

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lana Gordon at 3:30 on Monday, March 5, 2012 in Room 151-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Brenda Landwehr

Committee staff present:

Jason Long-KLRD
Reagan Cussimano-KLRD
Edward Balda-Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mike O'Neal-Speaker of the House
Mark Tallman-KASB
Mark Desetti-KNEA
Cheryl Semmel-USA/Kansas
Jacqueline Johnson-Dir. of Private Post Secondary Education

Others in attendance: see attached list.

HB 2397—Adequacy of state provision for finance of educational interests of the state

Chairman Gordon greeted the members and public. Jason Long was asked to give a review of **HB 2397**. There were no questions. Speaker O'Neil addressed the Committee and presented his testimony ([Attachment 1](#)) as an opponent. Questions were presented by Chairman Gordon, Representatives Aurand and Feuerborn. There was also brief discussion by Representative Spalding.

Opponent Mark Tallman of the KASB addressed the Committee with his testimony ([Attachment 2](#)). Members expressed their concerns about the five points listed in Mr. Tallman's data.

Representative Arpke inquired as to the information dealing with average class sizes across the state. Discussion was made regarding the accuracy of the supplied information and various average costs per student. Representative O'Brien also made comments to Mr. Tallman. Question was made as to why school districts were leaving the "No Child Left Behind" program.

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Opponent Mark Dessetti presented his testimony ([Attachment 3](#)) and took questions from the members. He focused on the statutes highlighted on his testimony. Members discussed differences between fine arts and performing arts course graduation requirements. The idea of combining them into one accepted credit was presented. Also discussed was the absence of a foreign language credit requirement for graduation. Representative Aurand asked if outcomes override input. Schools should not be judged by what they offer but by what they teach.

Mention was made for the written testimony of Cheryl Semmel, USA/KS ([Attachment 4](#)).

Proponent Jacqueline Johnson presented testimony ([Attachment 5](#))

Questions by Representative Feuerborn and Aurand were given.

There were no further questions for the hearing. Chairman Gordon reviewed the rest of the week's schedule and adjourned the session at 4:45.

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