



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

- Rep. Calvin R. Musselman, Chair
- Rep. Brady Brammer
- Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
- Rep. Stephanie Gricius
- Rep. Sahara Hayes
- Rep. A. Cory Maloy
- Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
- Rep. Andrew Stoddard
- Rep. Norman K Thurston

Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

- Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
- Rep. Val L. Peterson
- Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

- Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
- Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Musselman called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 8

- Rep. B. Brammer
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. S. Gricius
- Rep. S. Hayes
- Rep. C. Musselman
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. A. Stoddard
- Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. M. Petersen
- Rep. V. Peterson
- Rep. M. Schultz
- Rep. N. Thurston

1. H.B. 542 Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act Modifications (*Brammer, B.*)

Rep. Brady Brammer presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to amend H.B. 542 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Amendment 1
H.B. 542

1. Page 12, Lines 344 through 348:

344 (b) "Lobbyist" includes an individual { ~~described in Subsection (21)(a), regardless of~~
 345 ~~whether the individual has an ownership interest in the entity;~~
 346 ~~— (i) on whose behalf the individual engages in lobbying; or~~
 347 ~~— (ii) that offers or provides the payment, reward, incentive, thing of value, or other~~
 348 ~~consideration in exchange for lobbying.} who engages in lobbying on behalf of an entity in which the individual
has an ownership interest.~~

2. Page 15, Lines 446 through 447:

446 (e) an immediate family member of an official described in Subsections { ~~(29)~~ (27) (a)
 447 through (d).

3. Page 23, Lines 697 through 701:

697 (2) It is unlawful for an actor to:
 698 (a) give, offer to give, agree to give, or promise to give anything of value to a person as

699 consideration, a reward for, or an incentive for lobbying, if the consideration, reward, or
700 incentive, or the value of the consideration, reward, or incentive is based{, [in whole or in part,](#)}
701 on:

4 . Page 23, Line 708:

708 value of the consideration, reward, or incentive is based{, [in whole or in part,](#)} on:

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 542 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston

2. H.B. 462 Employee Compensation Amendments (Lesser, R.)

Rep. Rosemary Lesser presented the bill.

Todd Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jim Taggart, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ogden-Weber Technical College, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ashley Jensen, Policy Analyst, Unified Economic Opportunity Commission and Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass H.B. 462 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

3. S.B. 108 Veteran Access to State Parks (Kwan, K.)

Sen. Karen Kwan presented the bill with the assistance of Brian Garrett, Deputy Director, Military Affairs, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to replace S.B. 108 with 1st Substitute S.B. 108. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 108 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

4. 1st Sub. S.B. 174 Safe Leave Amendments (*Pitcher, S.*)

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher presented the bill.

Todd Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 174 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz
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MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. M. Petersen
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Chair Musselman adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.