

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

57TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: March 26, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

ROOM: SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator David C. Farnsworth **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Carine Werner

ANALYST: Mason Holler

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Bravo	X			HB 2019	DP
Senator Diaz	X			HB 2029	DP
Senator Dunn	X			HB 2058	DP
Senator Mesnard	X			HB 2063	DP
Senator Miranda	X			HB 2067	DPA/SE
Senator Werner, Vice-Chairman	X			HB 2663	DP
Senator Farnsworth, Chairman	X			HB 2677	DPA
				HB 2700	DP
				HB 2724	DPA

PRESENTATION

FY 2024 School District Spending Analysis Report -- Karl Calderon, Audit Manager, Office of the Auditor General

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<https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2025031132>

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Farnsworth stated that without objection, the minutes of March 19, 2025 were approved as distributed.

PRESENTATION

FY 2024 School District Spending Analysis Report

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, offered comments regarding the FY 2024 School District Spending Analysis Report.

Karl Calderon, Audit Manager, Division of School Audits, Office of the Auditor General, distributed a handout entitled "School district spending analysis—Fiscal year 2024" (Attachment A; <https://sdspending.azauditor.gov>), offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

Mr. Calderon offered additional comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered additional comments.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2019 – schools; water safety; information; resources – DO PASS

Katie Kudron, Education Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2019.

Barry Goldwater Jr., representing self, distributed a handout entitled "Swimming Safety Arizona" (Attachment B) and testified in support of HB 2019.

Cassie McGovern, representing self, testified in support of HB 2019.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

Ms. McGovern offered comments.

Lisa Zarda, Executive Director, United States Swim School Association, testified in support of HB 2019.

Noah-James Markham, representing self, testified in support of HB 2019.

**Senator Werner moved that HB 2019 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).**

Senator Miranda explained her vote.

HB 2058 – school immunizations; exemptions; adult students (Now: immunizations; proof; exemptions; higher education) – (continued)

Samuel Rosenberg, Education Committee Assistant Research Analyst, explained HB 2058.

Representative Fink, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2058.

Noah-James Markham, representing self, testified in opposition to HB 2058.

Ashley Chambers, Executive Director, Arizona Families for Vaccines, testified in opposition to HB 2058.

Seak Smith, representing self, read a statement on behalf of Anna Van Hoek in support of HB 2058.

Janice Weinmann-Danis, representing self, read a statement on behalf of Keelan Cole in support of HB 2058.

Paula Obeid, representing self, testified in support of HB 2058.

Chairman Farnsworth announced that the vote on HB 2058 would be taken later in the meeting.

HB 2063 – parental notification; school immunizations exemptions – DO PASS

Samuel Rosenberg, Education Committee Assistant Research Analyst, explained HB 2063.

Representative Fink, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2063.

Ashley Chambers, Executive Director, Arizona Families for Vaccines, testified in opposition to HB 2063.

Janice Weinmann-Danis, representing self, read a statement on behalf of Kristine Nelson in support of HB 2063.

Paula Obeid, representing self, testified in support of HB 2063.

Seak Smith, representing self, read a statement on behalf of Danielle Crop in support of HB 2063.

**Senator Werner moved that HB 2063 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-2-1 (Attachment 2).**

HB 2058 – school immunizations; exemptions; adult students (Now: immunizations; proof; exemptions; higher education) – DO PASS (continued)

**Senator Werner moved that HB 2058 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-2-1 (Attachment 3).**

Senator Dunn explained his vote.

HB 2724 – patriotic youth groups; school access – DO PASS AMENDED

Samuel Rosenberg, Education Committee Assistant Research Analyst, explained HB 2724 and the 2-page Farnsworth amendment to HB 2724 dated 03/24/2025 at 2:47 p.m. (Attachment C).

Representative Rivero, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2724.

Senator Werner moved HB 2724 with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Werner moved the 2-page Farnsworth amendment to HB 2724 dated 03/24/2025 at 2:47 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Werner moved HB 2724 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 4).

HB 2029 – internet safety instruction; public schools (Now: academic standards; attestation; posting) – DO PASS

Katie Kudron, Education Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2029.

Senator Werner moved that HB 2029 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Attachment 5).

Senator Werner explained her vote.

HB 2677 – middle school students; CTE courses – DO PASS AMENDED

Mason Holler, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2677 and the 2-page Farnsworth amendment to HB 2677 dated 03/24/2025 at 2:15 p.m. (Attachment D).

Representative Aguilar, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2677.

Roxanna Pitones, Arizona Career and Technical Education District Consortium, testified as neutral on HB 2677 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Werner moved HB 2677 with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Werner moved the 2-page Farnsworth amendment to HB 2677 dated 03/24/2025 at 2:15 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Werner moved HB 2677 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 6).

Senator Dunn explained his vote.

HB 2067 – school facilities oversight board; continuation – (continued)

Katie Kudron, Education Committee Research Intern, explained the 2-page Werner strike everything amendment to HB 2067 dated 03/21/2025 at 5:29 p.m. (Attachment E).

Senator Werner further explained the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Katy Dunn, Arizona Association of County School Superintendents, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment.

Rebecca Beebe, Arizona School Administrators, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment.

Senator Werner offered comments.

Ms. Beebe offered comments.

Senator Werner answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Chairman Farnsworth announced that HB 2067 would have further discussion later in the meeting.

HB 2663 – classroom management; students; temporary removal – DO PASS

Mason Holler, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2663.

Jeanne Woodbury, American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, testified in opposition to HB 2663 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Rebecca Beebe, Arizona School Administrators, testified in opposition to HB 2663 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Isela Blanc, Arizona Education Association, testified in opposition to HB 2663.

Camilla Strongin, Director of Government Relations, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support of HB 2663 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Werner moved that HB 2663 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 7).**

Senators Dunn and Miranda explained their votes.

HB 2067 – school facilities oversight board; continuation – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING (continued)

Senator Werner moved HB 2067 with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Werner moved the 2-page Werner strike everything amendment to HB 2067 dated 03/21/2025 at 5:29 p.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Werner moved HB 2067 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 8).

HB 2700 – academic standards; social studies; geography – DO PASS

Katie Kudron, Education Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2700.

Senator Werner moved that HB 2700 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 9).

Senator Bravo explained his vote.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the legislation (Attachment F).

Attached is a form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker slip on the legislation (Attachment G).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoey Paredes
Committee Secretary

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