

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

Tuesday , February 20, 2018 • 8:00 a.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. Merrill F. Nelson  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Adam Robertson  
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary  
Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst

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).

Vice Chair Fawson called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 and February 13, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. J. Fawson  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

**1 . H.B. 110 Lobbyist Licensing Modifications (*Peterson, J.*)**

Rep. J. Peterson explained the bill.

Adam Brown, Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeff Hartley, registered lobbyist, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to replace H.B. 110 with 1st Substitute H.B. 110. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Fawson  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. T. Seegmiller

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 110 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 2 .

Yeas-6

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-3

Rep. J. Fawson  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. A. Robertson

Absent-2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. N. Thurston

**2 . H.B. 218 Amendments to Voter Registration (*Chavez-Houck, R.*)**

Rep. Chavez-Houck explained this bill with the assistance of Rep. S. Handy.

Chair Peterson assumed the chair.

Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor, Davis County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lincoln Schurtz, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrew Riggle, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Catherine Weller, President, Utah League of Women Voters, spoke in favor of this bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to replace H.B. 218 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 218. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Fawson  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. N. Thurston

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Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 218 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 2 .

Yeas-6

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson

Nays-3

Rep. J. Fawson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-2

Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-9

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. J. Fawson  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. J. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. N. Thurston

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.