



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 15, 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. Tyler Clancy
Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Katy Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Karen M. Peterson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher

Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. R. Neil Walter

Members Absent:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary
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.

Vice Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. H.B. 485 Special Education Amendments (*Judkins, M.*)

Rep. Marsha Judkins presented the bill with the assistance of Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support, Utah State Board of Education.

Chair Pierucci assumed the chair.

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

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Amanda Longwell, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kim Garrett, North Ogden parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah Erb, Salt Lake City parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Karen Peterson moved to pass H.B. 485 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

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

2. H.B. 263 Statewide Online Education Program Funding Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)

Rep. Dan N. Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education.

Kristan Norton, representing themselves, from District 15, and Member, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Galey Colosimo, Director, Utah Private School Association and Principal at Juan Diego Catholic High School, spoke in to the bill.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, spoke to the bill.

Leah Hansen spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Karen Peterson moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

3. 1st Sub. S.B. 137 Teacher Empowerment (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill.

Vice Chair Lund assumed the chair.

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

Briget Gerrard, Joint Legislative Committee, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Karen Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 137 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

4. S.B. 65 Online Student Funding Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Carol Moss moved to pass S.B. 65 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

5. 1st Sub. S.B. 44 Alternative Education Scholarship Combination (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill.

Ronnie Daniel, Executive Director, Children First Education Fund, program spoke in favor of the bill.

Cassandra Walters, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah Lambrechster, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Galey Colosimo, Director, Utah Private School Association and Principal, Juan Diego Catholic High School, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jackie Warren, grandparent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heather Stubenvoll, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Linda Breese, Juab County parent spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to amend 1st Substitute S.B. 44 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Amendment 2
1st Sub. S.B. 44

1. Page 45, Lines 1361 through 1362:

1361 Section 18. Effective date.

1362 {This} (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.

(2) The actions affecting Sections 59-7-625 and 59-10-1041 have retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after on January 1, 2024.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 44 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. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

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

Sen. Ronald Winterton presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Carol Moss moved to pass S.B. 115 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Karen Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

7. H.B. 263 Statewide Online Education Program Funding Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to amend H.B. 263 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Amendment 1
H.B. 263

1. Page 4, Lines 94 through 99:
94 interfering with the instruction[-]; and
95 (g) a percentage allocation of the carryforward funds from the legislative appropriation for different portions
of the
96 program including:
97 (i) private and home school student enrollments described in Subsection
98 53F-4-507(3)(c); and
99 (ii) small school enrollment described in Section 53F-4-518.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to pass H.B. 263 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. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to adjourn. 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. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

Vice Chair Lund adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.