



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 | 4:00 p.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. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner

Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last
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 4:12:38 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Waldrip

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair.

1. H.B. 226 Higher Education and Corrections Council (Snow, V. L.)

Chair Snow presented the bill with assistance of Erin Castro, Associate Professor of Higher Education and Associate Dean for Community Engagement, University of Utah, Christopher Hodson, Associate Professor of History, Brigham Young University, and Tim Sheehan, Salt Lake Community College. They responded to questions from the committee.

Andrea Parrish, Programming Director, Utah Department of Corrections, spoke in favor of the bill.

Spencer Jenkins, Chief Student Affairs Officer, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 226 with 1st Substitute H.B. 226. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

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

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 226 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 226

1. Page 3, Lines 67 through 69:
67 projected demand for nursing professionals; [and]
68 (m) the report described in Section {~~53B-1-303~~} 53B-33-202 regarding the Higher Education and
69 Corrections Council; and
2. Page 5, Lines 124 through 127:
124 (h) the executive director of the Department of Corrections {~~with expertise in~~
125 programming} or the executive director's designee;
126 (i) one employee of the Department of Corrections with expertise in education whom the executive director
of the
127 Department of Corrections appoints; and
3. Page 7, Lines 183 through 186:
183 (c) explore {~~and implement~~} methods and make recommendations for the collection and
184 analysis of critical data regarding:
185 (i) enrollment and completion of postsecondary education courses, certificate
186 programs, credentials, and degree programs;
4. Page 8, Lines 236 through 238:
236 for students who are low income[-]; and
237 (o) the report described in Section {~~63C-25-202~~} 53B-33-202 regarding the Higher Education and
238 Corrections Council.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

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

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 226 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

2. H.B. 355 Higher Education Financial Aid Amendments (Peterson, V.)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill with assistance of Spencer Jenkins. They responded to questions from the committee.

Chair Snow resumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to replace H.B. 355 with 1st Substitute H.B. 355. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 13

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. B. Last
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 355 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 13

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. B. Last
Rep. M. Schultz

3. S.B. 103 Special Education Licensing Amendments (Owens, D.R.)

Sen. Derrin Owens presented the bill with assistance of Tami Chew. They responded to questions from the committee.

Malia Hite, Educator Licensing Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass S.B. 103 out favorably. 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. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. M. Schultz

4. H.B. 193 Full-day Kindergarten (Waldrip, S.)

Rep. Waldrip presented the bill with the assistance of Sarah Wiebke, Literacy Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education, Elizabeth Garbe, Senior Director, United Way of Salt Lake, and Amy Mitchell, Washington County School District. They responded to questions from the committee.

[HB193 Full-Day Kindergarten Presentation](#)

[HB193 Full-Day Kindergarten Letters of Support](#)

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

Melarie Wheat, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brooke Stephens, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Aimee Warren, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristina Pexton, Family Life Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Cade Douglas, Superintendent, Sevier School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melinda LaMont, Optional Enhanced Kindergarten Supervisor, Cache County School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kenneth Limb, principal, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lauren Gilmore, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cissy Rasmussen, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 193 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 193. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

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. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0Absent - 3

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

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 193 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. A. Robertson

Absent - 3

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

5. H.B. 274 Health Education Amendments (Moss, C.)

Rep. Moss presented the bill with assistance of Laurieann Thorpe, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Utah, Kellie Woodfield, obstetrician-gynecologist, and Jodi Parker, Health Education Specialist, Utah State Board of Education. They responded to questions from the committee.

[HB274 Health Education Amendments](#)

[HB274 Child Sexual Abuse Statistics Handout](#)

Brooke Stephens spoke against the bill.

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

Christina Boggess, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Susan Edwards, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Monica Wilbur, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke against the bill.

Deondra Brown, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennie Earl, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 274 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to amend H.B. 274 with Amendment #1 with further discussion from the committee. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 274

1. Page 6, Lines 172 through 180:

172 [(b)] (ii) for a local school board, data for each county that the school district is located
173 in, or, for a charter school governing board, data for the county in which the charter school is
174 located, on the following:
175 [(i)] (A) teen pregnancy;
176 [(ii)] (B) child sexual abuse; [and]
177 [(iii)] (C) sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted infections; and
178 (D) child sexual assault; and
179 [(e)] (iii) the number of pornography complaints or other instances reported within the
180 jurisdiction of the LEA governing board.

Yeas - 10

- 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. S. Waldrip
- Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 2

- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. E. Weight

Absent - 3

- Rep. B. Last
- Rep. V. Peterson
- Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to amend H.B. 274 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2
H.B. 274

1. Page 6, Lines 172 through 180:

172 [(b)] (ii) for a local school board, data for each county that the school district is located
173 in, or, for a charter school governing board, data for the county in which the charter school is
174 located, on the following:
175 [(i)] (A) teen pregnancy;
176 [(ii)] (B) child sexual abuse; [and]
177 [(iii)] (C) sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted infections; and
178 (D) child sexual assault and sexual assault; and
179 [(e)] (iii) the number of pornography complaints or other instances reported within the
180 jurisdiction of the LEA governing board.

Yeas - 12

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. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 274 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 4 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. C. Watkins

Absent - 3

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

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

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. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting 7:32:36 PM.