



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 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. 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. Carol Spackman Moss
- Rep. Jefferson Moss

Staff Present:

- Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
- Steve Benard, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

1 . H.J.R. 13 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - State Board of Education (*Ballard, M.G.*)

Rep. Melissa G. Ballard explained the bill with the assistance of Stan Lockhart.

Tami Pyfer, Education Adviser to Governor Gary Herbert, spoke in favor of the bill.

Carol Lear, Utah State School Board, spoke against the bill.

Chase Clyde, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Spencer Stokes spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to amend H.J.R. 13 with Amendment #1.

Amendment 1
H.J.R. 13

1. Page 1, Line 14:

14 ▸ provide that State Board of Education members shall be {~~elected or~~} appointed as

2. Page 2, Lines 28 through 29:

28 State Board of Education. The membership of the board shall be established, and members of the board shall

29 {~~elected or~~} appointed, as provided by statute. The State Board of Education shall appoint a

Rep. Perry's motion to amend H.J.R 13 with Amendment #1 passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 5.

Yeas-7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow

Nays-1

Rep. C. Watkins

Absent-5

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to hold H.J.R. 13. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. S. Waldrip

2 . H.B. 372 Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Keven J. Stratton explained the bill.

Susan Edwards, Canyons School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Martin Frey spoke in favor of the bill

Melinda Rosevear, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to replace H.B. 372 with 1st Substitute H.B. 372. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
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-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 372 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
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-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss

3 . H.B. 392 Early Warning Program Amendments (*Peterson, V.*)

Rep. Val L. Peterson explained the bill with the assistance of Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education.

Stan Lockhart spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Rich Nye, Superintendent of Ogden School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aspen Florence, Behavior Specialist for Ogden School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 392 with 1st Substitute H.B. 392. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
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-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 392 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
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-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss

4 . S.B. 117 Higher Education Financial Aid Amendments (*Hemmert, D.*)

Sen. Daniel Hemmert explained the bill.

Spencer Jenkins, of the Utah State Board of Regents, spoke in favor of the bill.

Paul Merow, Western Governors University, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass S.B. 117 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

MOTION: Vice-Chair Pulsipher moved to approve the minutes for February 25, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

MOTION: Vice-Chair Pulsipher moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am .