



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 4:00 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. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
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.

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-7

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

1 . H.B. 323 High Poverty Schools Teacher Bonus Program Amendments (Winder, M.)

Rep. Mike Winder presented the bill with the assistance of Ben Horsley, Director, Communications, Granite School District.

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to replace H.B. 323 with 1st Substitute H.B. 323. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 323 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. S. Waldrip

2 . H.B. 327 School for Civics and Economic Thought and Leadership (*Burton, J.*)

[Department of Civic Thought and Leadership Handout](#)

Rep. Jefferson Burton presented the bill.

Delaine England, history teacher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennie Earl, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Scott Paul, Interim Executive Director, Center of Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brooke Stephens, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Whitney Lee, Neurodiverse Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to hold H.B. 327. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 5.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Absent-5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

3 . H.B. 328 Adult Learners Grant Program (*Snow, V. L.*)

[WGU Handout – Utah Information](#)

Rep. Snow presented the bill with the assistance of Paul Mero, Government Relations, Western Governors University, and Nina Barnes, Vice Chair, Utah System of Higher Education.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to replace H.B. 328 with 1st Substitute H.B. 328. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 328 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson

4 . H.C.R. 15 Concurrent Resolution Emphasizing the Importance of Civics Education (Snow, V. L.)

Rep. Snow presented the bill.

Whitney Lee, Neurodiverse Utah, spoke to the bill.

Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Carol Moss moved to pass H.C.R. 15 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
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-4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

5 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 177 Health Education Amendments (Moss, C.)

[HB 177 Handout](#)

Rep. Carol Moss presented the bill with the assistance of Laurieann Thorpe, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Utah, Deondre Brown, citizen. Jodi Parker, Health Education Specialist, Utah Board of Education, responded to questions from the committee.

Jennie Earl spoke against the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke against the bill.

Brooke Stephens spoke against the bill.

Whitney Lee, Neurodiverse Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicole Bedera, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karee Atkinson, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jenna Lawlor, We Will Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Merrilee Boyack, President, Strengthen Utah Families, spoke against the bill.

Ashley Fredde, We Will Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Britney Herman, citizen, spoke for the bill.

Jill Thackeray, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cheryl Phipps, Health Commissioner, Utah PTA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tiffany Rees, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Aaron Bullen, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Natalie Cline, citizen, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 177 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 177. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
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-4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 177 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 4.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-5

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. C. Watkins

Absent-4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

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

Yeas-10

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. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.