

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
February 20, 2015**

Members Present: Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair
Rep. Brad Daw, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Fred Cox
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Val Peterson

Members Absent: Rep. Merrill Nelson
Rep. Lee Perry

Members Excused: Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present: Mr. Brian Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Kathy Gessel, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Grover and Rep. Peterson absent for the vote.

1st Sub. S.B. 70 Geographic Diversity Amendments (Sen. T. Weiler)

Sen. Weiler explained the bill.

Spoke to the bill: Mike Ostermiller, Utah Association of Realtors, and the Utah Property Rights Coalition

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Grover voting in opposition.

H.B. 316 Parental Leave for State Employees (Rep. J. Miller)

Rep. Miller explained the bill. A handout, "Paid Parental Leave in the United States," was distributed to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Wendy Peterson, Deputy Director, Department of Human Resource Management

Benn Buys, Finance Director, Department of Human Resource
Management

Spoke for the bill: Stephanie Pitcher, citizen
Benn Buys, Finance Director, Department of Human Resource

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 21 through 22:*

21 Other Special Clauses:

22 ~~None~~ **This bill provides a special effective date.**

2. *Page 2, Lines 38 through 45:*

38 (b) "Executive agency" means an executive branch:

39 (i) department;

40 (ii) agency;

41 (iii) board;

42 (iv) commission;

43 (v) division;

44 (vi) office; or

45 (vii) ~~state educational institution~~ **an institution of higher education as described in Section 53B-2-101**.

3. *Page 3, Line 75:*

75 who is part-time on a pro rata basis.

= **Section 2. Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 267 Municipal Government Changes (Rep. J. Westwood)

Rep. Westwood explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to send the bill to the Rules Committee and to have staff submit the bill for interim study. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Grover absent for the vote.

H.B. 321 *Vote by Mail Revisions (Rep. J. Westwood)*

Rep. Westwood explained the bill with the assistance of Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Spoke to the bill: Justin Lee, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Spoke for the bill: Jenn Gonnely, Utah League of Women Voters

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to replace H.B. 321 with 1st Sub. H.B. 321. The motion passed with Rep. Grover absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to hold 1st Sub. H.B. 321.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Arent voting in opposition and Rep. Grover absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.