



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Allyson R. Hicks, Policy Analyst
Rachel Boe, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to approve the minutes from February 10, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-6

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

1 . S.B. 169 School and Institutional Trust Fund Office Amendments (*Wilson, C.*)

Sen. Chris Wilson explained the bill with the assistance of David Damschen, Utah State Treasurer, and Tim Donaldson, Director, Utah Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass S.B. 169 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-6

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

2 . S.B. 175 Special Education Least Restrictive Requirement Amendments (*Anderegg, J.*)

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to replace S.B. 175 with 1st Substitute S.B. 175. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-6

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

Sen. Jacob Anderegg explained the bill with the assistance of Royce Van Tassel, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools and Brad Nelson, Director of Finance/Dev., Spectrum Academy.

Sen. McKell assumed the chair.

Sen. Johnson resumed the chair.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support, State Director of Special Education, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Bryce Day, Director of Special Education, Granite School District, Utah Counsel of Administrators of Special Education, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Esperanza Reyes, Associate Director, Utah Parent Center, spoke in opposition to to the bill.

Matthew Wappett, Executive Director, Utah State University Center for Persons with Disabilities, spoke in opposition to to the bill.

Steven Phelps, parent, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Amber Shill, President, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 175 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to hold 1st Substitute S.B. 175. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 2 - 3 - 2.

Yeas-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. McKell's moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 175 out favorably.

Sen. McKell's original motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 2.

Yeas-3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Nays-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

3 . S.B. 178 Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility (Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore explained the bill.

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

McKay Jensen, Utah School Boards Association, Utah Superintendents Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 178 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

4 . H.B. 42 Education Agency Report Process Amendments (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Susan Pulsipher explained the bill.

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

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

Amber Shill, President, Utah School Boards Association, Joint Legislative Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 42 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

5 . 1st Sub. H.B. 134 Notice of Public Education Reporting Requirement (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Pulsipher explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 134 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner