



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Members Absent:

President J. S. Adams
Sen. Michael K. McKell

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
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 2:13 p.m.

1. S.B. 128 Public Safety Officer Scholarship Program (*Ipson, D.*)

Sen. Ipson presented the bill with the assistance of Ashley Spatafore Mirabelli, Chiefs of Police Association.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace S.B. 128 with 1st Substitute S.B. 128. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. M. McKell

Geoff Landward, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Board of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Gwilliam, Chief of Lone Peak Police Department, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sheriff Mike Smith, President of Utah Sheriff Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Spencer Turley, Utah Department of Corrections, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 128 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

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

2. S.B. 55 Public School Instructional Material Requirements (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

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

Stan Rasmussen, Vice President of Government Affairs, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

Annie Massey, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steven Phelps, teacher and disability advocate, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 55 out favorably. 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. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

3. S.B. 65 Charter School Authorizers Modifications (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to replace S.B. 65 with 1st Substitute S.B. 65. 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. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

Nancy Brown, Director of Government Relations, Westminster College, spoke in favor of the bill.

Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 65 out favorably. 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. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to adjourn. 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. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. M. McKell

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.