



# MINUTES

## SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 8, 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

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

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

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**1. S.B. 166 Education Entity Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)**

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

Karson Eilers, Senior Analyst, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Dr. Sarah Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Paul Tanner, head of a microschool, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jon England, Education Policy Analyst, Libertas Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelli Pierce, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Robynn Garfield, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jonathan Bejarano, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Matt Clayton, Founder, Slope School, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rita Heagren, American Federation of Teachers, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Grover moved to pass S.B. 166 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to move to the next agenda item. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 1 - 5 - 3.

Yeas - 1  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 5  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Grover's original motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 1  
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**2. S.B. 167 Statewide Online Education Program Modifications (Cullimore, K. A.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Grover moved to replace S.B. 167 with 1st Substitute S.B. 167. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Kirk Cullimore presented the bill.

Dr. Galey Colosimo, Executive Director, Utah Private School Association and Principal, Juan Diego Catholic School, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Fillmore moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 167 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

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

**3. H.B. 134 Charter School Closing Requirements (Pulsipher, S.)**

Rep. Susan Pulsipher presented the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 134 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**4. H.B. 182 Interventions for Reading Difficulties Program Amendments (*Walter, R.*)**

Rep. R. Neil Walter presented the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 182 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**5. H.B. 193 Online Education Course Amendments (*Birkeland, K.*)**

Rep. Kera Birkeland presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Fillmore and Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Public Policy, Utah State Board of Education.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 193 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0Absent - 4

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

**6. 1st Sub. H.B. 102 Higher Education Residency Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)**[H.B.102 Fact Sheet](#)

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill with the assistance of Carlos Moreno, President, New Leaders for America.

Alison Adams-Perlac, General Counsel, Utah Board of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mahsa, former citizen of Afghanistan and current student in Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Ellen Brady, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tensor, former citizen of Egypt and current student in Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Raymon Burton, Executive Director, One Refugee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Annie Healion, Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jehicob Torres, law student at BYU, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. McKell moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 102 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.