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LEGISLATURE

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner

Staff Present:

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst
Jackson Lewis, Committee Secretary

Members Absent:

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

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Kwan assumed the chair.

1. S.B. 165 Title Recording Notice Requirements Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper presented the bill.

Cort Ashton, Legislative Chairman, Utah Land Title Association, spoke to the bill.

Shelley Brennan, Duchesne County Recorder, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.B. 165 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Harper resumed the chair.

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 142 Railroad Drone Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)

Representative Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

MOTION: Chair Harper moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 142 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 142

1. Page 2, Lines 32 through 35:

32 (1) An individual who operates an unmanned aircraft system to fly an unmanned
33 aircraft for recreational purposes shall comply with this section or ~~{14 C.F.R. Sec. 101, Subpart~~
34 ~~E}~~ 49 U.S.C. Sec. 44809.

35 (2) An individual operating an unmanned aircraft shall:

2. Page 3, Lines 75 through 79:

75 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) An individual may not operate an unmanned aircraft in violation of a notice to
76 airmen described in 14 C.F.R. Sec. 107.47.

77 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) ~~{An}~~ Unless a waiver has been granted by the Federal Aviation Administration, an individual may not
operate an unmanned aircraft at an altitude that is

78 higher than 400 feet above ground level unless the unmanned aircraft:

79 (a) is flown within a 400-foot radius of a structure; and

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 142 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of
4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

3. H.B. 144 Vehicle Accident Liability Amendments (Stoddard, A.)

Representative Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

Mike Sonntag, lobbyist, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Aaron Wilde, attorney, Utah Association for Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 144 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 1

Sen. W. Harper

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting.