

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-Sixth Session
May 10, 2011**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chairwoman Debbie Smith at 12:43 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/76th2011/committees/. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Chairwoman
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Paul Aizley
Assemblyman Kelvin Atkinson
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman John Hambrick
Assemblyman Crescent Hardy
Assemblyman Pat Hickey
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan
Assemblyman Randy Kirner
Assemblywoman April Mastroluca
Assemblyman John Ocegüera

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Combs, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Mike Chapman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Julie Waller, Program Analyst
Connie Davis, Committee Secretary
Cynthia Wyett, Committee Assistant

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Assembly Bill 568: Ensures sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2011-2013 biennium. (BDR S-1292)

Chairwoman Smith opened the hearing on A.B. 568 and asked Julie Waller, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, to provide an overview of the bill.

Ms. Waller provided the following information concerning A.B. 568, the funding bill for K-12 public education for the 2011-2013 biennium:

Section 1 established the basic support guarantee for operating purposes of \$5,542 per pupil for fiscal year 2012.

Section 2 established the basic support guarantee for operating purposes of \$5,655 per pupil for fiscal year 2013.

Additionally, using the equity allocation model, Sections 1 and 2 reflected the per-pupil basic support guarantee over the biennium for each school district.

Section 3 established the basic support guarantee for each special education program unit at \$39,768 per unit for each year of the 2011-2013 biennium. The total funding available for the 3,049 units appropriated each year of the biennium was \$121,252,632.

Section 3, subsection 4 authorized the State Board of Education to transfer \$162,476 in fiscal year 2012 and \$166,321 in fiscal year 2013 for instructional programs incorporating educational technology for gifted and talented pupils.

Section 4 authorized an appropriation from the State General Fund to the State Distributive School Account of \$1,370,184,914 for fiscal year 2012 and \$1,399,947,063 for fiscal year 2013.

Section 5 authorized expenditures of \$240,078,955 for fiscal year 2012 and \$245,970,854 for fiscal year 2013 of other revenues that supported the State Distributive School Account.

Section 7 authorized the Department of Education to distribute \$17,448,161 in fiscal year 2012 and \$18,214,274 in fiscal year 2013

for the school districts' and the Department of Corrections' adult standard high school diploma programs.

Section 8 authorized the Department of Education to provide \$50,000 to each of the 17 school districts in each fiscal year of the 2011-2013 biennium to support special counseling services for elementary school pupils at risk of failure.

Section 10 provided for funding from the Distributive School Account for the Early Childhood Education Program of \$3,338,875 for each year of the 2011-2013 biennium.

Section 12 authorized the Department of Education to transfer \$128,541 for each year of the 2011-2013 biennium from the Distributive School Account for special transportation costs to school districts.

Section 13 authorized the Department of Education to transfer \$18,798 for each year of the 2011-2013 biennium to pay for the increase of salaries of professional school library media specialists.

Section 15, subsection 2 established the class-size reduction program at a pupil-teacher ratio of 16 pupils per teacher for kindergarten and grades 1 and 2. The pupil-teacher ratio for grade 3 was established at 19 pupils per teacher in each year of the 2011-2013 biennium.

Section 16 authorized the Department of Education to transfer \$143,996,846 from the State Distributive School Account for fiscal year 2012 to be used for class-size reduction to support 2,127 teachers for the class-size reduction program.

Section 17 authorized the Department of Education to transfer \$147,514,695 for the support of class-size reduction in fiscal year 2013 to support not less than 2,144 teachers.

Section 20 appropriated \$7,955,911 for fiscal year 2012 and \$7,563,582 for fiscal year 2013 from the General Fund for the support of Other State Education Programs, a pass-through account that funded programs such as educational technology and career and technical education.

Section 21 appropriated \$32,482,502 for fiscal year 2012 and \$32,978,127 for fiscal year 2013 from the State General Fund to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation.

Section 23 provided that the Department of Education transfer from the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation to certain school districts \$7,601,278 in each year of the 2011-2013 biennium to support educator and administrator training.

Section 26 appropriated \$13,442,796 for fiscal year 2012 and \$15,855,905 for fiscal year 2013 from the General Fund to the Grant Fund for Incentives for Licensed Educational Personnel for the support of the one-fifth of a year of retirement service credit and other financial incentives.

Rick Combs, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, provided the following information concerning the State Supplemental School Support Fund:

The State Supplemental School Support Fund, created by Initiative Petition No. 1 of the 75th Session (2009), provided for the deposit of room tax revenues for distribution to school districts. One of the items approved by the Joint Committee of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance on May 3, 2011, was to use the revenue to offset some of the budget reductions that were made in the Distributive School Account rather than as directed by the language in Initiative Petition No. 1. The language in Section 27 delayed the start for depositing the money as originally intended by Initiative Petition No. 1.

Section 29 provided that the Superintendent of Public Instruction transfer all money credited to the Supplemental School Support Fund on or after July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, to the State Distributive School Account. After the biennium, the transfer of money would again revert to the language in Initiative Petition No. 1.

Chairwoman Smith advised that A.B. 568 was based on the action taken by the Joint Committee of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance on May 3, 2011.

In response to Assemblyman Goicoechea, who asked for information on how much the bill exceeded the Governor's budget, Ms. Waller advised that the total over the biennium was \$714.3 million in additional General Fund.

Hearing no response to her request for further discussion, Chairwoman Smith entertained a motion to do pass A.B. 568.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO DO PASS
A.B. 568.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Goicoechea, Grady,
Hambrick, Hardy, Hickey, and Kirner voted no.)

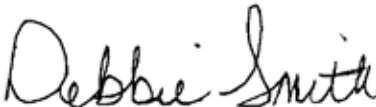
There was no response to Chairwoman Smith's request for public comment.

Chairwoman Smith adjourned the hearing at 1:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Connie Davis
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Chairwoman

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Ways and Means

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Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
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	B		Guest List