



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 11, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
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. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Christine F. Watkins

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 at 8:01 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

1 . H.B. 302 Preserving Sports for Female Students (Birkeland, K.)

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill with the assistance of Haley Tanne, student, Southern Utah University, Barbara Ehardt, Representative, Idaho House of Representatives, and Whitney Smith, Physical Trainer.

Michael Curtis, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Council, responded to questions from the committee.

Gail Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Troy Williams, Equality Utah, spoke against the bill.

Alison Pray, student, Southern Utah University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Seth Southern, citizen, spoke against the bill.

David Spatafore, Utah High School Activities Association, spoke to the bill.

[UHSAA Handbook Rules on Transgender Participation](#)

Jennifer Plum, MD, spoke against the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Director, Citizens for Strong Families, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marina Lowe, Legal Counsel, ACLU, spoke against the bill.

Chris Wharton, Salt Lake City Council Member, spoke against the bill.

Todd Hougaard, Utah PTA, spoke to the bill.

Josie Jesse, citizen, spoke against the bill.

McKay Jensen, Utah School Boards Association, spoke to the bill.

Heidi Matthews, President, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Joe Rummel, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Lucy Hansen, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Beth Stelzer, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to replace H.B. 302 with 1st Substitute H.B. 302. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-13

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
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. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to adjourn. The motion failed with a vote of 5 - 8 - 2.

Yeas-5

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow

Absent-2

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 302 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 6 - 1.

Yeas-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow

Nays-6

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Absent-1

Rep. C. Watkins

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Weight moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 302. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 5 - 8 - 2.

Yeas-5

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow

Absent-2

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION:

Rep. Pulsipher moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. M. Ballard
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. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.