



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | 3:40 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

Sen. Michael K. McKell

Staff Present:

Alex R. Janak, Managing Policy Analyst
Katie Wyant-Stein, 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 3:43 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

1. S.B. 145 Reading Competency Benchmark Assessment (Stevenson, J.)

[Early Literacy Initiative Handout](#)

[Improving Reading Wasatch County School District Handout](#)

Sen. Stevenson presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.B. 145 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

2. S.B. 127 Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement (Millner, A.)

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to replace S.B. 127 with 1st Substitute S.B. 127. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

Paul Sweat, Superintendent, Wasatch County School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Riebe spoke in favor of the bill.

Karee Atkinson, President, Decoding Dyslexia Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mike Atkinson spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennie Earl, Board Member, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Elisabeth Garbe, Senior Director, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Donell Pons spoke in favor of the bill.

Curtis Pons spoke in favor of the bill.

Parker Fawson, Professor of Early Education, Utah State University, and Director, Center for School of the Future, spoke in favor of the bill.

Linda Hanks, President, Utah School Board Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ray Reutzler, Senior Fellow and Professor, Center for School of the Future, Utah State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

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

Trent Kaufman, CEO, Cicero Group and Education Direction, spoke in favor of the bill.

Christina Boggess spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 127 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

3. S.J.R. 6 Joint Resolution Promoting the 3rs Framework of Rights, Responsibility, and Respect in Classrooms (Owens, D.)

Rep. Owens presented the bill.

Eleesha Tucker, Director, Utah 3Rs Project, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Riebe spoke in favor of the bill.

Randall Paul, President, Foundation for Religious Diplomacy, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.J.R. 6 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

4. S.B. 134 Special Education Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to replace S.B. 134 with 1st Substitute S.B. 134. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

Sen. Bramble presented the bill.

Dr. David Forbush, Associate Director, Center for School of the Future, Utah State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chair Johnson spoke in favor of the bill.

Oakley Peterson spoke in favor of the bill.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Summer Adamson spoke in favor of the bill.

Payne Herbert spoke in favor of the bill

Amelia Adamson spoke in favor of the bill.

Arebella Rossberg spoke in favor of the bill.

Nevaya Standing spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Bryce Day, Director, Granite School District, Utah Council of Administrators of Special Education, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Karen Conder, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Aaron Peterson, Director, Special Education Director Program, South Sanpete School District, spoke to the bill.

Neil Stevens spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 134 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson

Nays - 1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.