



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 12, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Chair  
Rep. Steven J. Lund, Vice Chair  
Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Joseph Elison  
Rep. Katy Hall  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Carol S. Moss  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher

Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. R. Neil Walter

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Tyler Clancy  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

**Staff Present:**

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Reese Boardman, 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 Lund called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. of February 12, 2024.

**1. S.B. 64 Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program Amendments (Fillmore, L.)**

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Pulsipher moved to pass S.B. 64 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. R. Walter

**2. S.C.R. 1 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing School Support Staff (Fillmore, L.)**

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

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

Sydney Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke in favor of the office.

Melanie Mortensen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pulsipher moved to pass S.C.R. 1 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. R. Walter

**MOTION:** Rep. Elison moved to place S.C.R. 1 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. R. Walter

**3. S.B. 52 Educator Salary Amendments (*Vickers, E.*)**

Sen. Vickers presented the bill.

Corinne Shehan, citizen, Spectrum Academy, spoke in favor of the bill.

Krisanne Lewis, Co-Chair, UOTA Committee, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Elison moved to pass S.B. 52 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

**4. H.B. 413 Student Mental Health Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Eliason presented the bill.

Michelle Knight, USBE, spoke to the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, World Organization of Women, spoke to the bill.

Lexie Cunningham, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Susan Edwards, Canyon School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Amy S., citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, Executive Director, Utah American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to hold H.B. 413. The motion failed with a vote of 5 - 5 - 5.

Yeas - 5

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Peterson

Nays - 5

Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

**MOTION:** Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass H.B. 413 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Walter

**5. H.B. 303 School Curriculum Requirements (*Stenquist, J.*)**

Rep. Stenquist presented the bill.

Megan, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, World Organization of Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Melanie Mortensen, Utah Parents United, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lexie Cunningham, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Diane Livingston, Utah Legislative Watch, Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Springville High School, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ellie Menlove, Policy Counsel, ACLU, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Elisa Sonntag, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Zee Kilpack, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leah Hansen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrea Bronson, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jacob Hancey, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kevin Labresh, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lisonbee moved to amend H.B. 303 with Amendment #3. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 3  
H.B. 303

- 1. Page 2, Lines 56 through 57:  
56 (i) wearing religious clothing, jewelry, or accessories that are central to the individual's sincerely  
57 held religious belief;
- 2. Page , Line 59 through Page 3, Line 60:  
59 (iii) displaying the flag of the United States of America, the state, or another nation or  
60 state { that is related to the relevant approved curriculum }; { or }
- 3. Page 3, Lines 61 through 64:  
61 (iv) discussing an age-appropriate topic or displaying an age-appropriate image or  
62 symbol that:  
63 (A) is a component of an approved curriculum; and  
64 (B) does not endorse, promote, or disparage as described in Subsection (4)(a){ -. }; or  
(v) complying with Section 53G-10-204.

Yeas - 11  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass H.B. 303 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 4.

Yeas - 6  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci

Nays - 5  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Absent - 4  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Chair Pierucci adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: H.B. 0391, S.B. 0056, H.B. 0455, H.B. 0112 were not discussed in the meeting.