



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 7, 2022 | 3:40 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Makelle Winger, 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 assumed the chair.

Vice Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order at 3:55:40 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Val Peterson moved to approve the minutes for February 2, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 294 Charter School Admissions Amendments (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Val Peterson assumed the chair.

Vice Chair Pulsipher presented the bill.

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

Caleb Woody, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to pass H.B. 294 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. E. Weight

Rep. B. Last
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Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
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Rep. C. Watkins

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair.

2. H.B. 270 Parent Access to School Data Comparison (*Peterson, K.*)

Rep. Karen Peterson presented the bill, shared a presentation, and responded to questions.

[HB270 School Data Comparison](#)

Briget Gerrard, President Elect, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

France Barral, Education Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Royce Van Tassell spoke in favor of the bill.

Jay Blain, Director, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Caleb Woody spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to amend H.B. 270 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Amendment 2 H.B. 270

1. Page 1, Lines 8 through 14:

8 General Description:

9 This bill requires the Utah State Board of Education to provide an online school
10 comparison tool to facilitate parent access to compare public school performance.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires the Utah State Board of Education to provide an online school comparison
14 tool to facilitate parent access to compare public school performance.

2. Page 1, Line 26 through Page 2, Line 31:

26 (1) Parents have the right to compare public school performance in a given area.

27 (2) The state board shall provide an online tool that allows parents to:

28 (a) search for public schools within a given radius of a specific location or within the
29 boundaries of a school district; and

30 (b) view a side-by-side comparison of data related to the public schools in the area described in
31 Subsection (2)(a), including the indicators required in Subsection 53E-5-211(1).

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass H.B. 270 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
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Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 4:25:32 PM.