

HB 2852 -- CURSIVE WRITING

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Education Reform by a vote of 5 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill requires school districts and charter schools to provide instruction in cursive writing by the end of the fifth grade, including a proficiency test of competency in reading and writing cursive.

This bill is the same as HB 1502 (2024) and HB 232 (2023).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the use of cursive writing is a fundamental skill that is important for the reading of founding documents. There is a growing number of states that have begun to require cursive writing instruction and scientific evidence has been offered to show that there is a learning advantage.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative McGaugh.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.