

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

Friday , February 2, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • 415 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

**Members Absent:**

Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. David P. Hinkins

**Staff Present:**

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

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Ipson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**1 . S.B. 83 Utah State Developmental Center Amendments (*Dayton, M.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to replace S.B. 83 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 83. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. Dayton explained the bill.

Gary Crane, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 83 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-3

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**2 . H.B. 20 Political Activities and Elections (Peterson, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to replace H.B. 20 with 1st Substitute H.B. 20. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-4

Sen. M. Dayton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. P. Knudson

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Rep. Peterson explained the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 20 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**3 . S.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Utah Honor Flight Program (Iwamoto, J.)**

Sen. Iwamoto explained the resolution.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to amend S.C.R. 6 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Amendment 1  
S.C.R. 6

1 Page 3, Lines 75 through 76

75 WHEREAS, the Utah Honor Flight Program typically takes 50 veterans, { ~~50 guardians~~

76 ~~who cover their own costs, and eight staff members~~ } eight staff members, and also 50 guardians who cover their own costs on the trips;

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

Colonel Gary Harter, Executive Director, Office of Veterans Affairs, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**4 . S.C.R. 7 Concurrent Resolution Honoring Firefighters and Fire Prevention Efforts (*Iwamoto, J.*)**

Sen. Iwamoto explained the resolution.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass S.C.R. 7 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins

**5 . H.B. 55 Veterans and Military Affairs Amendments (*Ray, P.*)**

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to pass H.B. 55 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to place H.B. 55 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**6 . 1st Sub. H.B. 66 Local Government Modifications (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Handy explained the bill.

LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association Special Districts, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 66 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**MOTION:** Sen. Dayton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams

Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Standing Committee

February 2, 2018

Page 5

Sen. L. Escamilla

Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. D. Hinkins

Sen. J. Iwamoto

Chair Ipson adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.