

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE**

Thursday , February 8, 2018 • 3:40 p.m. • 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Stephen G. Handy, Chair  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Keith Grover  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy

Rep. Keven J. Stratton

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Walt Brooks  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst  
Ms. An Bradshaw, 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 Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. L. Hemingway

**1 . H.B. 261 Renewable Energy Amendments (*Knotwell, J.*)**

Rep. Knotwell presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Mark Whitney, Commissioner, Beaver County, and Mr. Jon Cox, Vice President of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Whitney also spoke in favor of the bill for the Utah Association of Counties.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, representing Enyo Renewable Energy, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Tom Westmoreland, Mayor, Eagle Mountain, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Ryan Evans, President, Utah Solar Energy Association, spoke to the bill.

Ms. Michelle Beck, Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services, spoke to the bill.

Ms. Kelly Francone, Executive Directive, Utah Association of Energy Users, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Kent Wilson, Commissioner, Emery County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Ryan Creamer, CEO, sPower, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Maloy moved to hold H.B. 261. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4 .

Yeas-6

Nays-1

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. K. Grover

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. L. Hemingway

Rep. Maloy's motion to hold H.B. 261 passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4 .

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-1

Rep. K. Grover

Absent-4

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. L. Hemingway

**2 . H.B. 318 Stray Current or Voltage Remediation Act (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Handy presented the bill with the assistance of: Mr. Dan Eldredge, General Manager, Intermountain Power Agency; Dr. Douglas Reinemann, Associate Dean for Extension and Outreach, University of Wisconsin; and Ms. Amanda Smith, attorney, Holland & Hart.

Mr. Mike Kohler, Executive Director, Dairy Producers of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill with some reservations.

Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to pass H.B. 318 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to amend H.B. 318 with Amendment #2. The Substitute motion passed with a

vote of 7 - 0 - 4 .

Amendment 2

H.B. 318

1 Page 3, Line 83

83 (4) "Livestock" means cattle, swine, sheep, equine, or poultry.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. K. Grover

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Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to pass H.B. 318 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. Christofferson's motion to pass H.B. 318 out favorably as amended passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
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**MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
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Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

