



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 19, 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. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson

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

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Jefferson Moss

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 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-6

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

1 . S.B. 154 Teacher Salary Supplement Program Amendments (Sandall, S.)

Rep. Johnson presented the bill.

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

Jay Blain, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Malia Hite, Educating Licensing Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass S.B. 154 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson

2 . S.B. 145 Military Family Education Amendments (Millner, A.)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass S.B. 145 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson

3 . H.B. 343 School Emergency Drills Amendments (Moss, C.)

Rep. Carol Moss presented the bill.

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

Rhett Larsen, School and Student Safety Specialist, USBE, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass H.B. 343 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 3 - 2.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-3

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow

Absent-2

Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss

4 . S.B. 142 Public Education Funding Amendments (Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

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

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

Jay Blain, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Garbe, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass S.B. 142 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. C. 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-3

Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss

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

Yeas-12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. C. 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-3

Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss

Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting.