



# MINUTES

## SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair  
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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Acting Chair Fillmore called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**1 . S.B. 137 Partnerships for Student Success Program Amendments (Millner, A.)**

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to replace S.B. 137 with 1st Substitute S.B. 137. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Millner explained the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education, responded to questions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 137 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**2 . S.B. 162 Educational Financial Aid for Students with a Criminal Record (Weiler, T.)**

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.B. 162 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**3 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 114 Early Learning Training and Assessment Amendments (Waldrip, S.)**

[Early Learning Training and Assessment HB 114-1](#)

[HB 114 Early Training and Assessments - 2](#)

Rep. Steve Waldrip presented the bill with the assistance of Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education, and handouts were distributed.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 114 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 114. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nicholeen Peck spoke in opposition to the bill.

Elizabeth Garbe, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Donell Pons, parent, educator, spoke in favor of the bill.

Curtis Pons, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Royce Van Tassell, C.S. Lewis Academy Board Chair, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aubrie Shaw, dyslexic student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Phoebe Beacham, Co-Founder, Decoding Dyslexia: Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 114 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-1

Sen. K. Grover

Absent-2

Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**4 . S.B. 136 Healthy Lifestyles Revisions (Riebe, K.)**

Sen. Reibe presented the bill and a handout was distributed.

[SB 136 Healthy Lifestyles Revisions](#)

Merrilee Boyack, Executive Director, Family Watch International, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ashley Weitz, victim advocate, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jennie Earl, Utah State School Board, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Stan E. Weed, Director and C.E.O., Institute for Research and Evaluation, spoke in opposition to the bill and a handout was distributed.

[Institute for Research & Evaluation SB 136](#)

Diane Forster-Burke, Utah Nurses Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Skye Fredericks, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Irene Ericksen, Senior Research Analyst, Institute for Research and Evaluation, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to hold S.B. 136 for interim study. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Acting Chair Fillmore adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.