

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on February 13, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge- absent
Representative Ted Powers- 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 Anthony Brown
Andy Sanchez, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Kansas AFL-CIO
Neil Fisher, Kansas Building Systems
Richard Hoffman, Ks Assoc. Technical Schools & Colleges
Corey Peterson, Kansas Association General Contractors of Kansas
Representative Pat Colloton
Ron Hein, Kansas Beverage Association
Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Director, KDHE
Dr. Dennis Cooley, Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
Dr. Kim Kimminau, Kansas Health Institute
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools
Mark Desetti, KNEA
Jim Edwards, KASB
Gary Brunk, Kansas Action for Children
Kelly Youngken, American Beverage Association
Dr. Gary George, Superintendent, Olathe School District (written only)
Steve Coen, Chairman, Governor's Council on Fitness (written only)
Dr. Doug Illiff, Family Physician & member of Governor's Fitness council (written only)
Carolyn Gaughan, CAE, Executive Director, Ks Academy of Family Physicians (written only)
Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education (written only)

HB 2343: Early high school graduation incentive program.

Representative Ruff spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2343.** She told the Committee the bill was a way to offer high school students an incentive to enter the building trades profession. (Attachment #1)

Representative Brown spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2343.** Representative Brown advised this bill would encourage students to graduate early and only applied to students in public education, they must complete all requirements of the local district, no GED's, and only applied to one full year early May of junior year. He also advised the bill would be for a cash award of \$1000 and a one-time scholarship of up to \$3000. (Attachment #2)

Andy Sanchez spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2343** and advised the bill would provide needed opportunities for young people to be exposed to the trades and offer incentives to apply themselves in their interests. (Attachment #3)

Neil Fisher stated his industry was short at least 250,000 employees annually to serve the needs of businesses and was in support of **HB 2343.** (Attachment #4)

Richard Hoffman spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2343.** (Attachment #5)

Corey Peterson told the Committee that developing the future workforce has been a top priority for his group for several years and was in support of **HB 2343.** (Attachment #6)

Written testimony was received from Val DeFever as being neutral on **HB 2343.** (Attachment #6A)

CONTINUATION SHEET

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After a brief question and answer session, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2343**.

HB 2090: School districts; physical fitness tests; physical education goals.

Representative Colloton spoke to the Committee in support of **HB 2090**. She told the committee that **HB 2090** seeks to coordinate the taking of data, its analysis and reporting between the Kansas Department of Education and the Department of Health. This legislation seeks state funding for the staff at the Kansas Department of Education that will oversee implementation of the data collection as part of school health programs and for the staff at the Department of Health who will assist in collecting the data and analyzing it. (Attachment #7)

Dr. Howard Rodenberg spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2090**. KDHE supports the bill which would require collection of height and weight data, development of standards for physical fitness tests and physical education, programs, and the collection of data regarding the amount of teaching time spent by certified physical education teachers in conducting physical education classes. (Attachment #8)

Dr. Kim Kimminau spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2090**. (Attachments #9, #10 and #10A)

Ron Hein talked to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2090**. (Attachment #11)

Diane Gjerstad spoke to the Committee with concerns of **HB 2090**. (Attachment #12)

Mark Desetti spoke to the Committee with concerns of **HB 2090**. (Attachment #13)

Jim Edwards spoke to the Committee as a neutral of **HB 2090**. (Attachment #14)

Val DeFever spoke of concerns of **HB 2090**. (Attachment #15)

Written testimony reference **HB 2090** was also received from Steve Coen (Attachment #16), Dr. Doug Illiff (Attachment #17), and Carolyn Gaughan (Attachment #18).

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2090**.

HB 2275: Schools; vending machines.

Gary Brunk spoke to the Committee and voiced support of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #19)

Dr. Dennis Cooley, who was speaking on behalf of Dr. Sarah Hampl, spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #20).

Ron Hein testified as an opponent of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #21)

Kelly Youngken spoke as an opponent of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #22)

Jim Edwards spoke to the Committee as an opponent of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #23)

Written testimony was submitted by Karen Bailey as an opponent of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #24)

Dr. Gary George gave written testimony as an opponent of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #25)

Diane Gjerstad spoke to the Committee as a neutral of **HB 2275**. (Attachment #26)

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2275**.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007.