



MINUTES

SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, January 29, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Chair
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

Members Absent:

Sen. Ann Millner

Staff Present:

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst
Emma Johnsen, Committee Secretary

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

Chair David P. Hinkins called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

MOTION: Sen. Karen Kwan moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

1. S.J.R. 10 Joint Resolution Dissolving Richmond City Justice Court (*Wilson, C.*)

Sen. Chris H. Wilson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to pass S.J.R. 10 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

2. S.J.R. 11 Joint Resolution Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Conference of State Legislatures (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Derrin R. Owens moved to pass S.J.R. 11 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

3. S.B. 150 Exercise of Religion Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill.

Stan Rasmussen, Vice President of Government Affairs, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to replace S.B. 150 with 1st Substitute S.B. 150. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 1

Sen. D. Owens

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 150 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. A. Millner

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 2:28 PM.