

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 20 House Building

February 25, 2015

Members Present: Rep. Becky Edwards, Chair
Rep. John Westwood, Vice Chair
Rep. Bruce Cutler
Rep. Timothy Hawkes
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Curt Oda
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Scott Sandall
Rep. Robert Spendlove
Rep. Mark Wheatley

Members Absent: Rep. Sophia DiCaro
Rep. Brad Wilson

Staff Present: Mr. Ben Christensen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Vice Chair Westwood called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 336 Insurance Adjuster Amendments (*Rep. C. Oda*)

Rep. Oda explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Cory Stanger, President, Utah Auto Body Association
Mr. Clay Hansen, Layton Collision Repair
Mr. Scott Miller, Auto Glass Industries
Mr. Chase Sawyer, Disaster Company
Mr. Mike McKell, State Representative
Mr. Guy DeHaan, Hinckley Automotive

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Greg Curtis, Allstate Insurance
Mr. Dan Adams, President and CEO, Bear River Insurance
Mr. Kennedy Nate, American Family Insurance
Mr. Chris Purcell, State Farm Insurance
Ms. Chantel Nate, American Family Insurance

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to replace H.B. 336 with 1st Sub. H.B. 336. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Oda voting against the motion.

S.B. 159 Background Checks for State Accountants (Sen. D. Henderson) (Rep. S. Eliason)

Sen. Henderson explained the bill to the committee assisted by Mr. John Reidhead, Director, Utah State Division of Finance.

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 52 through Page 3, Line 59:

- 52 (iv) "State agency" means an executive branch:
- 53 (A) department;
- 54 (B) agency;
- 55 (C) board;
- 56 (D) commission;
- 57 (E) division;
- 58 (F) office; or
- 59 (G) state educational institution **with the exception of an institution defined in Subsection 53B-1-102(1)**.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Spendlove moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the bill.

S.J. R. 6 Joint Resolution Urging Congress to Support Equity and Sales Tax Fairness (W. Harper)

Sen. Harper explained the resolution to the committee.

Ms. Kay Bradshaw, Utah Retail Merchants, spoke for the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Spendlove moved to place S.J.R. 6 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

**S.J.R. 8 Joint Resolution Urging Adoption of the Regulation Freedom Amendment
(Sen. T. Weiler) (Rep. V. Peterson)**

Sen. Weiler explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Romero and Rep. Wheatley voting against the motion. Rep. Oda was absent for the vote.

H.B. 216 Workplace Abusive Conduct Amendments (Rep. K. Stratton)

Rep. Stratton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Denise Halverson, Utah Healthy Workplace Advocates
 Mr. Todd Losser, Director, Utah Public Employees Association

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to replace H.B. 216 with 2nd Sub. H.B. 216. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Sandall moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Line 79:*

79 (d) expand or diminish grounds for discipline that ~~{did not exist}~~ existed
 before July 1, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Westwood adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.