



# MINUTES

## SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 8:00 a.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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the February 15, 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. H.B. 185 Public Education Enrollment Options Amendments (*Pulsipher, S.*)

[Family School Options](#)

Rep. Susan Pulsipher presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 185 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 - 0

Absent - 4

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

### 2. S.B. 257 State Board of Education Amendments (*Grover, K.*)

Sen. Grover presented the bill with the assistance of Kenneth Grover, citizen.

Sydnee Dickson, Utah Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke against the bill.

Jim Moss, Chair, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 257 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson

Nays - 1  
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**3. H.B. 189 International Baccalaureate Program Amendments (Moss, C.)**

[Utah IB Factsheet](#)

Rep. Carol Moss presented the bill.

Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Linda Hanks, Utah School Board Association and Utah Superintendent Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 189 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 - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**4. 2nd Sub. H.B. 234 University Recognition for International Baccalaureate Achievement (Moss, C.)**

Rep. Moss presented the bill.

Priyanka Mathews, high school student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Roy King, high school senior, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 234 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 - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**5. H.B. 195 Criminal Investigations of School Employees (Birkeland, K.)**

Rep. Kera Birkeland presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to replace H.B. 195 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 195. 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

Linda Hanks spoke against the bill.

Jay Blain, Director of Public Policy and Research, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Jonathan Bejarano, citizen, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Grover moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 195 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 5

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

**6. 2nd Sub. H.B. 249 Education Related Amendments (Peterson, K.)**

Rep. Karen Peterson presented the bill with the assistance of Jim Moss.

LeAnn Wood, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 249 out favorably. 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

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to recess. 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

Chair Johnson called the meeting back to order at 9:16 a.m.

**7. S.B. 258 Upstart Program Amendments (McKell, M.)**

Sen. McKell presented the bill with the assistance of Claudia Miner, Executive Director, UPSTART.

Natalie Cline, citizen, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Grover moved to pass S.B. 258 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 4.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 2

Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
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. 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

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.