

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 12:00 P.M. on April 26, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bill Otto- excused
Representative David Huff- excused
Representative Deena Horst- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association
Richard Hoffman, Kansas Association of Technical Schools and Colleges
Mary Ellen Conlee, Wichita Area Technical College
Reginald Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan opened the hearing on **SB 588 - Establishing the Kansas technical college and vocational education school commission** and welcomed Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association, to testify as a proponent. (Attachment 1). Richard Hoffman, Kansas Association of Technical Schools and Colleges, and Mary Ellen Conlee, Wichita Area Technical College, also testified as proponents of **SB 588**. Reginald Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, presented testimony in support of **SB 588**. (Attachment 2).

Questions were asked by Representatives Krehbiel, Kelsey, Kuether, Storm, Craft, Phelps, Sloan, and Sharp. Chairman Sloan closed the hearing on **SB 588** and because of time constraints, asked the committee to work **SB 588** during this committee meeting.

Representative Kuether moved that the bill be amended include performance as an area of study for the commission and to require that the commission's report be sent to the House Higher Education Committee, the Senate Education Committee, the Legislative Education Planning Committee, the Governor's office, and the Kansas Board of Regents, Her amendment also would clarify that the Commission's recommendations should include legislative proposals. Representative Menghini seconded the motion.

Comments were made by Representatives Johnson, Winn, Storm, Kelsey, and Hill.

The motion carried.

Representative Hill moved an amendment to shift primary responsibility for staffing the Commission from legislative agencies to the Kansas Board of Regents. Representative Kuether seconded the motion.

Comments were made by Representatives Storm, Craft, Kuether, and Winn.

The motion carried.

Representative Sharp moved to strike lines 41-43. Representative Krehbiel seconded the motion.

Representatives Kuether, Carlin, Krehbiel, and Hill offered questions and comments on the motion.

The motion failed.

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Representative Sharp moved an amendment requesting the proposed Commission consider consolidation of technical colleges with community colleges and universities. Representative Krehbiel seconded the motion.

The motion failed.

Representative Craft moved to amend lines 29-31 to clarify that all appointees to the commission be selected from persons representing businesses, industry, and instructional staff of such schools and colleges. Representative Sharp seconded the motion.

Comments were offered by Representatives Hill, Krehbiel, Kuether, and Carlin.

The motion failed.

Representative Sloan moved to amend line 43 to shift financing of Commission expenses from the legislative budget to the Kansas Board of Regents budget. Representative Krehbiel seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Representative Sloan moved an amendment requiring the commission to review and consider the recommendations made by the Kansas Board of Regents. Representative Menghini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Representative Kuether moved that **SB 588** be passed as amended. Representative Storm seconded the motion.

The motion carried. Chairman Sloan requested that Representative Hill carry the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.