

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

April 30, 2007

1:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bettye Davis, Chair
Senator Joe Thomas, Vice Chair
Senator John Cowdery
Senator Kim Elton
Senator Fred Dyson

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Representative Mark Neuman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

"An Act relating to the vocational education account and appropriations from that account; and providing for an effective date."

MOVED HB 2 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 2

SHORT TITLE: VOCATIONAL EDUC ACCOUNT

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) NEUMAN

01/16/07	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/5/07
01/16/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/16/07	(H)	HES, FIN
03/15/07	(H)	HES AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 106
03/15/07	(H)	Moved Out of Committee
03/15/07	(H)	MINUTE(HES)
03/16/07	(H)	HES RPT 4DP 1NR 2AM
03/16/07	(H)	DP: NEUMAN, FAIRCLOUGH, SEATON, ROSES
03/16/07	(H)	NR: GARDNER
03/16/07	(H)	AM: CISSNA, WILSON
03/29/07	(H)	FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
03/29/07	(H)	Moved Out of Committee

03/29/07 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
03/30/07 (H) FIN RPT 8DP 2NR
03/30/07 (H) DP: FOSTER, STOLTZE, CRAWFORD, NELSON,
JOULE, THOMAS, MEYER, CHENAULT
03/30/07 (H) NR: HAWKER, KELLY
04/18/07 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
04/18/07 (H) VERSION: HB 2
04/20/07 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/20/07 (S) HES, FIN

WITNESS REGISTER

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POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of HB 2.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR BETTYE DAVIS called the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee meeting to order at [1:31:19 PM](#). All members were present at the call to order.

HB 2-VOCATIONAL EDUC ACCOUNT

[1:32:09 PM](#)

CHAIR BETTYE DAVIS announced HB 2 to be up for consideration.

REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN, sponsor of HB 2, said that the bill will create an education funding account that will allow private industry to put money towards vocational education.

CHAIR DAVIS asked if there were any questions, and if the sponsor had any more to say about the bill.

[1:33:18 PM](#)

SENATOR THOMAS asked for a definition of regional educational attendance areas as referenced in the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN replied that the regions are organized units within unorganized parts of the state. The bill is three years in the making and stays within the guidelines of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act so that children can get technical educations while staying within the parameters of NCLB. The bill will bring in upwards of \$10 million a year for vocational education; the commissioner of labor will watch over quality

standards, and people will be able to submit applications for teaching such programs in rural areas.

CHAIR DAVIS interjected that the committee is in support of the bill, and she asked for a motion.

[1:36:03 PM](#)

SENATOR DYSON made a motion to move HB 2 from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s). There being no objection, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at [1:36:27 PM](#).