



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 12, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Walt Brooks, Chair
Rep. Rex P. Shipp, Vice Chair
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Tim Jimenez
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Doug Owens

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the February 9, 2024 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 7

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.C.R. 13 Concurrent Resolution Related to the Division of Wildlife Resources (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the resolution with the assistance of Justin (J) Shirley, Director, Division of Wildlife, Utah Department of Natural Resources.

Don Peay, citizen, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Chelcie Hope, citizen, spoke to the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass H.C.R. 13 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to place H.C.R. 13 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

2. H.B. 402 State Campgrounds Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Scott Strong, Interim Director, Utah State Parks.

Chelcie Hope, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bolinder moved to pass H.B. 402 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Bolinder moved to place H.B. 402 on the Consent Calendar.

After committee discussion, no vote was taken.

3. H.B. 382 Wildlife Amendments (*Snider, C.*)

Rep. Snider presented the bill with the assistance of Justin (J) Shirley, Director, Division of Wildlife, Utah Department of Natural Resources.

Jared Tingey, Legal Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 382 with 1st Substitute H.B. 382. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 382 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

4. H.B. 472 Water Revisions (*King, Brian S.*)

Rep. Brian King presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director of the Division of Water Rights.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Candice Hasenyager, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karece Thompson, Clearfield City Council, in behalf of himself, spoke to the bill.

Chelcie Hope, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 472 with 1st Substitute H.B. 472. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Jimenez moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 472 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2
1st Sub. H.B. 472

1. Page 3, Line 60:
60 (ii) may enter into an agreement with a { federal or } state agency, entity, subdivision, or
2. Page 3, Line 83:
83 (c) collaborate with other regional { and national } efforts to share, integrate, and manage

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 472 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 1

Rep. M. Kohler

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 11

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Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.