

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Thursday , February 1, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson, Chair
Rep. Justin L. Fawson, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Daniel McCay
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Lee B. Perry

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Rep. Adam Robertson

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

1 . H.J.R. 7 Joint Resolution Granting Legislative Approval for the Sale of Utah State Developmental Center Land (*Kennedy, M.*)

Rep. Michael S. Kennedy explained the bill.

Craig Peterson, American Fork City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Robert Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Alpine School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Joyce Dalcourt, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to pass H.J.R. 7 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. A. Robertson

2 . H.B. 159 Political Contributions Amendments (*Daw, B.*)

Rep. Daw explained the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to amend H.B. 159 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Amendment 1
H.B. 159

1 Page 2, Lines 53 through 57

- 53 (b) If a person violates this section after receiving a warning described in Subsection
54 (3)(a), the lieutenant governor shall impose a civil penalty against the person in the amount of ~~{~~ ~~:~~ ~~}~~
55 ~~{~~ ~~(i)~~ ~~}~~ \$100 for a second **or subsequent** violation ~~{~~ ~~:~~ ~~}~~ ~~.~~
56 ~~{~~ ~~(ii)~~ ~~}~~ ~~\$250 for a third violation; or~~ ~~}~~
57 ~~{~~ ~~(iii)~~ ~~}~~ ~~\$500 for a fourth or subsequent violation.~~ ~~}~~

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. A. Robertson

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to hold H.B. 159.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 159 out favorably. The Substitute motion failed with a vote of

3 - 7 - 1 .

Yeas-3

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson

Absent-1

Rep. A. Robertson

Rep. Daw's original motion to hold H.B. 159 passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. A. Robertson

Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

3 . H.B. 175 Oversight Committee Creation (Stratton, K.)

Rep. Keven J. Stratton explained the bill.

Lincoln Shurtz, Director of External Relations, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Terry Shoemaker, Associate Executive Director, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Beth Holbrook, Councilperson, Bountiful City, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ron Gordon, General Counsel, Governor's Office, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Heather Bennett, President, Salt Lake City School District Board of Education, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to replace H.B. 175 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 175. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. A. Robertson

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 175 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 6 - 1 .

Yeas-4

Rep. B. Daw

Nays-6

Rep. P. Arent

Absent-1

Rep. A. Robertson

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Rep. D. McCay
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2018, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. A. Robertson

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. A. Robertson

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.