



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 | 3:40 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner

1 . S.B. 73 Reading Assessment Expansion Amendments (*Stevenson, J.*)

Sen. Stevenson presented the bill with the assistance of Sarah Wiebke, PreK-12 Literacy and Library Media Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education, who answered questions from the committee.

Karen Gregory and JaNeil Oblad, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 73 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. J. Stevenson

2 . S.B. 93 Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (*Hillyard, L.*)

Sen. Hillyard presented the bill with the assistance of Nathan Auck, Early College and STEM Education Specialist, Utah State Board of Education.

A handout was distributed.

[Math and Science Opportunities](#)

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to replace S.B. 93 with 1st Substitute S.B. 93. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nathan Auck further explained the bill.

Terry Shoemaker, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 93 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . S.B. 96 Emerging Technology Talent Initiative (*Millner, A.*)

Sen. Millner presented the bill with the assistance of Damien Patton and Justin Linsey from Banjo.

Kelvyn Cullemore, President, BioUtah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Hart, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.B. 96 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . S.B. 111 Higher Education Amendments (*Millner, A.*)

Sen. Millner presented the bill and answered questions from the committee. A handout was distributed.

[Higher Education Amendments](#)

Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner of Technical Education, Utah System of Technical Colleges, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Woostenhulme, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass S.B. 111 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-7

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0Absent-1

Sen. J. Stevenson

5 . S.B. 104 Local Education Levy State Guarantee Amendments (Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 104 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard

Nays-1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

6 . S.B. 99 School Leadership Development Amendments (Millner, A.)

Sen. Millner presented the bill with the assistance of Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education. A handout was distributed.

[School Leadership Action](#)

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 99 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0Absent-2

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Stevenson

7 . H.J.R. 2 Joint Resolution Recognizing School Bus Drivers (Weight, E.)

Rep. Elizabeth Weight presented the bill and a handout was distributed.

[School Bus Safety Week](#)

Rita Heagren, Vice President, Political Action, American Federation of Teachers, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to pass H.J.R. 2 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0Absent-3

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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-3

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

Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.