



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, March 6, 2020 | 2:00 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. Kathleen Riebe

Members Absent:

Sen. Ann Millner
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 2:01 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2020 The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

1 . H.B. 376 Dropout Prevention Amendments (Johnson, D.N.)

Rep. Dan Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Jeffrey Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, Utah State Board of Education.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to pass H.B. 376 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

2 . H.B. 256 Student Aid Amendments (Kwan, K.)

Rep. Karen Kwan presented the bill with the assistance of Spencer Jenkins, Utah System of Higher Education.

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

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass H.B. 256 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-2
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . H.B. 289 Public Education Retirement Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Craig Hall presented the bill with the assistance of Jay Blain, Director of Policy and Research, Utah Education Association.

Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems, responded to questions.

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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 289 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-4
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . H.B. 360 Interactive Reading Software Amendments (Waldrip, S.)

Sen. Steve Waldrip presented the bill with the assistance of Todd Call, Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 360 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-4
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

5 . 1st Sub. H.B. 372 Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Keven Stratton presented the bill.

Jay Blain, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Linda Zenger, Digital Citizen Specialist, Utah PTA, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Jessie Mandle, Voices for Utah Children, spoke in favor of the bill.

Vikram Ravi, graduate student, Brigham Young University, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 372 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.