



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 8, 2024 | 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. Kathleen A. Riebe

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

Staff Present:

Finn Andrew Rose, Policy Analyst
Emma Johnsen, Committee Secretary

Members Absent:

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 8:13 AM.

1. 3rd Sub. H.B. 182 Student Survey Amendments (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee presented the bill.

Diane Livingston, Member, Utah Parents United, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

Annie Massey, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jonathan Bejarano, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Corinne Johnson, President, Utah Parents United, spoke in favor of the bill.

Corinne Dickson, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. David P. Hinkins moved to replace 3rd Substitute H.B. 182 with 4th Substitute H.B. 182. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 4th Substitute H.B. 182 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson

Nays - 1
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. S.B. 159 Public School Discipline and Conduct Plans Amendments (*Buxton, D. G.*)

Sen. David G. Buxton presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace S.B. 159 with 1st Substitute S.B. 159. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Corinne Johnson, President, Utah Parents United, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brent Strate, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 159 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

MOTION: Chair Johnson moved to recess. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

Chair Johnson called the meeting back to order.

3. S.B. 177 Absenteeism Prevention Amendments (*Kennedy, M.*)

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy presented the bill.

Mark Clement, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 177 out favorably. 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

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 221 Stipends for Future Educators (*Peterson, K.*)

Rep. Karen M. Peterson presented the bill.

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

Dr. Sara Jones, Director of Government Relations and Professional Programs, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Curtis Whipple, Board Member from Wayne County School District, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Chandler Allen, Student Teacher, Weber State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stephen Seabury, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brent Strate, Council Member, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Annie Massey, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 221 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Stevenson

5. S.J.R. 15 Joint Rules Resolution - Higher Education Operation and Maintenance Costs (*Millner, A.*)

Sen. Ann Millner presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.J.R. 15 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Riebe 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. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

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

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM.