



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Finn Andrew Rose, Policy Analyst
Emma Johnsen, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Sen. David P. Hinkins assumed the chair.

Acting Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 121 Educator Background Check Amendments (Lee, T.)

Rep. Trevor Lee presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Keith Grover moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 121 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. 2nd Sub. H.B. 208 Teacher Licensure Amendments (Thurston, N.)

Rep. Norman K. Thurston presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Michael K. McKell moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 208 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 1
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Stevenson

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 82 Public Education Program Modifications (*Pierucci, C.*)

Rep. Pierucci presented the bill with the assistance of Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 82 with Amendment #5. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 4.

Amendment 5
1st Sub. H.B. 0082

1. Page 29, Lines 890b through 890c:

890b (a) if the state board provides 48 hours notice to the local superintendent; and

890c (b) no more than ~~{four}~~ three times per calendar year.←H

2. Page 30, Lines 894a through 895:

894a third party.

(5) (a) Upon request, the state board shall provide the email addresses in Subsection (2) to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) The president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives, by mutual agreement, may jointly email school employees for official communication on behalf of the Legislature relating to the teaching profession or education policy in the state:

(i) if the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives provide 48 hours notice to the local superintendent; and

(ii) no more than three times per calendar year.

(c) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives may not:

(i) use or allow another individual to use a school employee's email address for political activity or for any purpose other than as described in Subsection (5)(b); and

(ii) disclose an email address provided under Subsection (2) to another legislator or a third party.

895 Section 16. Section 53G-7-501 is amended to read:

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 1
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Stevenson

Jim Moss, Chair, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 82 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 202 Student Athlete Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill.

Jeff Hunt, Representative, Utah Media Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 202 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Stevenson

5. H.B. 418 Student Offender Reintegration Amendments (Matthews, A.)

Rep. Ashlee Matthews presented the bill with the assistance of Ben Horsley, Communications and Community Outreach Director, Granite School District.

Jay Blain, Director of Policy and Research, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Zach Young, Sergeant, Unified Police Department, spoke in favor of the bill.

Pamela Vickrey, Executive Director, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys, Salt Lake County, spoke to the bill.

Ben Horsley, Communications and Community Outreach Director, Granite School District, spoke to the bill.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 418 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. John D. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Acting Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 5:53 PM.

NOTE: S.B. 0260 was not discussed in the meeting.