

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2009, in Room 786 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Rhoades moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 27, 28 and 29. Seconded by Representative Horst, the motion passed.

**Discussion and action on HB 2003 - Career technical education; funding formula; update in terminology**

Chairman Huntington opened discussion on **HB 2003**. Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained that this was a technical bill. It would put into law appropriation bill provisos related to the development of a funding model for postsecondary technical education. The bill updates “vocational education” terminology with “career technical education” and eliminates wording that has become obsolete. It also updates the references to the state plan for career and technical education and the Carl D. Perkins act to coincide with current law. Enactment of **HB 2003** would have no fiscal effect. Julene Miller from the Kansas Board of Regents and Ms. Jefferies answered committee questions.

Ms. Jefferies presented a prepared balloon to **HB 2003** containing two technical amendments: page 7, line 28, change “vocational” to “career technical” and on page 10, line 10, change “job training partnership” to “workforce investment.” (Attachment 1) Representative Mah moved to adopt the balloon amendments. Seconded by Representative Rhoades, the motion passed.

Representative McLeland, seconded by Representative Horst, moved to amend Section 16 on page 11 of **HB 2003** to state that community colleges cannot be offering tuition to out-of-state students for less than in-state students. A copy of the Kansas Community Colleges FY 2009 Tuition and Fees Schedule was distributed. (Attachment 2) The question of whether the amendment was germane to these particular statutes was raised. Representative McLeland, with Representative Horst’s consent, withdrew his amendment.

Representative Mah moved to recommend **HB 2003**, as amended, favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Winn, the motion carried.

Representative Rhoades provided an overview of the Colorado “College Textbook Affordability Act” enacted in 2008 concerning requirements for publishers of college education products doing business with state institutions of higher education. (Attachment 3) He also provided a copy of “How Textbooks are Priced” from Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc. (Attachment 4)

Kip Peterson, Director of Government Relations & Communications, Kansas Board of Regents, submitted some general information from FHSU, KSU, KU, PSU, and the American Council on Education (pertaining to textbook cost provisions in the Federal Higher Education Act), and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. (Attachment 5)

In response to committee questions during the hearing on **HB 2007**, Diane Duffy, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Kansas Board of Regents, provided more information regarding the amount of tuition and fees reduced for nonresidents at the state universities. (Attachment 6)

A copy of the Legislative Post Audit Report: *Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Reviewing Tuition*

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Higher Education Committee at 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2009, in Room 786 of the Docking State Office Building.

*Rates Being Charged to Non-Resident Students in Kansas*, December 2006, was also distributed in preparation to possible action on **HB 2007** tomorrow. The report is available from the Legislative Division of Post Audit or on its Website: [www.kslegislature.org/postaudit](http://www.kslegislature.org/postaudit)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for February 10, 2009.