



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 26, 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. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

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 8:05 a.m.

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

Sen. Kathleen Riebe explained the bill.

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 323 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

2 . S.B. 234 Statewide Online Education Program Amendments (*Cullimore, K. A.*)

Sen. Kirk Cullimore explained the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, Utah School Superintendents Association and Utah School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Howard Stephenson, former senator, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.B. 234 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 2.

Yeas-3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes from February 24, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

3 . H.B. 300 Reporting Requirements for Local Education Agencies (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Susan Pulsipher explained the bill with the assistance of Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator, Canyons School District, and Rick Nielson, Superintendent, Nebo School District.

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

Kimberly Frank, Utah Charter Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass H.B. 300 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

4 . H.B. 233 Education Immunization Modifications (*Strong M.A.*)

Rep. Mark Strong explained the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass H.B. 233 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to adjourn at 9:16 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell