



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 21, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Adam Robertson

Rep. Steve Waldrip  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Jefferson Moss

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Snow

**1 . H.B. 213 Promotion of Student Loan Forgiveness (*Duckworth, S.*)**

Rep. Susan Duckworth explained the bill with the assistance of Rita Heagren, Vice President of Political Action, American Federation of Teachers Utah.

A handout "Highlights of HB 213: Promotion of Student Loan Forgiveness" was distributed to the committee.

[Highlights of HB 213: Promotion of Student Loan Forgiveness](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to replace H.B. 213 with 1st Substitute H.B. 213. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 213 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 213

1. Page 3, Lines 78 through 83:  
78 additional information about the loan forgiveness program; and  
79 {(b) a detailed fact sheet that:  
80 — (i) describes the loan forgiveness program; and  
81 — (ii) includes a phone number and email address where an individual may report a  
82 violation of this chapter to the division; and }  
83 {(e)} (b) a document that contains answers to frequently asked questions about the loan

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 213 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
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Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 213 as amended on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-11

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Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss

**2 . H.B. 273 School Fees Modifications (*Robertson, A.*)**

Rep. Adam Robertson explained the bill.

A handout "HB 272 Prohibition on School Fees for Curricular Activities" was distributed to the committee.

[HB 273 Prohibition on School Fees for Curricular Activities](#)

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendents Association, Utah School Boards Association, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to hold H.B. 273. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson

**3 . H.B. 248 Education Fund Designation Ratio (*Judkins, M.*)**

Rep. Marsha Judkins explained the bill.

Handouts "Distribution of the Education Fund," "Education Fund in Higher Education" and "Education Fund in Higher Education - Impact of Potential Appropriation Limit" was distributed to the committee.

[Distribution of the Education Fund](#)

David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Howard Stephenson, President, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

A handout "No More Fiscal Wiggle Room" was distributed to the committee.

[No More Fiscal Wiggle Room...](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

- Rep. M. Ballard
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- Rep. L. Perry
- Rep. M. Poulson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. A. Robertson
- Rep. V. Snow
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

- Rep. B. Last
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. V. Peterson

Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.