



# MINUTES

## SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 4:00 p.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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes from February 23, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-3

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

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

### 1 . S.B. 148 Public Education Modifications (*Grover, K.*)

Sen. Keith Grover explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to replace S.B. 148 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 148. 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

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 148 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 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 318 Higher Education Amendments (*Ballard, M.G.*)

Rep. Melissa Ballard explained the bill with the assistance of Geoff Landward, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah Board of Higher Education.

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

Jeff Hunt, Utah Media Coalition, spoke to the bill.

Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 318 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

Sen. McKell assumed the chair.

**3 . S.B. 226 Online Education Program Revisions (*Johnson, J.*)**

Sen. Johnson explained the bill with the assistance of Howard Stephenson, former senator.

**MOTION:** Chair Johnson moved to replace S.B. 226 with 1st Substitute S.B. 226. 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

Robyn Bagley, President, Rethink Education Consulting, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ryan Hansen, Director of Digital Learning, Davis School District, spoke to the bill.

Jennifer Throndsen, Director, Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 226 out favorably. The 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

Sen. Johnson resumed the chair.

**4 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 258 Firearm Safety in Schools (*Shipp, R.P.*)**

Rep. Rex Shipp explained the bill.

Rita Heagren, American Federation of Teachers Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Olivia Dawn, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Jay Blain, Utah Education Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jeff Van Hulten, Director, Public Affairs, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Kitchen moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-4  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-1  
Sen. J. Johnson

Absent-2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**5 . H.B. 279 Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth (Snow, V. L.)**

Rep. V. Lowry Snow explained the bill with the assistance of Nate Caplin, PhD Student, University of Southern California, and Brett Peterson, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 279 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

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

Rep. Snow explained the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to pass H.C.R. 15 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

**7 . 1st Sub. H.B. 182 Educator Hearings Amendments (Hall, C.)**

Rep. Craig Hall explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 182 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 182. 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

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to amend 2nd Substitute H.B. 182 with Amendment #1.  
Amendment 1  
2nd Sub. H.B. 182

1. Page 2, Lines 52 through 53:

(4) All hearings shall be recorded at the school board's expense.

52 {~~(4)~~} (5) (a) Any final action or order of the school board may be appealed to the Court of  
53 Appeals for review.

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

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

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

Laura Stallings, citizen, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 182 out favorably, as amended. 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

**MOTION:** Sen. Kitchen moved to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. 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