



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Colin W. Jack, Vice Chair
Rep. James Cobb
Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Jason B. Kyle
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Matt MacPherson

Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Angela Romero

Staff Present:

Samantha D. Brucker, Managing Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

Rep. Kyle assumed the chair.

1. H.B. 384 Utah Geological Survey Data Submission Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Albrecht introduced the bill assisted by Bill Keech, Director, Utah Geological Survey.

MOTION: Rep. Rohner moved to amend H.B. 384 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
H.B. 384

- 1. Page 4, Lines 90 through 92:
- 90 geotechnical report as part of a building permitting process or another infrastructure permitting
- 91 process shall submit the final report to the Utah Geological Survey within 90 days after the day the
- 92 compliance agency receives the report.

Yeas - 9
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. M. MacPherson

MOTION: Rep. Cobb moved to pass H.B. 384 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Jack
Rep. M. MacPherson

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to place H.B. 384 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Jack
Rep. M. MacPherson

Rep. Albrecht resumed the chair.

2. H.B. 302 Paleontological Landmark Amendments (*Elison, J.*)

Rep. Elison introduced the bill assisted by Bill Keech.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to amend H.B. 302 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 2
H.B. 302

1. Page 1, Line 27 through Page 2, Line 37:

27 79-3-505. Paleontological landmarks.

28 (1) (a) [~~Sites~~] A site of significance or [~~sites~~] a site with exceptional fossils may be
29 designated as a state paleontological landmark by:

30 (i) [~~recommended to and approved by the board as state paleontological landmarks~~]
31 recommendation to and approval of the board; or

32 (ii) approval of the Legislature and the governor through concurrent resolution.

33 (b) (i) The governor shall notify the board if a concurrent resolution described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) is
introduced by the Legislature.

(ii) If the board receives a recommendation described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) or notice described in Subsection (1)
(b)(i), the survey may prepare a report on the impacts of the proposed state paleontological landmark and submit
the report to the Legislature and the governor.

(c) No privately owned site, a site on school or institutional trust lands, or a site on
34 lands owned or controlled by a city that has a paleontology museum may be so designated
35 without the written consent of the owner or the trust.

36 {~~(c)~~} (d) The ownership or control of a site or the site's fossils does not change upon
37 designation as a state paleontological landmark.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass H.B. 302 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

3. H.B. 410 San Rafael State Energy Lab (*Watkins, C.*)

Rep. Watkins introduced the bill assisted by Debi Carty, Finance Director, Utah Office of Energy Development.

Rep. Jack assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to replace H.B. 410 with 1st Substitute H.B. 410. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Rep. C. Albrecht

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 410 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht

4. H.R. 4 Resolution Supporting the National Infrastructure Bank Bill H.r.4052 (*Bennion, G.*)

Rep. Bennion introduced the resolution and distributed a handout "HR004 - Resolution Supporting the National Infrastructure Bank Bill" assisted by Alphecca Muttardy, International Monetary Fund, retired

[National Infrastructure Bank](#)

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.R. 4 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 8 - 1.

Yeas - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Rohner

5. H.B. 353 Mining Operations Amendments (*Bolinder, B.*)

Rep. Bolinder introduced the bill.

Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, spoke in support of the bill.

Joan Entwistle spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brian Somers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Dave Callis, Critical Infrastructure Materials Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to pass H.B. 353 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Rohner

6. H.B. 242 Water Usage Data Amendments (*Kyle, J.*)

Rep. Kyle introduced the bill assisted by Candice Hasenyager, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, and distributed a handout "HB 242 School Water Usage Reporting."

[HB School Water Usage Reporting](#)

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to hold H.B. 242. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Rohner

7. H.J.R. 19 Joint Resolution Encouraging Support for the Houses Act (Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ivory introduced the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to pass H.J.R. 19 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Rep. Jack adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

NOTE: H.J.R. 010 was not discussed in the meeting.