

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**JOINT MEETING**  
**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**  
**SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**  
January 22, 2004  
1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

HOUSE EDUCATION

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

SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Senator Fred Dyson, Chair  
Senator Gretchen Guess

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

HOUSE EDUCATION

Representative Kelly Wolf

SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Senator Lyda Green, Vice Chair  
Senator Gary Wilken  
Senator Bettye Davis

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

Charter School Authority and Options Presented by Todd Ziebarth  
A Policy Analyst with Augenblick, Palaich and Associates in  
Denver, CO

**TAPES**

04-1, SIDE(S) A & B [HOUSE EDU TAPE]  
04-2, SIDE(S) A

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

**CHAIR CARL GATTO** convened the joint meeting of the House Special Committee on Education and the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee at 1:00 p.m.

TODD ZIEBARTH, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, explained what the Education Commission of the States (ECS) is as well as ECS's project on charter schools. He discussed two paths of reform, alternative authorizers of charter schools, and ways in which to create alternative authorizers. Mr. Ziebarth also discussed the policy questions regarding alternative authorizers as well as the question of how to fund alternative authorizers. Mr. Ziebarth addressed questions regarding funding, university sponsors, individual education programs (IEP), the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the impact of charter schools on the community, the "cream of the crop" argument, and the reason for multiple authorizers.

Discussion and comments were provided from the following individuals:

KATHY JUSTUS(PH), Village Charter School;  
TERRI AUSTIN, Alaska Charter School Association;  
MICHELE HAIBROOKS, Chinook Montessori Charter School;  
CAPRICE LARIMER-MUSTY, Village Charter School;  
DOUG HARELSON(PH);  
META BAXTER, Village Charter School;  
LINDA SHARP, Village Charter School;  
ANNIE KEEP-BARNES, Star of the North Charter;  
PAT SHELTON, Family Partnership;  
LARRY NAUNTA(PH)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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