



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Chair  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Tyler Clancy  
Rep. Joseph Elison  
Rep. Katy Hall  
Rep. Steven J. Lund  
Rep. Carol S. Moss  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. R. Neil Walter

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Mike Schultz

**Staff Present:**

Robert Wood, Policy Analyst  
Shay Berger, 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).

Vice-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 9

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

**1. 1st Sub. S.B. 143 Public School District Resource Sharing Agreements and Student Transportation Amendments (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Jacob Anderegg introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Birkeland moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 143 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz

**2. H.B. 477 Full-day Kindergarten Amendments (*Spendlove, R.*)**

Rep. Robert Spendlove introduced the bill with Sara Wiebke, Literacy Coordinator from the Utah State Board of Education, and Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Utah State Board of Education.

Whit Cook, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Stacey M, President of Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Sara Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Scott Howell, former state senator, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Clement, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jenny Taylor, mother, spoke in favor of the bill.

Abigail Cook, Junior Intern for Utah Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Karina Barker, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Becca Goldrup, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Briawna Ainge Hugh, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melarie Wheat, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alexander Hamm, Solutions Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cissy Rasmussen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hall moved to pass H.B. 477 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 9

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz

**3. H.B. 190 Local Education Agency Personnel Amendments (*Ballard, M.G.*)**

Rep. Melissa Ballard introduced the bill with, Lauren Rich, Utah Association of School Psychologists.

Kristina Pexton, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kirsten Mele, President of the Utah Association of School Psychologists, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bethanie Monsen-Ford, Former President of Utah Association of School Psychologists, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Pierucci moved to replace H.B. 190 with 1st Substitute H.B. 190. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Chair Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 190 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz

**4. H.B. 398 Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program Amendments (*Abbott, N.*)**

Rep. Nelson Abbott introduced the bill with Ronnie Daniel, Executive Director of the Utah Children First Education Fund.

Dr. Galey Colosimo, Executive Director of the Utah Private Schools Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dallin Doc Richardson, Breakout School, spoke in favor of the bill.

[Speaker Handout for HB398](#)

Greg Hughes, Board Member of Utah Children First Education Fund, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kellee England, mother, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jonathan Bejarano, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Emily Niehaus, former mayor of Moab and mother, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to replace H.B. 398 with 1st Substitute H.B. 398. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 398 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

**5. H.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Mental Health Support in Schools (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Eliason introduced the bill with Lauren Rich, Utah Association of School Psychologists.

Jay Blaine, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristina Pexton, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to replace H.C.R. 6 with 1st Substitute H.C.R. 6. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.C.R. 6 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Lund moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

NOTE: H.B. 0441 was not discussed in the meeting.