



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Finn Andrew Rose, Policy Analyst
Emma Johnsen, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair John D. Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:14 PM.

MOTION: Sen. David P. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Stevenson

1. S.B. 122 Youth Apprenticeship Governance Structure Amendments (*Millner, A.*)

Sen. Ann Millner presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 122 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to place S.B. 122 on the Consent Calendar. 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. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. S.B. 115 Higher Education Tuition Amendments (*Winterton, R.*)

Sen. Ronald Winterton presented the bill.

Annie Massey, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.B. 115 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover

3. S.B. 44 Alternative Education Scholarship Combination (Fillmore, L.)

MOTION: Sen. Lincoln Fillmore moved to replace S.B. 44 with 1st Substitute S.B. 44. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

Elisa Clements Linde, Director, Children First Education Fund, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Karen Conder, Special Needs Specialist, Utah PTA, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Whit Cook, Legislative Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 44 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 1

Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 3

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

4. S.B. 137 Teacher Empowerment (Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

Jay Blain, Director of Policy and Research, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Whit Cook, Legislative Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.B. 137 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hinkins

5. S.B. 78 Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program Amendments (Riebe, K.)

Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe presented the bill with the assistance of Brad Last, Vice President, Utah Tech University.

Sen. Michael K. McKell assumed the chair.

Sen. Johnson assumed the chair.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.B. 78 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hinkins

6. S.B. 80 Public Education Trust Fund Amendments (Riebe, K.)

Sen. Riebe presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. L. Fillmore
- Sen. J. Johnson
- Sen. M. McKell
- Sen. A. Millner
- Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 1

- Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hinkins

7. S.B. 92 Student Communication Methods (Pitcher, S.)

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to amend S.B. 92 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
S.B. 0092

1. Page 7, Lines 197 through 203:

- 197 (22) ~~(a)~~ A local school board shall ~~{-develop policies-}~~ approve an LEA's policies and procedures that an LEA
- 198 develops to ensure that students
- 198 have non-electronic notification of and access to:
- 199 ~~{-(a)-}~~ (i) school activities and events, including:
- 200 ~~{-(i)-}~~ (A) course work;
- 201 ~~{-(ii)-}~~ (B) schedule changes; and

202 ~~{(iii)}~~ **(C)** extracurricular activities; and
203 ~~{(b)}~~ **(ii)** the emergency response plans described in Subsections (20) and (21).

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (22)(a), an LEA may provide electronic notification of and access to school activities and events as described in Subsections (22)(a)(i) and (ii) if:
(i) the school provides each student with an electronic device; and
(ii) the electronic device is capable of receiving electronic notification of and access to school activities and events as described in Subsections (22)(a)(i) and (ii).

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
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Sen. Stephanie Pitcher presented the bill.

Amber Bonner, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Monica Wilbur, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rita Heagren, Vice President of Political Action, AFT Utah, spoke to the bill.

Christina Boggess, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Whit Cook, Legislative Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

Annie Massey, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass S.B. 92 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 PM.

NOTE: S.B. 0068 was not discussed in the meeting.