



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 4:00 p.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. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Karen M. Peterson

Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. R. Neil Walter

Members Absent:

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.

Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m. of February 20, 2024.

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

Yeas - 11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Elison
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 - 4

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

1. H.B. 265 Interscholastic Athletic Activities Associations Reporting Requirements (*Hawkins, J.*)

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill.

David Spatafore, Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA), spoke to the bill.

David Spatafore, UHSAA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marc Hunter, Executive Director, Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to replace H.B. 265 with 1st Substitute H.B. 265. 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

MOTION: Chair Pierucci moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 265 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 265

1. Page 3, Lines 64 through 66:

64 (1) An association shall provide ~~{ a verbal report, accompanied by }~~ a written report,
65 annually to the state board~~[-including:]~~ and the Public Education Appropriations
66 Subcommittee detailing:

2. Page 5, Lines 127 through 128:

127 (ii) If an appeal is regarding ~~{ an appeal of }~~ the outcome of post-season competition, the
128 appeals panel shall consist of the members described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) and:

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

MOTION: Chair Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 265 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 1

Rep. C. Moss

Absent - 3

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

2. H.B. 529 Utah Fits All Scholarship Program Amendments (Pierucci, C.)

Rep. Pierucci presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to replace H.B. 529 with 1st Substitute H.B. 529. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 9
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 1
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 5
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 529 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 9
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 1
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 5
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

3. H.B. 514 School Chaplain Amendments (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Stratton presented the bill.

Jennie Earl, Board Member, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), spoke in favor of the bill.

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

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

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

Rachel Chambliss, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to amend H.B. 514 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 514

1. Page 2, Lines 41 through 42:

41 (2) ~~(An)~~ Prior to an LEA permitting a volunteer chaplain in an LEA school, the LEA shall ~~(develop)~~ adopt
policies, guidelines, and requirements for a volunteer school
42 chaplain, that address:

2 . Page 3, Lines 71 through 72:

71 (5) (a) On or before September 30, 2025, an LEA that intends to notify the State Board of Education of its
72 intent to permit volunteer school chaplains shall vote to determine whether the
LEA will permit volunteer school chaplains.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to pass H.B. 514 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. Pierucci assumed the chair.

4. H.B. 499 Education Reporting Amendments (Pulsipher, S.)

Rep. Pulsipher presented the bill.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, USBE, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennie Earl, Board Member, USBE, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 499 with 1st Substitute H.B. 499. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 499 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 499 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

5. H.B. 533 Small School District Scale of Operations Formula (*Peterson, K.*)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Pulsipher moved to pass H.B. 533 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

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

Sen. Kennedy presented the bill.

Rep. Johnson assumed the chair.

Nicholeen Peck, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to amend S.B. 177 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
S.B. 177

1. Page 3, Lines 62 through 66:

62 (e) incorporating attendance in the school-age child's course score or grade if:

63 (i) incorporation is determined appropriate { ~~by~~ } through an individualized plan the school-age child's parent and teacher develops ;

64 { ~~and~~ }

65 (ii) parental written consent is obtained for the individualized plan ; and

(iii) the parent retains the ability to revoke the parent's consent described in Subsection (3)(e)(ii) at any time.

66 [(e)] (f) monitoring school attendance of the school-age child;

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Walter moved to pass S.B. 177 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
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 - 4

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

Rep. Pierucci assumed the chair.

7. H.B. 517 Half-day Kindergarten Amendments (Lee, T.)

Rep. Lee presented the bill with assistance from Mikell Baughman and Bryce Huff

Mikell Baughman, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Bryce Huff, citizen, spoke to the bill.

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

Denese Chamber, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jessica Nielsen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, USBE, spoke to the bill.

Morgan Bert, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melissa Huff, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karlee Vincent, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Mickell Shaw, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jessica Young, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kierste Carter, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to pass H.B. 517 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Lund moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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. J. Elison
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson

Chair Pierucci adjourned the meeting.