



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 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. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Adam Robertson  
Rep. Steve Waldrip  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Rep. Elizabeth Weight

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Craig Hall  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Vice Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Waldrip moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-9

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

**1 . H.B. 318 Higher Education Amendments (*Ballard, M.G.*)**

Rep. Ballard presented the bill with the assistance of David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), and Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner, USHE.

**MOTION:** Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 318 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Waldrip moved to place H.B. 318 on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. Waldrip withdrew the motion.

**2 . H.B. 300 Reporting Requirements for Local Education Agencies (*Pulsipher, S.*)**

Rep. Pulsipher presented the bill.

Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kimberly Frank, Utah Charter Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, Utah Schools Superintendents Association and Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to amend H.B. 300 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 300

1. Page 2, Lines 35 through 38:

35 (1) As used in this section, "required report" means a report that statute or state board  
36 rule requires an LEA or the state board to make.

37 (2) (a) The state board shall {develop} work with LEAs to develop a process to review  
38 required reports.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 300 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to place H.B. 300 on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. Robertson withdrew the motion.

**3 . H.B. 279 Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth (*Snow, V. L.*)**

Rep. Snow presented the bill with the assistance of Brett Peterson, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and Nathan Caplin, Dixie State University.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.B. 279 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson

Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.