

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
January 29, 2016**

Members Present: Rep. Jack R. Draxler, Chair
Rep. Brad M. Daw, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Fred C. Cox
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Dean Sanpei

Members Absent: Rep. Keith Grover

Staff Present: Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Sandra Hash, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Daw called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Cox, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Sanpei absent for vote.

H.B. 123 Office of Attorney General - Conflict of Interest (*Rep. M. Noel*)

The bill was not heard.

H.B. 133 Municipal Government Amendments (*Rep. J. Anderegg*)

Rep. Andregg explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke against the bill: Cameron Diehl, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Gary Crane, Layton Attorney
Don Christensen, West Valley City Council

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

H.B. 81 Government Employees Insurance Offerings Amendments (*Rep. M. Kennedy*)

Rep. Kennedy explained the bill to the committee with the assistance John Dougall, Utah State Auditor. The handout, "Opportunities for Financial Benefit Using High Deductible Medical Plans", was distributed to the committee.

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

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

1. *Page 3, Lines 69 through 71:*

69 contribution shall be distributed into a health reimbursement account or other
 tax-advantaged

70 {~~health care~~} arrangement authorized under the Internal Revenue Code for the
 benefit of the

71 employee.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to pass H.B. 81 out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 70 Voter Eligibility Amendments (*Rep. J. Briscoe*)

Rep. Briscoe explained the bill to the committee and provided a handout, "Voter Eligibility."

Spoke to the bill: Mark Thomas, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Nokes, Associate Professor, Brigham Young University

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

H.B. 69 Qualified Political Party Amendments (*Rep. F. Cox*)

Rep. Cox explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to pass H.B. 69 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B.63 Fees for Government Records Requests (*Rep. Brian S. King*)

The bill was not considered.

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

Vice Chair Daw adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair