

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

January 27, 2004

11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Carl Gatto, Chair
Representative Paul Seaton, Vice Chair
Representative Dan Ogg
Representative Peggy Wilson
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative Les Gara
Representative Mary Kapsner

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

- ASSIGNED TO SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

"An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

- ASSIGNED TO SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

"An Act requiring an annual inflation adjustment of the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

- ASSIGNED TO SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 361

"An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Education and Early Development for distribution to school districts for direct classroom instruction; and providing for an effective date."

- ASSIGNED TO SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

"An Act requiring an annual adjustment of the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

- ASSIGNED TO SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 333

"An Act relating to an endowment for public education; and providing for an effective date."

- BILL HEARING POSTPONED

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 26

SHORT TITLE: INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING

REPRESENTATIVE(S): STEVENS

01/21/03	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED (1/10/03)
01/21/03	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/21/03	(H)	EDU, HES, FIN
02/04/03	(H)	EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124
02/04/03	(H)	-- Meeting Canceled --
02/06/03	(H)	EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124
02/06/03	(H)	Heard & Held
02/06/03	(H)	MINUTE(EDU)
04/03/03	(H)	EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124
04/03/03	(H)	Scheduled But Not Heard
04/16/03	(H)	EDU AT 7:00 AM CAPITOL 124
04/16/03	(H)	<Subcommittee assigned>
04/17/03	(H)	EDU AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 106
04/17/03	(H)	Subcommittee Meeting
01/27/04	(H)	EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124

BILL: HB 220

SHORT TITLE: INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING

REPRESENTATIVE(S): GARA

03/28/03	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/28/03	(H)	EDU, HES, FIN
04/16/03	(H)	EDU AT 7:00 AM CAPITOL 124
04/16/03	(H)	<Subcommittee assigned>
04/17/03	(H)	EDU AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 106

04/17/03 (H) Subcommittee Meeting
01/27/04 (H) EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124

BILL: HB 222

SHORT TITLE: FOUNDATION FORMULA INFLATION ADJUSTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE(s): KAPSNER

03/28/03 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/28/03 (H) EDU, HES, FIN
04/16/03 (H) EDU AT 7:00 AM CAPITOL 124
04/16/03 (H) <Subcommittee assigned>
04/17/03 (H) EDU AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 106
04/17/03 (H) Subcommittee Meeting
01/27/04 (H) EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124

BILL: HB 361

SHORT TITLE: APPROP: CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION GRANTS
REPRESENTATIVE(s): CROFT, ANDERSON

01/12/04 (H) PREFILE RELEASED 1/2/04
01/12/04 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/12/04 (H) EDU, HES, FIN
01/27/04 (H) EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124

BILL: HB 265

SHORT TITLE: ANNUALLY INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING
REPRESENTATIVE(s): OGG

04/14/03 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/14/03 (H) EDU, HES, FIN
05/13/03 (H) EDU AT 5:15 PM CAPITOL 124
05/13/03 (H) -- Meeting Canceled --
01/27/04 (H) EDU AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 124

WITNESS REGISTER

No witnesses to record

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 04-03, SIDE A

Number 0001

CHAIR CARL GATTO called the House Special Committee on Education meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Representatives Gatto, Seaton, Wilson, Ogg, Wolf, Gara, and Kapsner were present at the call to order.

HB 26-INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING
HB 220-INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING
HB 222-FOUNDATION FORMULA INFLATION ADJUSTMENT
HB 361-APPROP: CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION GRANTS
HB 265-ANNUALLY INCREASE EDUCATION FUNDING

Number 0066

CHAIR GATTO announced his intention to assign HB 26, HB 220, HB 222, HB 361, and HB 265 to a subcommittee which can combine the best features of each of these education funding bills into a single bill. Chair Gatto reminded the members that this is the same process the committee used last session. He appointed the following members to the subcommittee: Representatives Ogg, Seaton, and Gara. Representative Ogg was appointed the chair of the subcommittee.

Number 0265

REPRESENTATIVE GARA asked Chair Gatto if Senator Wagoner's bill would be considered in subcommittee. He commented that he also has a base student allocation bill.

CHAIR GATTO acknowledged that there are many bills to consider. He offered that the subcommittee could take additional information from other legislation; however, these are the bills before the House Special Committee on Education. Chair Gatto reiterated his intention that the subcommittee will create one bill so that there are not competing [education funding] bills, and therefore the whole committee can work toward that bill's passage.

REPRESENTATIVE GARA said for the record that his bill, HB 220, was a reasonable bill for last year; however, there has been another year of inflation.

Number 361

REPRESENTATIVE OGG told the members that his intention is to have the first subcommittee meeting next Tuesday [February 3, 2004]. The first 15 minutes of the subcommittee meeting will include discussion among the subcommittee members and the remainder of the meeting will be a public hearing, he announced. He asked whether the subcommittee could meet during the House Special Committee on Education's normal time.

CHAIR GATTO agreed to have the subcommittee meetings scheduled during the timeframe the House Special Committee on Education normally meets. He related that he would hope that the subcommittee would bring back a bill and then [the House Special Committee on Education] would take public testimony.

ADJOURNMENT

Number 0464

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Education meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.