



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 24, 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 8:06:40 AM.

1. 1st Sub. S.B. 172 Higher Education Student Assistance Amendments (Vickers, E.)

Sen. Evan Vickers presented the bill with the assistance of Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education. They responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 172 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
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. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to approve the minutes February 22, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
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. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

2. H.B. 396 Paid Professional Hours for Educators (Moss, J.)

Rep. Jefferson Moss presented the bill with assistance of Rep. Dan Johnson.

Chair Snow resumed the chair.

Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heidi Matthews, President, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jake Jobe, teacher and Co President, Park City Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelly Giffen, President, Jordan Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

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

Genevra Prothero, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to amend H.B. 396 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 396

1. Page 2, Lines 45 through 48:

45 (3) An LEA shall use funding under this section to provide paid professional hours ~~{in professional~~
46 ~~development}~~ that:

47 (a) ~~{provides}~~ provide educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to enable students to
48 succeed in a well-rounded education and to meet the challenging state academic standards; and

2. Page 4, Lines 101 through 105:

101 (6) In preparing budget bills for a given fiscal year, the Executive Appropriations
102 Committee shall make the one-time appropriations described in Subsection (3)(a) by
103 appropriating the lesser of 10% of the total amount of the one-time appropriations or the cost of
104 providing 32 paid professional ~~{development}~~ hours for teachers in accordance with Section
105 53F-7-202.

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. Johnson moved to amend H.B. 396 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2
H.B. 396

1. Page 3, Lines 64 through 66:

64 (v) are aligned with, and directly related to, academic goals of the school or LEA; and

65 (vi) include instruction in the use of data and assessments to inform and instruct

66 classroom practice.

(4) An educator shall:

(a) before the first day of instruction in a given school year, create a plan, in consultation with the educator's principal, on how the educator plans to use paid professional hours provided under this section during the school year; and

(b) before the end of a given school year, provide a written statement to the educator's principal of how the educator used paid professional hours provided under this section during the school year.

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: Vice Chair Pulsipher moved to pass H.B. 396 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. 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

3. H.B. 420 Title IX Reporting (*Birkeland, K.*)

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill with assistance of Brent Gordan, member of the public. They responded to questions from the committee.

Nicoleen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Genevra Prothero commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to amend H.B. 420 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 420

1. Page 2, Lines 46 through 50:

46 (c) the amount of spending that the school devotes to each gender-designated sport,
47 reported in total amount and on a per-student basis;

~~(d) a comparison and evaluation of designated practice and game locations in gender-designated interscholastic sports;~~

48 ~~(d)~~ (e) any information regarding the school's efforts in Title IX compliance; and

49 ~~(e)~~ (f) if there is a discrepancy between male-designated and female-designated sports of

50 10% or greater, an action plan that the school develops to address the discrepancy.

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. Ballard moved to pass H.B. 420 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. 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

4. 2nd Sub. S.B. 134 Special Education Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Curtis Bramble presented the bill with assistance of Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools. They responded to questions from the committee.

Dr. Bryce Day, Director of Special Education, Granite School District and Utah Council of Administrators of Special Education, spoke against the bill.

Karen Conder, Special Needs Specialist, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke against the bill,

Cindy Davis, Vice Chair, Utah State Board of Education, commented on the bill.

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 134 with 3rd Substitute S.B. 134. 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

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass 3rd Substitute S.B. 134 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 5 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. E. Weight

Absent - 3

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

MOTION: Vice Chair Pulsipher 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 at 10:06:12 AM.

NOTE: 01st Substitute H.B. 0374 was not discussed in the meeting.