

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**
Friday, March 3, 2017 • 4:10 p.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Absent:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson

Staff Present:

Mr. Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

Chair Millner called the meeting to order 4:10 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-5.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Millner
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. W. Niederhauser

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 223 Elementary School Counselor Program (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason explained the bill.

Ms. Lillian Tsosie-Jensen, Educational Coordinator, State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Linda Hansen, Board Member, State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Julie Scherzinger, President, Utah School Counselors Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Holly Bell, Vice President Elect, Utah School Counselors Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Rhett Larsen, School Counselor, Stansbury High School, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Monique Hadley, President Elect, Utah School Counselors Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Kim Herrera, School Counselor, Tooele County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 223 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-5.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Millner
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. W. Niederhauser

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 249 Higher Education Financial Literacy Amendments (*Spendlove, R.*)

Rep. Spendlove explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 249 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. W. Niederhauser

3. H.B. 414 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Referral Amendments (*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Joel Coleman, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

Ms. Rachel Peterson spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Pamela Mower, Vice President, Utah Association of the Deaf, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Dan Mathis spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass H.B. 414 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Sen. L. Hillyard

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Henderson

4. H.B. 312 Housing Pilot Program for Low-income Students (*Winder, M.*)

Rep. Winder presented the bill with the assistance of Ms. McCall Hopkins, Q3 Student Partners and Mr. Howard Headlee, President, Utah Bankers Association.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass H.B. 312 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. D. Henderson

5. H.B. 231 Educator Evaluation Amendments (*Moss, J.*)

Rep. Ross presented the bill with the assistance of Dr. Sydnee Dixon, Utah State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass H.B. 231 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard

6. H.B. 241 School Accountability Amendments (*Poulson, M.*)

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to replace H.B. 241 with 1st Substitute H.B. 241. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard

Rep. Poulson presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Joe Jensen, Principal, Timpanogos High School and Mr. Steven Hirase, Superintendent, Murray School District.

Ms. LeeAnn Wood, Education Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. David H. Smith, Director, Alpine School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Chelsie Acosta, ESL Teacher, Glendale Middle School, President, Utah Name, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Board Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Caren Burns, 6th Grade Teacher, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Sarah Jones, Director of Educational Excellence and Government Relations, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Brad Asay, President, American Federation of Teachers of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: President Niederhauser moved to table 1st Substitute H.B. 241. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays:

Sen. J. Iwamoto

Abs:

Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.