, Pres. Emporia State
Speaker of the House, Rep. Doug Mays
Majority Leader, Rep. Clay Aurand
Bob VanCrum, Blue Valley School District
Dr. Mike Pomarico, Supt. Derby
Mitch Nutterfield, Dodge City Public Schools
Mark Tallman, KASB
Mark Desetti, KNEA
Karl Peterjohn, Ks Taxpayer Network
Joan Wagnon, Sec. Of Revenue
Bruce Wyatt, Ks State Board of Ed
Jim Menze, United School Administrators

HB 2937 - an act relating to school finance; authorizing school districts to reduce or eliminate a certain property tax exemption; concerning a cost of living weighting.

The Chair recognized Representative Wilk who spoke to the Committee in support of **HB 2937**.
(No written testimony was provided.)

Kay Schallenkamp appeared next as a proponent of **HB 2937**. (No written testimony was provided.)

Representative Hill offered testimony in support of **HB 2937**. (Attachment 1.)

Speaking as a proponent of **HB 2937** was Representative Mays. (No written testimony was provided.)

Representative Aurand offered testimony in support of **HB 2937**. (Attachments 2, 3, 4 and 5.)

Appearing as a proponent of **HB 2937** was Bob VanCrum. (Attachment 6.)

Testifying in opposition to **HB 2937** was Dr. Pomarico, (Attachment 7); Mitch Nutterfield, (Attachment 8); Mark Tallman, (Attachment 9); Mark Desetti, (Attachment 10); Karl Peterjohn, (Attachment 11) and Jim Menze, (Attachment 12).

Joan Wagnon spoke not as a proponent or opponent but giving information she felt would be useful to **HB 2937** and offered the assistance of her staff in any way they could help in working the bill. (Attachments 13 and 14.)

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Bruce Wyatt addressed the Committee in regard to the concerns of the State Board of Education. (Attachment 15).

The hearing on **HB 2937** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2004.