



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, January 23, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
President J. S. Adams
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Michael K. McKell

Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 committee meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Stevenson

1. 3rd Sub. H.B. 215 Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Education Opportunities (*Pierucci, C.*)

Sen. Pierucci presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Cullimore.

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

Dr. Sara Jones, Director of UEA, spoke against the bill.

Nichole Mason, President of Utah Parents United, spoke in favor of the bill.

Molly Hart, Vice Chair of Utah State Board of Education, spoke against the bill.

Laura Feller, homeschool parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brad Asay, President of American Federation of Teachers (Utah), on Executive Board of AFLCIO, spoke against the bill.

Eliza Cardon, 12 year old homeschool student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lynda Simmons, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Chloe Ludlow, 14 year old student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ann Day, education student at Westminster College, spoke against the bill.

Mary Duncan, teacher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stacey Mollinet, President of Utah PTA, spoke against the bill.

Kylie Hilton, student at Weber High, spoke in favor of the bill.

Monica Wilbur, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Marcus Carr, Founder of Growing Unified Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennifer Graviet, teacher, spoke against the bill.

Fernando Ruiz, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Meredith Reed, board member of Park City Schoolboard, spoke against the bill.

Mike Lambson, Principal of Mount Vernon Academy, spoke in favor of the bill.

Julie Beane, Special Education teacher in Canyons School District, spoke against the bill.

Melanie Monestere, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Curtis Benjamin, parent, grandparent and former educator, spoke against the bill.

Rusty Cannon, President of Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brigit Gerrard, President of Utah School Board Association, spoke against the bill.

Darlene McDonald, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Kael Weston, citizen, spoke against the bill.

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

Colette Memmott, teacher in Jordan School District, spoke against the bill.

Aimee Warren, parent and PTA Council President, spoke against the bill.

Emily Niehaus, former mayor of Moab and founder of a private micro-school, spoke in favor of the bill.

LaDawn Moon, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leland Anderson, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alexander Cheung, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dalton Brown, 17 year old student and citizen lobbyist, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to table the bill.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 215 out favorably. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 0.

Yeas - 7

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. L. Fillmore
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. J. Johnson
- Sen. M. McKell
- Sen. A. Millner
- Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 2

- Sen. D. Hinkins
- Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 0

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 9

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. L. Fillmore
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hinkins
- Sen. J. Johnson
- Sen. M. McKell
- Sen. A. Millner
- Sen. K. Riebe
- Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.