

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 a.m. March 9, 2011, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Norm Furse, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Long, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education  
Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Robert Edleston, Kansas Association of Technical Colleges  
Dr. Andy Tompkins, Board of Regents  
Blake Flanders, Board of Regents

Written testimony only:

Edward Berger, President of Hutchison Community College

Others attending, see attached sheet.

**SB 13 - Career and technical education; amendments**

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **SB 13**.

Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes explained SB 13 as some technical corrections.

Questions and answer session followed Ms. Peters explanation.

Dr. Andy Tompkins asked if he and Blake Flanders could present their testimony during the hearing on **SB 143**. He wished to address both **SB 13** and **SB 143** at the same time.

Robert Edleston, President, Kansas Association of Technical Colleges spoke to the committee as a proponent on **SB 13**. There has been a a great deal of progress made in the efforts to strengthen and improve the professional operations of Kansas Two-Year institutions. The actions taken to transfer higher education operations, other than Regents Universities, from the Department of Education to the Kansas Board of Regents, the creation of technical colleges and the transformation of technical schools into a variety of effective operational entities have been laudable.

The Kansas Association of Technical Colleges endorses the recommended changes and lauds the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Revisors for their work in this area. We therefore respectfully request approval of this Bill. (Attachment 1)

Questions and answer session followed the presentations.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **SB 13**.

**SB 143 - Creating the postsecondary tiered technical education state aid act**

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **SB 143**.

Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes explained **SB 143** to the committee.

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents, introduced Blake Flanders, Vice President of Workforce Development for the Kansas Board of Regents. Mr. Flanders spoke to the committee as proponent of **SB 143** and **SB 13**. Both **SB 13** and **SB 143** respond to the legislative charge. **SB 13** is requested to continue the process to review and identify statutes as needed revision to reflect current

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Education Committee at 9:30 a.m. on March 9, 2011, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

practice and terminology or repeal if obsolete. (Attachment 2)

Robert Edleston, President, Kansas Association of Technical Colleges spoke to the committee as a proponent on **SB 143**. The time has come for us to report back to the Legislature as we were instructed to do five years ago. Since early 2006 you have been listening to Kansas' two-year colleges tell you that Technical Education Doesn't Cost...It Pays. We told you that we were one of the only entities funded by the Kansas Legislature that actually makes money for State government through your investment in our programs. Some estimates had put the return on investment as high as \$16/\$1, but it varies depending upon how much the program actually cost to operate. At Manhattan Area Technical College we recently demonstrated to the City of Manhattan that an investment of \$291,000 in our College could generate \$23 million in revenue through worker salaries over a twelve year period.

It is imperative that you approve **SB 143** and, when the time comes and all the savings are tallied up, begin funding the tiered technical education formula beginning with \$11.6 million of the \$51 million shortfall. (Attachment 3)

Edward Berger, President of Hutchinson Community College, provided written testimony to the committee as a proponent of **SB 143**. **SB 143** provides a system of tiered funding using data from a national study. It will provide appropriate incentives for community and technical colleges to invest in high cost/high demand programs that will build the world class workforce that is necessary for the Kansas economy to rebound. An essential component of this **SB 143** is the repeal of the Community College operating grant, establishing a fund for non-tiered course offerings which will be distributed by the Kansas Board of Regents. **SB 143** is, of course, just a framework for funding, recognizing that the fiscal component is not included in this legislation. (Attachment 4)

Questions and answer session followed the presentations.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **SB 143**.

### **HCR 5010 - School finance; equitable distribution of public school funds in the amount and manner determined by the legislature**

Norm Furse, Kansas Revisor of Statutes, explained the proposed amendment on **HCR 5010**.

Questions and answer session followed.

Chairman Aurand read the Amendment to **HCR 5010** that Speaker O'Neal proposed. (Attachment 5)

**Chairman Aurand moved to accept the proposed amendment to HCR 5010. Seconded by Representative Ryckman. Motion carried.**

**Representative Huebert moved to pass out HCR 5010 as amended. Seconded by Representative Goodman. The motion carried by a show of hands.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be March 10, 2011.