

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Lunn at 11:40am on Monday, March 23, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ron Highland – Excused

Representative Peggy Mast, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department

Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Jeff Melcher

Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute

Tom Krebs for Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB188 — Publication requirements under the Kansas uniform financial accounting and reporting act.

Vice-Chairman Lunn opened the hearing on **SB188** and asked Nick Myers to provide an overview of the bill. Mr. Myers answered questions from the committee and clarifying **SB188** is not the same as **HB2393- Requiring school districts to use generally accepted accounting principles; financial publication requirements**, which was heard by the committee earlier in the session. ([Attachment 1](#))

Senator Jeff Melcher gave support for **SB188** indicating the bill 1) strengthens current statutes governing the publishing of budget and accounting information by school districts, 2) gives clear directions for how to publish the information in a way that is easy to find, and 3) establishes a deadline for compliance. He explained the purpose of the remedy required by the bill in the case of a non-compliant district as being an incentive for school districts to be compliant. Senator Melcher answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 2](#))

Dave Trabert spoke in favor of **SB188** providing information on school districts found to be non-compliant during 2014 and expressing his views on the benefits of the bill. Mr. Trabert answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 3](#))

Written testimony in support of **SB188** was submitted by David Losey, concerned citizen. ([Attachment 4](#))

Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards, spoke in place of Mark Tallman opposing **SB188**

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and expressing the belief of their organization that school districts are trying to do what needs to be done. He believes the information is already available through different avenues and suggested the issue could be handled by the subcommittee established for **HB2393**. Mr. Krebs answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 5](#))

The Vice-Chairman closed the hearing on **SB188** and asked if there were objections to working the bill the same day rather than scheduling another meeting. There were no objections.

Representative Macheers moved and Representative Dove seconded **SB188** be passed out favorably for action. There was discussion on the bill.

Representative Barker moved a conceptual amendment granting local school boards latitude to petition the State Board of Education for a second 30-day grace period and giving the State Board discretion in granting such petitions. Representative Bridges seconded the motion. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Representative Dove called the question on the original motion to pass **SB188** out favorably. Representative Bradford seconded the motion to call the question. The motion passed.

Tamera Lawrence requested permission to adjust the language of the bill as needed when adding the conceptual amendment.

Representative Macheers closed on his original motion to pass **SB188** out favorably, now as amended. The motion passed on a vote of 11 to 7.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The House Education Committee has no further meetings scheduled at this time.