

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lana Gordon at 3:30 pm on , March 7, 2011 in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Brenda Landwehr – excused
Valdenia Winn - excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Reagan Cussimano, Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
Bernadine Lloyd, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Robert Vancrum, Government Affairs Specialist
Gary George, Asst. Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools
Jacqueline Johnson, Director, Private Postsecondary Education
Jeremy Cooper, Director, Pinnacle Career Institute, Lawrence, Ks.
Robert Otto, Director, Kansas College of Nursing
Irene Navaraes, Court Reporting, Institute of KC.
Sherry C. Diel, Director, Ks. Real Estate Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearings on:

SB 21 - School districts; use of funds from tax levies on motor vehicles and recreational vehicles.

SB 41 - Private and out of state postsecondary educational institution act; fees.

Jason Long, Revisor, gave a short synopsis of the bills.

Dale Dennis, Commissioner of Education, gave a brief clarification on **SB 21**.

Proponents of **SB 21**:

Robert Vancrum, Government Affairs Specialist, submitted and presented testimony that this bill merely authorizes the use of the tax revenue already raised by an authorized levy within said districts. (Attachment 1)

Gary George, Asst. Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools, submitted and presented testimony that this bill is a technical correction to an existing statute (K.S.A. 72-6441) which allows districts to levy a property tax for the difference in what we receive in new facility weighting and the amount required to open the facility. (Attachment 2)

Proponents of **SB 41**:

Jacqueline Johnson, Director, Private Post secondary Education, submitted and presented testimony that this legislation helps to ensure that Kansas students receive a quality education from this sector by providing the resources necessary to enhance the Division's capacity for due diligence in order to protect consumers. Further, the Private postsecondary division has received widespread support from this sector in advocating for passage of this legislation. (Attachment 3)

Irene Navaraes, Court Reporting, Institute of KC, submitted and presented testimony about private postsecondary schools in Kansas that would benefit from this legislation. One of the provisions specifically is to lower the minimum fees charged to smaller schools in Kansas so we are better able to thrive in this challenging economy. (Attachment 4)

Jeremy Cooper, Director, Pinnacle Career Institute, Lawrence, Ks, submitted and presented testimony that in order for the Board of Regents to carry out its statutory regulatory responsibilities the bill makes permanent the categories and fee levels established by the 2010 Legislature that the Board of Regents charges to private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions. ([Attachment 5](#))

Sherry C. Diel, Director, Ks. Real Estate Commission, submitted and presented testimony that the Commission supports a statute whereby the KBOR can set fees by regulation for approval as private and out of state postsecondary institutions at reasonable rates taking into consideration the size of enrollment for small schools that provide curriculum for professional licensing agencies. ([Attachment 6](#))

A question and answer session followed each presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2011, in 159-S.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.