



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Steve Waldrip

Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Mike Schultz

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.

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 8:04:00 AM.

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

Yeas - 7

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. E. Weight

1. H.B. 211 School Fees Amendments (Robertson, A.)

Rep. Robertson presented the bill with a presentation and responded to questions from the committee.

[HB211 School Fees Amendments Presentation](#)

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Mark Huntsman, Chair, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, Utah School Superintendents Association and Utah School Boards Association, commented on the bill.

Kendra Seeley, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to replace H.B. 211 with 1st Substitute H.B. 211. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 211 with Amendment #1 and had further discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 211

1. Page 21, Lines 627 through 631:

627 (3) [(a)] Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, an LEA[~~:(i) except as provided in~~
628 Subsection (3)(a)(ii),] may not sell textbooks to students or otherwise charge students a fee for textbooks [or
629 the
629 maintenance costs of school equipment; and (ii) may only charge a fee for a textbook required
630 for an Advanced Placement or, as described in Section 53E-10-302, a concurrent enrollment
631 course].

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 211 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

2. H.B. 290 School Readiness Amendments (Peterson, K.)

Rep. Karen Peterson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to amend H.B. 290 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
H.B. 290

1. Page 4, Line 120 through Page 5, Line 124:

120 (c) ongoing assessment of a student's educational growth and [developmental]

121 development that:

122 (i) is ~~{based on}~~ aligned to the Utah core standards for preschool that the State Board of Education

123 adopts; and

124 (ii) evaluates student progress to inform instruction;

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.B. 290 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair.

3. H.B. 265 Charter School Agreements and Renewals (Snow, V. L.)

Chair Snow presented the bill with assistance of Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education, DeLaina Tonks, Chair, Utah State Charter School Board, and Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, Utah State Charter School Board. They responded to questions from the committee.

Kim Frank, Executive Director, Utah Charter Network, spoke against the bill.

Julie Adamic, Director, John Hancock Charter School and Utah Charter Network, spoke against the bill.

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

Mark Huntsman spoke in favor of the bill.

Wendy Hart, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Chair Snow moved to amend H.B. 265 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
H.B. 265

1. Page 6, Lines 156 through 167:

156 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d)(ii), no later than ~~{January 1, 2023}~~ July 1, 2024, each
157 charter school and charter school authorizer shall modify a charter agreement in effect on the
158 effective date of this bill that does not include all of the components required under Subsection
159 (3) to bring the agreement into full compliance.

160 (d) For a charter authorizer with 10 or more charter schools, the authorizer shall ensure
161 that the following percentage of the authorizer's agreements include all of the components
162 required under Subsection (3):

- 163 (i) no later than July 1, ~~{2023}~~ 2024, 20%;
- 164 (ii) no later than July 1, ~~{2024}~~ 2025, 40%;
- 165 (iii) no later than July 1, ~~{2025}~~ 2026, 60%;
- 166 (iv) no later than July 1, ~~{2026}~~ 2027, 80%; and
- 167 (v) no later than July 1, ~~{2027}~~ 2028, 100%.

Yeas - 11

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. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 265 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 2 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 2

Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Waldrip

Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 9:55:58 AM.

NOTE: H.B. 0273, H.B. 0226 were not discussed in the meeting.