

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 215, Senate Building
February 27, 2015**

Members Present: Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
Rep. Rich Cunningham, Vice Chair
Rep. Sophia DiCaro
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Brad Last
Rep. Justin Miller
Rep. Marie Poulson
Rep. John Westwood

Staff Present: Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Kathy Gessel, Committee Secretary

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

Rep. Powell called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Last and Rep. Miller absent for the vote.

H.B. 368 Executive Office Compensation (*Rep. B. Wilson*)

Rep. Wilson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Roger Tew, Chairman, Executive Judicial Compensation Commission

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

1. Page 2, Lines 37 through 40:

37	(A) lieutenant governor:	{90%}	<u>95%</u>	of the governor's salary;
38	(B) attorney general:			95% of the governor's salary;
39	(C) state auditor:	{90%}	<u>95%</u>	of the governor's salary; and
40	(D) state treasurer:	{90%}	<u>95%</u>	of the governor's salary.

The motion failed with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Westwood and Rep. Cunningham voting in favor of the bill.

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

1. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 42:*

- 41 (iii) Beginning on January 1, 2017, until the Legislature sets the salary of the
governor
- 42 in an appropriations act, the governor's salary is ~~{\$150,000}~~ ~~\$~~113,197 per year.

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MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Miller and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition.

H.B. 347 Retirement Window Amendments (Rep. R. Cunningham)

Rep. Cunningham explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dee Larsen, Utah Retirement Systems

Spoke for the bill: Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns

MOTION: Rep. Westwood moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed out unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to place H.B. 347 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 255 State Employee Health Plan Amendments (Rep. N. Thurston)

Rep. Thurston explained the bill to the committee and declared a conflict of interest with the bill.

Spoke to the bill: Chet Loftis, Director of Public Employees Health Plan

The chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Vice Chair Daw assumed the chair.

1st Sub. S.J.R. 9 Joint Resolution on Small Business Retirement Plan Availability
(Sen. T. Weiler)

Rep. Powell explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Danny Harris, AARP

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

*1. Page 3, Lines 80 through 82
Senate Committee Amendments
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- 80 Utah Chamber of Commerce, the Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents, the
Utah
81 Insurance Department, the Utah Small Business Development Center, ~~the~~ the Utah
Association of
81a Certified Public {~~Accounts~~} Accountants, the American Association of Retired
Persons, Utah Chapter, ~~the~~
81b and the members of
82 Utah's congressional delegation.

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

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Eliason voting in opposition and Rep. Miller absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Miller absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.