

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on February 7, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge- absent
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
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Pat Colloton
Diane Lindeman, Director of Student financial Assistance, KS Board of Regents
Terry Forsyth, director, Political Action, KNEA
Don Adkisson Budget Director, USD #260
Bob Shannon, Superintendent, USD #383 (written testimony)
Lamont Godsey, USD #475
Major Colleen Wright, Garrison Operations Officer, Fort Riley
Colonel (ret) Stephan J. Kempf, President, Board of Education, USD 207

HB 2159 - School finance; enrollment; date of determination

The following addressed the Committee as a proponents of **HB 2159**: Don Adkisson, (Attachment #1); Bob Shannon, (Attachment #2); Lamont Godsey, (Attachment #2); Major Colleen Wright, (Attachment #4); and Colonel (Ret) Stephen J. Kempf, (Attachment #5).

There were no opponents to **HB 2159**.

After a question and answer discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2159**.

HB 2093 - Special education service scholarship program; limit of number of scholarships awarded, deleted.

Representative Colloton addressed the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2093** and supported an amendment to the provisions of the special education teacher scholarship. She advised the bill is an amendment which removed the limitation that the scholarship is awarded to only 50 students per year. (Attachments #6 and #7)

There were no opponents to **HB 2093**.

After a brief question and answer discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2093**.

HB 2223 - School districts; ESOL grants.

Sharon Wenger gave a staff briefing on **HB 2223**.

Terry Forsyth spoke as a proponent to **HB 2223**. (Attachment # 8)

There were no opponents to **HB 2223**.

A question and answer discussion followed the presentation.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2223**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007.