



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 | 4:00 p.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. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson

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

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last

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 4:01 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

1 . H.B. 369 School Bus Inspection Amendments (*Musselman, C.R.*)

Rep. Calvin Musselman presented the bill with the assistance of Janelle Hulbert, citizen.

Amanda Davis, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Horsley, Communications and Community Outreach Director, Granite School District, spoke to the bill.

Brad Asay, President, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) of Utah, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to pass H.B. 369 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 3 - 1.

Yeas-11

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

Nays-3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. C. Watkins

Absent-1

Rep. B. Last

2 . H.B. 381 Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program (Moss, J.)

Rep. J. Moss presented the bill with the assistance of Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), and Kim Herrera, School Counseling Programs Specialist, USBE.

[Grow Your Own Teacher Handout](#)

[USCA Supports HB381](#)

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

Reid Newey, Superintendent, Davis School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Sara Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rich Nye, Superintendent, Ogden School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Ray Reutzel, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Parker Fawson, Director, Center of the School of the Future, Utah State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 381 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. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0Absent-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. S. Waldrip

3 . S.B. 136 Higher Education Scholarships Amendments (Owens, D.)

Sen. Derrin Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Spencer Jenkins, Utah System of Higher Education.

Lexi Cunningham, USSA and USBA, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass S.B. 136 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. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher

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

Rep. Jefferson Burton presented the bill with the assistance of Scott Paul, Interim Director and Executive Director, Center of Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University.

Brad Asay, AFT, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to replace H.B. 327 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 327. 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. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 327 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 3.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays-3

Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. E. Weight

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. 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. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.