



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 23, 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. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Ann Millner

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 8:06 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner

1 . S.B. 184 School Assessment and Accountability Amendments (Riebe, K.)

Sen. Riebe explained the bill with the assistance of Darin Nielson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, Utah State Board of Education.

Sen. McKell assumed the chair.

MOTION: Chair Johnson moved to replace S.B. 184 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 184. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Johnson resumed the chair.

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Hal Sanderson, Director of Research and Assessment, Canyons School District, Utah Association of Assessment Directors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heidi Matthews, President, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 184 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

2 . 1st Sub. H.B. 124 Civics Education Amendments (Johnson, D.N.)

Rep. Dan Johnson explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 124 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

3 . S.B. 211 Child Care Background Check Modifications (Anderegg, J.)

Sen. Jacob Anderegg explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to replace S.B. 211 with 1st Substitute S.B. 211. 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

Johnny Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, ABC Great Beginnings, and Board Member, Utah Private Childcare Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Private Childcare Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 211 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 . 1st Sub. H.B. 182 Educator Hearings Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Craig Hall explained the bill.

Douglas Larson, Director, Policy and Legal Services, Granite School District, spoke to the bill.

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

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Granite School District, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Julie Nelson, Attorney, Zimmerman Booher, spoke to the bill.

Brad Asay, President, Utah Federation of Teachers, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Nelson, Director, Utah Division of Risk Management, spoke to the bill.

Douglas Larson, Director, Policy and Legal Services, Granite School District, spoke to the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, USBA/USSA, Joint Legislative Council, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 182 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 182. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

5 . S.B. 219 Truancy Enforcement Moratorium (McCay, D.)

Sen. Daniel McCay explained the bill.

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.B. 219 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. 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