

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 • 3:00 pm • 415 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Megan L. Bolin, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Ipson called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to approve the minutes for January 26 and 31. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

**1. S.B. 178 Military Installation Development Authority Amendments (*Stevenson, J.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to amend S.B. 178 with Amendment #1 as follows:

*1. Page 9, Lines 258 through 262:*

258           (d) with respect to the military installation development authority created in Section  
259   63H-1-201, the aggregate average annual gross wages, not including health care benefits  
          or  
260   other paid or unpaid benefits of newly created full-time employment positions in a new  
261   commercial project within { ~~the city or town closest to the location of~~ the  
          county where    the authority project area    and the new commercial project are  
          located  
262   that are at least 110% of the average wages of the { ~~city or town~~ county .

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. Stevenson explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to pass S.B. 178 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to place S.B. 178 as amended on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**2. S.B. 152 Municipal Mayoral Term Amendments (*Iwamoto, J.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to replace S.B. 152 with 1st Substitute S.B. 152. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

Sen. Iwamoto explained the bill.

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor Millcreek, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Director Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 152 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to place 1st Substitute S.B. 152 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**3. S.C.R. 7 Concurrent Resolution Urging the Postmaster General to Issue a Commemorative Postage Stamp (*Iwamoto, J.*)**

Sen. Iwamoto explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.C.R. 7 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**4. S.B. 179 Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week (*Adams, J. S.*)**

Sen Adams explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to pass S.B. 179 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. L. Escamilla

**MOTION:** Sen. Adams moved to place S.B. 179 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. L. Escamilla

**5. S.B. 56 Animal Shelter Amendments (*Knudson, P.*)**

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

Sundays Hunt, Utah State Director, Humane Society United States, spoke for the bill.

Gene Baierschmidt, Executive Director, Humane Society of Utah, spoke for the bill.

Spencer Conover, Humane Society, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chloe Randall, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lynn Anderson, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melinda Thornton, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kris Nicholl, Sandy City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wendy Lavitt, Nuzzles and Co. Pet Rescue, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to pass S.B. 56 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-2-0.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Abs:

**6. S.B. 138 Metro Township Amendments (Mayne, K.)**

Sen. Mayne explained the bill with assistance from Steve Perry, Kerns Metro Township Council and Barry Conover, Executive Director, Utah State State Tax Commission.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to amend S.B. 138 with Amendment #1 as follows:

*1. Page 7, Line 193:*

193 Subsection 17B-1-502(3)(a)(iii), the municipality shall only remit to the municipal services district

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Jeff Siilvestrini, Mayor, Millcreek City, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass S.B. 138 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**7. H.B. 86 Inactive Voter Amendments (Hall, C.)**

Rep. Hall explained the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke to the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Justin Lee responded to questions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to pass HB 86 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to place HB 86 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**8. H.B. 135 Deposit of Public Funds (*Gardiner, A.*)**

Rep. Gardiner explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass H.B.135 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to place H.B. 135 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Ipson adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.