



DRAFT MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 1, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Michael K. McKell

Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

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 4:08 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to approve the minutes from February 26, 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 . H.B. 278 Name Change Process for Dixie State University (*Miles, K.*)

Rep. Kelly Miles explained the bill with the assistant of Biff Williams, President, Dixie State University, Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah Board of Higher Education, and Penny Mills, Student Body President, Dixie State University.

[Dixie State letter](#)

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to replace H.B. 278 with 1st Substitute H.B. 278. 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

Morgan Olsen, student, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

James Kener, recruiter, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Guillem Bazan, student, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Deven Osborne, student, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Candyce Damron, Student Member, Utah Board of Higher Education, spoke to the bill.

Sioni Siaki, student, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tim Anderson, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Troy Blanchard, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

David Clark, Chair, Dixie State Board of Trustees, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sharen Snow, alumna, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Canton Voss, former student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Grant Bess, resident, St. George, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeanetta Williams, President, NAACP Nevada/Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gregory Layton, alumnus, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kevin Lewis, Tourism Director, Washington County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Dahlberg, alumna, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Megan Church, alumna, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rick Atkin, alumnus, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aaron Evans, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristy Pike, resident, St. George, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terri Draper, Director of Communications, Telehealth, Outreach, Clinical Shared Services and Southern Hospitals, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kyle Wells, Dean, College of Business, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jill Wulfenstein, alumna, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kiara Parham, student, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stacy Schmidt, alumna, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Julie Beck, Board of Trustees, Dixie State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Charles Hardy, former resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Daemon Basile, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Summer Simkins, student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bailee Basile, student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Leanne Lechtenberg, alumna, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Greg Brooks, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kimball Willard, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sen. McKell assumed the chair.

Richard LeBaron, alumni, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Cody Allen, student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sen. Johnson resumed the chair.

Natalie Drake, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Andrew Basile, student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tamie Shakespeare, student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Michael Anderson, resident, St. George, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Barry Snow, student, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Janet Campbell, faculty, Dixie State University, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 278 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 0.

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-1

Sen. J. Johnson

Absent-0

2 . S.B. 163 Campus Safety Amendments (Iwamoto, J.)

Sen. Jani Iwamoto explained the bill with the assistance of Spencer Jenkins, Chief Student Affairs Officer, Utah Board of Education, Candyce Stamron, student member, Utah Board of Higher Education, Devon Cantwell, graduate student, and Rebecca Hardenbrook, PhD student.

MOTION: Sen. Kitchen moved to replace S.B. 163 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 163. 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

Rehana Baksh, policy intern, YWCA Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to hold 2nd Substitute S.B. 163.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 163 out favorably. The substitute 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

3 . S.B. 244 Student Religious Accommodations Amendments (*Kennedy, M.*)

Sen. Michael Kennedy explained the bill.

Nicholene Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Grant Bess, resident, St. George, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass S.B. 244 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

4 . 3rd Sub. H.B. 327 Civic Thought and Leadership Initiative (*Burton, J.*)

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to amend 3rd Substitute H.B. 327 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
3rd Sub. H.B. 327

1. Page 2, Lines 40 through 42:

40 (1) The university shall establish the Civic Thought and Leadership Initiative within
41 the Center for Constitutional Studies to facilitate nonpartisan political discussion and provide civic
42 education and research.

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

Rep. Jefferson Burton explained the bill.

Scott Paul, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, spoke to the bill.

Grant Bess, resident, St. George, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 327 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

5 . H.B. 337 Child Mental Health Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

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Rep. Steve Eliason explained the bill with the assistance of Rebecca Dutton, President/CEO, the Children's Center.

Alyse Loomis, Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennifer Mitchell, Vice President, Clinical Strategy, the Children's Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass H.B. 337 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.B. 340 Mathematics and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 340 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 . H.B. 372 Start Smart Utah Breakfast Program Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)

Sen. McKell assumed the chair

Rep. Dan Johnson explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 372 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

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

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Rep. Jefferson Moss explained the bill with the assistance of Jennifer Throndsen, Director, Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education.

Allison Riddle, Mentoring Supervisor, Davis School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

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

Linda Hanks, president elect, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 381 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

9 . 1st Sub. H.B. 391 Apprenticeship Nomenclature Act (*Winder, M.*)

Rep. Winder explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 391 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

10 . S.B. 242 Alternative Education Tax Credit Amendments (*Johnson, J.*)

Sen. Johnson explained the bill.

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

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

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 242 out favorably.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 3 - 2.

Yeas-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays-3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 242 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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn at 7:09 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