

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:
Representative Benjamin Hodge- absent

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:

SB 22 - Teacher education matching grant program

SB 23 - Teacher service scholarship program

Theresa Kiernan, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained to Committee members of technical amendments to **SB 23**.

Representative Loganbill moved that SB 23 be passed favorably for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst.

Representative Faber made the motion to have the Kansas Board of Regents submit a report to the legislature relating to the effects of the teacher service scholarship program and the teacher education competitive grant program. The motion was seconded by Representative Crow. After a brief discussion by Committee members, the motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Faber moved to amend SB 23 and merge with SB 22 and indicate a percentage for scholarships and grants. The motion was seconded by Representative Crow. After a discussion among Committee members, the motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Colloton moved that SB 22 receive 100% percentage of the funds, Representative Otto seconded the motion. After discussion with Committee members, Representative Colloton withdrew the motion.

Representative Loganbill moved that funding for scholarships should be no less than 70% for the teacher service scholarship program and 30% for the teacher education competitive grant program. The motion was seconded by Representative Faber and carried on a voice vote.

Representative Faber moved that SB 23 be passed favorably as amended and was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried on a voice vote.

SB 69 - School finance; cost of living and declining enrollment weightings; LOB requirements.

Representative Phelps made the motion for a balloon amendment for SB 69 and was seconded by Representative Faber. (Attachment #1)

Representative Colloton made the motion to grandfather those districts levying a tax in school year 2006 - 2007 and allow those districts to levy the maximum amount allowed under this section. The motion failed on a voice vote. (Attachment #2)

Representative Phelps moved that SB 69 be passed favorably as amended.

Representative Crow made a motion for a balloon amendment for SB 69. The motion was seconded by Representative Loganbill. (Attachment #3) The motion failed on a voice vote.

Representative Loganbill moved to table the bill until Friday, March 16. The motion failed on a voice vote. Representative Horst moved to pass a balloon amendment for SB 69 which would reduce the COLA caps from the current 5% to 2%. The motion was seconded by Representative Crow. (Attachment #4)

Due to time constraints, the Chairman announced the hearing for **SB 69** would continue on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2007.