



# MINUTES

## SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Michael K. McKell  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to approve the minutes from February 22nd, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

### 1. S.B. 233 Military Servicemember Child Enrollment (*Millner, A.*)

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

Kelli May Douglas, Pacific Southwest Regional Liaison, Department of Defense and Military Families, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 233 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Sen. Riebe assumed the chair.

### 2. S.B. 21 School Standards Review Committee Sunset Extension (*Johnson, J.*)

Chair Johnson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 21 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Johnson resumed the chair.

### 3. 1st Sub. H.B. 226 Higher Education and Corrections Council (*Snow, V. L.*)

Rep. Snow presented the bill.

[HB 226 S01 Handout](#)

Dr. Chris Hodson, Professor of History, Brigham Young University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Erin Castro, Professor of Higher Education, and Director of the Prison Education Project, University of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah Division of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chyleen Richey, Deputy Executive Director, Utah Department of Corrections, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Yeas - 3  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Riebe spoke in favor of the bill.

**4. 1st Sub. H.B. 302 Educational Language Services Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)**

Rep. Johnson presented the bill.

Olivia Whiteley, Western State Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

[HB 302 S01 Handout](#)

Lisa Fifield, Teacher, Public School Dual Language Immersion, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stephanie Hunt, Teacher, West High School, spoke in favor of the bill.

Morgan Clark, Teacher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Yazzie, Commissioner, UServeUtah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 302 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner

**5. 1st Sub. H.B. 346 Funding Independence in Foreign Language Education (*Pierucci, C.*)**

Rep. Pierucci presented the bill.

Laura Vindez, Utah Parents United, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lisa Fifield, Teacher, Public School Dual Language Immersion, spoke in favor of the program.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 346 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Riebe spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Yeas - 4  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.