



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Chair
Rep. Michael L. Kohler, Vice Chair
Rep. Tiara Auxier
Rep. Ariel Defay
Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Matt MacPherson
Rep. Tracy J. Miller
Rep. Carol S. Moss

Rep. Nicholeen P. Peck
Rep. Karen M. Peterson
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. R. Neil Walter

Staff Present:

Finn Andrew Rose, Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Pierucci called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

1. H.B. 402 Foods Available at Schools Amendments (*Chevrier, K.*)

[HB 402 handout](#)

Rep. Kristen Chevrier presented the bill.

Glenn Judd, resident, spoke against the bill.

Diane Livingston, Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW), spoke in favor of the bill.

Dalane England, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Thomas Galligan, Center for Science in the Public Interest, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Defay moved to replace H.B. 402 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 402. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Defay moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 402 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. N. Peck

Nays - 3

Rep. T. Miller
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Kohler moved to approve the February 21, 2025 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 11

Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

Nays - 0Absent - 5

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. D. Welton

2. H.B. 477 School Trespass Amendments (*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. MacPherson presented the bill.

Dalane England, Utah Eagle Forum, and United Women's Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Karen Peterson moved to pass H.B. 477 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 1

Rep. S. Hayes

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. R. Walter

3. S.B. 98 Parental Education on Student Use of Technology Amendments (*Wilson, C.*)

Sen. Chris Wilson presented the bill with the assistance of Erin Wynn, Utah Attorney General's Office.

Liz Klc, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

Teri Rhodes, Utah School Board Association (USBA), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Welton moved to pass S.B. 98 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 6

Rep. J. Ellison
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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Rep. R. Walter

4. 1st Sub. S.B. 178 Devices in Public Schools (*Fillmore, L.*)[SB 178 Devices in Public Schools](#)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill with the assistance of Kristin Andrus, The Policy Project.

Avery Gonzales, high school student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Anna Clayton, high school student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Milan Venegas, high school student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Julie Jackson, USBA, and Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Shelly Gonzales, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Diane Livingston, WOW, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michelle Linford, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dalane England, resident, spoke to the bill.

Tina Seastrand, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Welton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 178 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

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Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. T. Miller
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Rep. N. Peck
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 6

Rep. J. Ellison
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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Rep. R. Walter

5. H.B. 508 School Data Amendments (*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. MacPherson presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to pass H.B. 508 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

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Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. A. Defay
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Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
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Rep. R. Walter

6. H.B. 537 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Amendments (*Pierucci, C.*)

Rep. Kohler assumed the chair.

Rep. Pierucci presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass H.B. 537 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

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Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

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7. H.B. 497 Public Education Compliance (*Hall, K.*)

Rep. Katy Hall presented the bill with the assistance of Jennie Earl, resident.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to replace H.B. 497 with 1st Substitute H.B. 497. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

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Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. A. Defay
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Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
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MOTION: Rep. Peck moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 497 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Amendment 1

1. Line 88 through 103:

88 (iv) require the education entity to reimburse specified state funds to the state board[-];
 89 ~~{(v)direct an investigation or review by the Utah Professional Practices Advisory }~~
 90 ~~{Commission under Section 53E-6-506;}~~
 91 ~~{(vi)}~~~~(v)~~require additional reporting or monitoring;
 92 ~~{(vii)}~~~~(vi)~~refer the complaint, evidence, and findings to the attorney general's office or the
 93 relevant district attorney's office;
 94 ~~{(viii)}~~~~(vii)~~require the education entity to hire a third-party provider to provide services the
 95 state board determines necessary;
 96 ~~{(ix)}~~~~(viii)~~require reimbursement from the education entity instead of future allocations
 97 from the state board;
 98 ~~{(x)}~~~~(ix)~~require a follow-up investigation;
 99 ~~{(xi)}~~~~(x)~~refer the violation and corresponding evidence to the state auditor or the
 100 legislative auditor general, if the violation relates to finances;
 101 ~~{(xii)}~~~~(xi)~~request additional evidence of compliance; or
 102 ~~{(xiii)}~~~~(xii)~~other action the state board deems appropriate.
 103 ~~[(b)]~~~~(c)~~ Except for temporarily withheld funds, if the state board collects state funds

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Nays - 0

Absent - 8

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 Rep. R. Walter

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 497 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

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Nays - 0

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8. H.B. 462 Rural School Funding Amendments (Auxier, T.)

[Rural School Athletic Facilities Grants](#)

Rep. Auxier presented the bill.

Jennie Earl, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to amend H.B. 462 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Amendment 1

1 . Line 146 through 148:

146 Section 17-50-501; or
147 (ii) with fewer than 3,000 students enrolled in {~~a public~~ the school district.
148 (b) "Program" means the Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Program created in

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Nays - 0

Absent - 8

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Rep. K. Peterson
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Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Walter

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass H.B. 462 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

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Rep. T. Miller
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Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

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MOTION: Rep. Hayes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

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Nays - 0

Absent - 8

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Chair Kohler adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.