

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Lunn at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Erin Gould, Game On for Kansas Schools
Representative Scott Schwab
Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor
Jim Freeman, CFO, Wichita Public Schools

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2596 — Creating the classroom-based funding act.

Vice-Chairman Lunn opened the hearing on **HB2596** in the absence of Chairman Highland and asked Tamera Lawrence to give an overview of the bill. Ms. Lawrence answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#))

The Vice-Chairman invited conferees to speak on the bill.

Erin Gould spoke in opposition to **HB2596**, expressing her concerns about various components of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Representative Scott Schwab spoke in favor of **HB2596**, outlining the plan put forth in the bill, emphasizing the importance of starting the discussion on a new school funding mechanism, and expressing his desire for the committee to amend the bill as they found necessary. Representative Schwab answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 4](#))

Scott Frank spoke from a neutral position on **HB2596**, explaining the difference in the part Legislative Post Audit would play under this bill in comparison to the work it did for the legislature in the 2005-06 cost study audit. He emphasized the need to know the specific information required in order to provide the results needed. Mr. Frank answered questions from the committee. ([Attachment 5](#))

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Jim Freeman represented a group comprised of members from the Kansas School Superintendents Association, Kansas Association of School Business Officers, United School Administrators, and the Kansas Association of School Boards in offering neutral testimony on **HB2596**. These organizations began discussion on school finance in July of 2015. Mr. Freeman offered a suggested school funding framework developed by the group. Mr. Freeman answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 6](#))

The Vice-Chairman asked committee members to note written testimony in opposition to **HB2596** submitted by Denis Sultz of the Kansas PTA ([Attachment 7](#)) and neutral written testimony submitted by Mike O'Neal, CEO of the Kansas Chamber ([Attachment 8](#)) and Dave Trabert of the Kansas Policy Institute ([Attachment 9](#)).

Vice-Chairman Lunn announced that the hearing on **HB2596** would remain open for future testimony should it become advisable and turned the meeting over to Chairman Highland, who had joined the committee.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion on **HB2622 - Board of regents; updating fees and making amendments to the Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institution act** and asked Nick Myers to review the bill for the committee.

*Representative Hedke moved and Representative Trimmer seconded **HB2622** be moved out of committee favorably.* Discussion took place on the bill. Representative Hedke closed on his motion. *The motion passed.*

Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion on **HB2199 - School districts; human sexuality education; policies and procedures** and asked Tamera Lawrence to review the history of the bill and to give an overview of its contents.

*Representative Barton moved and Representative Bradford seconded **HB2199** be passed out of committee favorably.*

Discussion took place on the bill.

Representative Macheers called the question on the bill.

*The motion to pass **HB2199** out of committee favorably passed.*

The meeting adjourned 2:50 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Wednesday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m. in Room

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