

MINUTES OF UTC PUBLIC POLICY FORUM MEETING

February 22, 2013 – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Utah Technology Council – Conference Room

Terry Bagley and Chet Linton, Co-Chairs

Those in attendance were: Chet Linton of School Development Network; Terry Bagley of Centershift; Stan Lockhart of IM Flash Technologies; Lex Watterson of Executech; Maure Baker of Certiport; Vern Rice of Workman Nydegger; Norm LeClair and Joyce Peters of Hill Air Force Base; Sara Baldwin of Utah Clean Energy; Ernie Carey of UVU; Greg Sutherland of U.S. Senator Mike Lee's Office; Jeff Rogers and Kimmy Naylor of Paul Rogers and Associates; Judy Young and Richard Nelson of the Utah Technology Council.

Chet Linton conducted the meeting.

Review of Bill List for 2013 Legislative Session (Jeff Rogers):

SB 79: Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program (Sen. Stephenson)

This bill specifies eligibility requirements for participating in the pilot program and additional factors that may be considered; requires the State Board of Education to select a consultant, through a request for proposals process, to provide consulting services to the board on the pilot program and to assist school districts and charter schools in designing and implementing educational models that meet the requirements of the Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program.

ACTION: The committee asked Chet Linton to research this bill further before they take a position.

SB 110: School-based Budgeting Amendments (Sen. Stephenson):

This bill requires a school district to distribute certain revenues to schools in accordance with a weighted student formula and requires a principal to determine how to use revenues available to the school to meet students' needs.

MOTION: The Forum requested Chet Linton to research this topic and report back to the committee. After his report the Forum decided this bill helps create flexibility in schools and equity for students. Chet Linton motioned to have a Support position on the bill. Richard Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 151: Authorization of Charter Schools by Higher Education Institutions (Sen. Adams):

This bill removes the requirement to obtain the approval of the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees before a campus board of directors enters into an agreement authorizing an individual or not-for-profit entity to establish and operate a charter school; allows a campus board of directors of a college campus within the Utah College of Applied Technology to establish procedures and criteria related to charter school applications.

MOTION: UTC was previously monitoring this bill and Terry Bagley brought it up for discussion. Terry motioned after further research of the bill to have a Support position. Rich Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

MOTION: Previously, the Forum had voted on a Support Position on the bill. After further discussion, Chet Linton motioned to move the bill from Support to a **HIGH-PRIORITY SUPPORT** Position. Motion was seconded by Sara Baldwin. Motion passed unanimously.

SB 175: Assessment of College Readiness (Sen. Stephenson):

This bill modifies provisions regarding the assessment of high school students' college readiness. This bill eliminates the UBSCT which costs 1.5 million to administer and replaces it with a college readiness assessment to be adopted by the State Board of Education.

MOTION: Richard Nelson motioned to take a Support position on the bill. The motion was seconded by Chet Linton. Motion passed unanimously with further briefing on the issue from Ernie Carey to come.

HB 96: Cleaner Burning Fuels Tax Credits Amendments (Rep. Draxler):

This bill defines terms; modifies eligibility requirements to claim tax credits for cleaner burning fuels; extends corporate and individual income tax credits for cleaner burning fuels until the end of taxable year 2018.

ACTION: The committee assigned Sara Baldwin to research this bill further before a position be made by the UTC.

HB 206: Internet Safety for Public Schools (Rep. Hutchings):

This bill modifies provisions relating to Internet safety policies for public schools.

ACTION: The Forum decided to Monitor this bill until further discussion.

HB 318: Classroom Size Revisions (Rep. Edwards):

This bill limits the number of students who may be assigned to a teacher who teaches a core curriculum course in kindergarten through grade 3, unless a paraprofessional is assigned to the teacher's class for the duration of the core curriculum course; establishes qualifications for a paraprofessional assigned to a class that exceeds the maximum class size requirement; and provides that a school district or charter school is eligible to receive money appropriated for class size reduction, if the school district or charter school complies with requirements to limit class size in kindergarten through grade 3 or assign a paraprofessional to a class that exceeds the maximum class size.

ACTION: The forum concluded to Monitor this bill until further discussion.

SB 221: Assessment Area Acts Amendments- Sen. Van Tassell (Sara Baldwin):

Sara Baldwin presented SB 221 to the Forum today. This bill authorizes an interlocal entity to issue a bond for an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system; defines terms; requires that an assessment area

for an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system be a voluntary assessment area; exempts an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system voluntary assessment area from certain contract bid requirements; amends provisions governing assessment levy limits and costs; authorizes a local entity to levy an assessment against property owned by the federal government or a public agency in certain circumstances; amends provisions authorizing installment payments for an assessment; authorizes a county to provide or finance an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system; authorizes a local district to provide an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system; authorizes a special service district to provide an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system; authorizes a military installation development authority to provide an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system; and makes technical corrections.

MOTION: Stan Lockhart motion to take a Support position on the bill. The motion was seconded by Richard Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: UTC supported this bill in 2010.

Meeting adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

On March 1, there will be a National STEM expert up on Capitol Hill to engage legislators in a STEM Discussion. We would like to see as much support as we can whereas this is one of our **HIGH-PRIORITY SUPPORT** bills.

CALL TO ACTION:

- Thursday, February 28:
 - Industry Breakfast with Legislative Leadership (7:15 to 8:30 a.m.)
 - Public Policy Forum (8:45 to 9:45 a.m.)
- Friday, March 1:
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