

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:40 p.m. on February 24, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Schodorf (excused)

Committee staff present: Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, State Board of Education
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes

Others attending: See Attached List

School District Budget Task Force

Chairman Umbarger introduced Dale Dennis to give the Committee a briefing on the School District Budget Task Force Report. The Task Force was created by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee, subject to the approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council. Dale explained the Task Force's responses and recommendations for each of the charges given to the Task Force. A copy of the report is ([Attachment 1](#)). Dale provided a profile showing the changes the Task Force recommended for the school budget. ([Attachment 2](#))

Proposed Substitute for SB83--School district budgets

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, briefed the Committee on the proposed **Substitute for SB83** on how it relates to the recommendations of the Task Force. ([Attachment 3](#)) Senator Vratil suggested that Section 19 needed to be more specific in that school districts are authorized to carry forward, from one budget year to the next, unexpended funds except for the general fund and supplemental general funds. Senator Bunten would like to go through each item individually to see what they are since there are substantial changes. Chairman Umbarger recommended members of the Committee study the bill for further action.

Senator Downey made a motion to approve the minutes for February 17, 18, 19 and 20. Seconded by Senator Oleen. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 123-S.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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