



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 29, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Melissa G. Ballard

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Daniel Ryan, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order 2:05 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. C. Moss moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. E. Weight

1 . H.B. 116 Student Attendance Amendments (Robertson, A.)

Rep. Robertson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Weight moved to pass H.B. 116 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Ballard

2 . S.B. 45 Higher Education Classes for Veterans (Weiler, T.)

Rep. Paul Ray presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to pass S.B. 45 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Ballard

3 . H.B. 222 School Land Trust Program Amendments (Moss, J.)

Rep. J. Moss presented the bill.

Jay Blain, Director of Policy and Research, Utah Education Association (UEA), spoke in favor of the bill.

Angie Stallings, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 222 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. M. Ballard

4 . H.B. 81 Mental Health Days for Students (*Winder, M.*)

Rep. Mike Winder presented the bill.

Jessica Lee, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Horsley, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass H.B. 81 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

5 . H.B. 105 Students with Disabilities Amendments (*Judkins, M.*)

[Add-On Calculation](#)

Rep. Marsha Judkins presented the bill with assistance from Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support, USBE.

Jay Blain, UEA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heather Gardner, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 105 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.