



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Ann Millner
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.

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 154 English Language Learner Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 154 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 154. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

[HB154 Fact Sheet](#)

[HB154 Presentation](#)

[ModelPolicyLanguageAccessPlan](#)

Rep. Dan Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Annie Healion, Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 154 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. S.B. 227 School Board Ethics Complaint Investigation Requirements (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Curtis Bramble presented the bill.

Jeanetta Williams, NAACP, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Jonathan Bejarano, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Clara, former school board member, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass S.B. 227 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 3

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

3. S.B. 77 Education Scholarship Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore explained the substitute and presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to replace S.B. 77 with 1st Substitute S.B. 77. 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 - 0

Absent - 3

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

Jonathan Bejarano spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 77 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 - 0

Absent - 3

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

4. S.B. 222 Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program Amendments (Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.B. 222 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 - 0

Absent - 3

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

5. H.B. 124 Salary Supplement for School Speech-language Pathologists and Audiologists (Johnson, D.N.)

[ASHA letter re HB124](#)

Rep. Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Kory Holdaway, lobbyist, Utah Speech Pathology and Audiology Association of Utah.

Bridgette Higgins, Utah Speech and Hearing Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kerri Welton, speech language pathologist, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mckenna Nobis, speech language pathologist student, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 124 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

6. H.B. 163 Protecting Student Religious and Moral Beliefs Regarding Athletic Uniform Requirements (Pierucci, C.)

[HB 163 Flyer](#)

Rep. Candace Pierucci presented the bill.

Ashley Spatafore Mirabelli, lobbyist, Utah High School Athletic Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Horsley spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass H.B. 163 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION:

Sen. McKell moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.