

MINUTES OF UTC PUBLIC POLICY FORUM MEETING

February 15, 2013 – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Utah Technology Council – Conference Room

Terry Bagley and Chet Linton, Co-Chairs

Those in attendance were: Co-Chair Chet Linton of School Improvement Network, Terry Bagley of Centershift, Joyce Peters of Hill Air Force Base, Clark Turner of Turner Innovations, Ernie Carey of UVU, Jeff Rogers and Kimmy Bramble of Paul Rogers and Associates, Marilyn Davies of U of U College of Engineering, Soozie Redkey of U of U College of Science, Greg Sutherland of U.S. Senator Mike Lee's Office, Ted McAleer of USTAR, David Glod of Mountain America, Richard Nelson and Judy Young of Utah Technology Council.

Chet Linton conducted the meeting.

Minutes approved for February 8th, 2013; Tentative.

Review of Bill List for 2013 Session – Jeff Rogers

Review of bills that have been added to the UTC bill watch list and updated information on bills already presented to the Forum.

HB 100: Internet Privacy Amendments (Rep. Barlow)

The Forum decided to take an Opposed position to this bill unless it was amended. After meeting with Representative Barlow, they are working on an amendment for this bill.

HB 139: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Action Center (Rep. Peterson, V.)

This bill creates educational programs for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Specifically, it creates a STEM Action Board and Action Center.

ACTION: This bill was already previously voted on as a **HIGH-PRIORITY SUPPORT** status.

SB 169: Education Task Force (Sen. Reid)

This bill creates the Education Task Force; provides for membership of the task force and compensation for members; and specifies duties and responsibilities of the task force. Several members agreed. Richard Nelson to review and come back with more information on where it fits with UTC's priorities.

MOTION: David Glod made the motion to take a Support position on this bill. Clark Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 71: Results-based Financing for Early Childhood Education (Sen. Osmond)

This bill creates the Results-based Early Education Board, which may enter into certain contracts with private investors to provide funding for early childhood education programs for at-risk students.

ACTION: The Forum requested Richard Nelson to research more about this bill before UTC takes a stance on the subject.

SB 171: Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Electronic Financial Payment Services (Sen. Stephenson)

Judy Young reported back to the Forum that this bill is a business attractant and friendly bill.

ACTION: After Judy Young reported her research back to the Forum, the Forum decided to Monitor the bill until further discussion.

SB 100: Higher Education Scholarship Amendments (Sen. Stevenson, J)

This bill allows the Board of Regents to assign additional weights to grades earned in International Baccalaureate program courses in determining scholarship eligibility in the Regents' Scholarship Program; beginning July 1, 2012, changes the requirement for a student receiving a New Century scholarship or an Exemplary Academic Achievement award under the Regents' Scholarship Program to; register for at least 15 credit hours per semester and maintain a 3.3 GPA; this bill also exempts the Board of Regents from verifying lawful presence of certain scholarship applicants.

MOTION: Rich Nelson made a motion to take a Support position on the bill. Motion was seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed unanimously.

HB 59: School Board Elections Provisions (Rep. Nielson)

The Forum had previously voted just for opposition of the bill, until they discussed it further today.

MOTION: Terry Bagley made the motion to move to a **HIGH-PRIORITY OPPOSE** position on the bill. Soozie Redkey seconded the motion. Motion passed with one "No" vote by David Glod.

HB 234: Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Fine and Penalty Amendments (Rep. Greene)

This bill repeals a fine and penalty for conduction certain business activities after a suspension or forfeiture of certain business rights for failure to pay a tax, and makes technical and conforming changes.

ACTION: The Forum assigned Kimmy Bramble to research the bill and report back to the Forum.

CALL TO ACTION- HB 139: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Action Center

Stan Lockhart has put together a letter to send out to legislators to help actively advance the cause of HB 139. We are asking to find companies that will endorse this letter, in addition to UTC, so that we can help make a difference in this bill that we have placed on a **HIGH-PRIORITY SUPPORT** status.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.