



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 22, 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
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 8:04 a.m. of February 22, 2024.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 6

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero

1. H.B. 493 Concurrent Enrollment Participation Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill with assistance from Justin Wardell, citizen.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 493 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss

Nays - 3

Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Walter

Absent - 6

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

2. H.B. 506 Higher Education Residency Amendments (*Judkins, M.*)

Rep. Judkins presented the bill.

Jehicob Torres, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Bethany Crisp, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jehymee Torres, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 506 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

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 - 6

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

3. H.B. 521 Class Size Reduction Amendments (Moss, C.)

Rep. Carol Moss presented the bill.

Rep. Johnson assumed the chair.

Rep. Pierucci assumed the chair.

Jennifer Patridge, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Lexie Cunningham, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kevin Korous, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 521 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 3 - 8 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Rep. K. Hall
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 8

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

Absent - 4

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

4. H.B. 473 School Transit Amendments (Briscoe, J.)

Rep. Briscoe presented the bill.

Carlton Christensen, Chair, Utah Transit Authority, spoke to the bill.

Alan Kearsley, Business Administrator, Salt Lake School District, spoke to the bill.

Kenzie Kunkel, Manager Fare Strategy, UTA, spoke to the bill.

Carlton Christensen, Chair, Utah Transit Authority, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rep. Lund assumed the chair.

Jennifer Covington, Superintendent, Murray School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melanie Hall, Policy Director, Heal Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kenny Conners, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 473 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 5 - 6.

Yeas - 4

Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 5

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. R. Walter

Absent - 6

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

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

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

Chair Lund adjourned the meeting.