



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, 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.

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order.

MOTION: Chair Okerlund moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

1 . S.B. 114 Hunting Amendments (*Hinkins, D.*)

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to amend S.B. 114 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1 S.B. 114

1. Page 2, Lines 29 through 34:

29 (2) ~~{(a)}~~ A ~~{state agency or}~~ private person may not use any aircraft for the prevention of
30 damage without first obtaining a use permit from the department.
31 ~~{(b) A state agency that contemplates the use of aircraft for the protection of agricultural~~
32 ~~crops, livestock, poultry, or wildlife shall file an application with the department for an aircraft~~
33 ~~use permit to enable the agency to issue licenses to personnel within the agency charged with~~
34 ~~the responsibility to protect such resources.}~~

2. Page 2, Lines 40 through 44:

40 (3) The department may issue an annual permit for aerial hunting to a private person for the
41 protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops, if the
42 person shows that the person or the person's designated pilot, along with the aircraft to be used
43 in the aerial hunting, are licensed and qualified in accordance with the requirements of the
44 department set by rule.

3. Page 2, Line 51:

51 (6) Aerial hunting activity under a permit issued by the department is restricted to:

4. Page 3, Line 62:

62 Administrative Rulemaking Act, that are necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.
(8) The issuance of an aerial hunting permit or license under this section does not authorize the holder to use aircraft to hunt, pursue, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect protected wildlife, as defined in Section 23-13-2, unless also authorized by the Division of Wildlife Resources under Section 23-20-12.

Yeas-6

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Hinkins explained the bill with the assistance of Scott Erickson, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture and Food.

Mike Fowlks, Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 114 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

2 . H.B. 33 Utah Wholesome Food Act Amendments (Stratton, K.)

Sen. Keven J. Stratton explained the bill.

Scott Ericson, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass H.B. 33 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn at 2:26 PM. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson