

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on February 1, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Pat Colloton - excused
Representative Don Hill - excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Candy Ruff
Representative Ann Mah
Diane Duffy, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Kansas Board of Regents
Robin Klempf, Interim General Counsel, Kansas Board of Regents
Representative Clay Aurand

The Chair recognized Representative Candy Ruff who informed the Committee that she and Representative Anthony Brown have prepared a bill regarding an early high school graduation incentive program. Representative Otto moved the motion which was seconded by Representative Faber. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Horst informed the Committee of a situation which occurred when a new teacher started in the district and had all of the students in her class prick their finger with the same instrument to test for their blood type. Representative Horst moved for a bill to be drafted which would reflect the policies suggested by the KDHE. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Faber stated he had been approached to introduce a bill that would put in place an appeals process with the State Board of Education for potential charter schools that are turned down. Representative Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

HB 2185 - Colleges and universities; in-state tuition and fees for persons who return to Kansas within five years.

Representative Mah addressed the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2185**. (Attachment #1)

Other proponents to the bill gave written testimony and were Kenneth and Elizabeth Scott (Attachment #2) and Representative Steve Brunk (Attachment #3).

Diane Duffy spoke of the Kansas Board of Regents' suggestions for changes to **HB 2185**. (Attachment #4)

Following questions and answers of the Committee, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2185**.

HB 2123 - School districts; transportation of students residing outside the district.

Vice-Chair Horst recognized Representative Aurand as a proponent to **HB 2123**. (Attachment #5)

After a brief question and answer discussion, Vice-Chair Horst closed the hearing on **HB 2123**.

HB 2014 - Establishing the technical college and technical commission; powers and duties.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Horst made the motion that **HB 2014** be passed out favorably. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm.

Representative Faber made a motion for an amendment to 1) requirement reappointment of members appointed pursuant to the proviso and 2) develop a procedure for filling a vacancy which may occur on this commission.

Representative Horst withdrew the original motion. Representative Horst then seconded the motion for the amendment. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Hodge made a motion for an amendment which would limit the extension to the end of the calendar year. The motion was seconded by Representative Huebert. The motion failed.

Representative Craft made a motion for a “technical” amendment which on line 29 would insert the word “voting”. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Faber made the motion that **HB 2014** be passed favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Crow. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chair appointed Representative Mah to carry the bill.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2007.