

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge- absent  
Representative Steve Huebert - excused  
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  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit  
Heather Morgan, Director of Public and Legislative Affairs, Juvenile Justice Authority  
Mark Desetti, KNEA  
Roxanne Kelly, Kansas Board of Regents  
Bruce Linhos, Executive Director of Children's Alliance of Kansas (Written only)  
Melissa Ness, Legislative Coordinator, St. Francis Academy, Inc. (Written only)

Mark Desetti addressed the Committee in regard to "Read Across Kansas 2007". (Attachment #1 - on file)

**SB 22: An act concerning postsecondary educational institutions; establishing the teacher education competitive grant program; relating to the administration thereof.**

A background briefing on **SB 22** was given by Scott Frank. (Attachments #2 and #3)

Questions and answers followed.

Roxanne Kelly appeared before the Committee as a proponent of **SB 22**. (Attachment #4)

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Responding to questions regarding **SB 23**, a bill concerning the teacher service scholarship program, the Chair offered to have that bill available for the Committee to look at next week.

Scott Frank told the Committee that the Legislative Post Audit Division was now in the process of doing a survey of schools to learn what they were doing to interest more students in a career in teaching.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 22**.

**SB 95: An act concerning school districts; relating to school finance; relating to pupils confined or housed at certain facilities.**

Heather Morgan appeared before the Committee as a proponent of **SB 95**. (Attachment #5)

Questions and answers followed.

Written only testimony was provided by Bruce Linhos (Attachment #6) and Melissa Ness (Attachment #7).

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 95**.

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**SB 69: regarding school finance; cost of living and declining enrollment weightings; LOB requirements.**

A motion was made by Representative Phelps and seconded by Representative Mah to offer a balloon amendment to SB 69. (Attachment #8)

Following questions and answers of the Committee, the Chairman requested more time so that the language of the amendment could be clarified regarding declining enrollment and COLA. He asked that **SB 69** not be worked today.

Representative Phelps, with the consent of the second, Representative Mah, withdrew his motion for a balloon amendment to SB 69.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 69**.

**HB 2200: Regarding obscenity; no longer a defense to the crime if used for instructional purposes in schools K through 12.**

The Chairman asked whether **SB 2200** should be accepted to be worked by the Education Committee.

Following a vote of 4 in favor and 17 opposed, by a show of hands, the Committee declined to accept **HB 2200** to be worked.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2007.