



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 22, 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. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Steve Waldrip

Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Makelle Wininger, 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 4:20:35 PM.

1. S.C.R. 5 Concurrent Resolution Honoring 125th Anniversary of the National Parent Teacher Association (Millner, A.)

Sen. Ann Millner presented the bill with assistance of LeAnn Wood, Advocacy Vice President, Utah Parent Teacher Association. They responded to questions from the committee.

Todd Hougaard, Student Leadership Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Weight moved to pass S.C.R. 5 out favorably and had further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 7

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to approve the minutes for February 17, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 7

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

2. H.B. 380 School Enrollment Amendments (*Winder, M.*)

Sen. Mike Winder presented the bill with assistance of Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Granite School District. They responded to questions from the committee.

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

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to pass H.B. 380 out favorably and had further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Watkins

3. H.B. 386 Education Innovation Program (*Welton, D.*)

Rep. Douglas Welton presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Christina Boggess, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill and commented on it.

Rita Heagren, former teacher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Horsley spoke in favor of the bill and responded to a question from the committee.

Leah Hansen, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 386 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. M. Schultz

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

Sen. Derrin Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Rep. Joel Briscoe and responded to questions from the committee.

Eleesha Tucker, Executive Director, Utah 3R's Project, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Christina Boggess spoke against the bill.

The committee asked further questions towards the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass S.J.R. 6 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Absent - 6

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

5. H.B. 366 Education Sovereignty and Curriculum Transparency (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Keven Stratton presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Sarah Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Rachel Wright, teacher, commented on the bill.

Genevra Prothero, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Dr. David Gillespie, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Nicole Miles, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Steve Phelps, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Natalie Cline, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aimee Warren, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to adjourn.

Rep. Kwan withdrew the motion.

Rep. Stratton discussed the bill further.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
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Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 6:25:02 PM.