



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 | 9:00 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. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Steve Waldrip

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 9:02:30 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes for February 25, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

1. 1st Sub. S.B. 191 Regulatory Sandbox in Education (Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill with assistance of Cynthia Phillips, Utah State Charter School Board, and Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education. They responded to questions from the committee.

Aaron Peterson, Special Education Director, South Sanpete School District and Utah Council for Administrators in Special Education, spoke against the bill.

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair at 9:35:45 AM.

Elizabeth Garbe, Senior Director, United Way Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Jim Moss, member of the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kim Frank, Executive Director, Utah Charter Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sara Erb, President, Utah Parents of Blind Children, commented on the bill.

Chair Snow resumed the chair at 9:44:54 AM.

Karee Atkinson, President, Decoding Dyslexia Utah, spoke against the bill.

Rep. Weight asked further questions for clarification.

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair at 9:51:13 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to replace 1st Substitute S.B. 191 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 191. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Rohner moved to adjourn. The motion failed with a vote of 3 - 6 - 6.

Yeas - 3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. E. Weight

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 191 out favorably and had further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 9:58:52 AM.