

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE REVENUE AND TAXATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 445, State Capitol

February 29, 2016

Members Present: Rep. Daniel McCay, Chair
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Vice Chair
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. Mike K. McKell
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Jon E. Stanard

Staff Present: Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst
An Bradshaw, Secretary

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

Vice Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

H.B. 242 Alternative Energy Development Tax Amendments (*Rep. S. Handy*)

Rep. Handy explained the bill to the committee. Samuel Johnston, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and Sarah Wright, Utah Clean Energy, answered questions from the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Theresa Foxley, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Paul Rogers, Utah Technology Council
Gary Thorup, eBay

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to replace H.B. 242 with 2nd Sub. H.B. 242. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 15, Lines 432 through 435:*

432 (47) (a) sales or uses of electricity, if the sales or uses are made under a retail

tariff adopted
433 by the Public Service Commission [~~of Utah~~] only for purchase of electricity produced
from a
434 new alternative energy source built after January 1, 2016 , as designated in the tariff
by the Public Service Commission [~~of~~
435 ~~Utah, and~~];

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Froerer moved to pass 2nd Sub. H.B. 242 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Greene, Rep. Ivory, and Rep. Peterson voting in opposition and Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

H.B. 157 Age Limit for Tobacco and Related Products (Rep. K. Powell)

Rep. Powell explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Joseph Miner, M.D., Utah Department of Health, and Joseph Cieslewicz, Student Body President, Wasatch High School. "21 Reasons for Age 21" and a PowerPoint presentation were provided to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Jennifer Dailey, Utah Academy of Family Physicians
Linnea Fletcher, Utah County Health Department
Mark Brinton, Utah Medical Association

Spoke against the bill: Josh Daniels, Libertas Institute

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to replace H.B. 157 with 2nd Sub. H.B. 157. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass 2nd Sub. H.B. 157 out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Hutchings, Rep. King, and Rep. Peterson voting in favor and Rep. Froerer absent for the vote.

H.B. 122 Sales Tax Exemption for Public Buildings Contractors (Rep. K. Powell)

Rep. Powell explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Joe McAllister, citizen.

Spoke against the bill: Lynn Pace, Salt Lake City and Utah League of Cities and Towns

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe, Rep. King, and Rep. Stanard voting in opposition.

H.B. 439 Retirement Amendments for Felony Conviction (Rep. D. McCay)

Rep. McCay explained the bill to the committee.

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

H.B. 356 Taxation of Solar Energy Devices (Rep. J. Knotwell)

Rep. Knotwell explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Nick Ball, Vivint Solar.

Spoke against the bill: Billy Hesterman, Utah Taxpayers Association
Kory Holdaway, Murray City

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Ivory, Rep. McCay, and Rep. Peterson voting in opposition.

H.B. 422 Common Area Assessment Amendments (Rep. G. Froerer)

Rep. Froerer explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: John Ulibarri, Weber County Assessor

MOTION: Rep. McKell moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

H.B. 376 Property Tax and Fair Market Value (Rep. B. Greene)

The bill was not considered.

MOTION: Rep. Knotwell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Stanard absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.