



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Suzanne Harrison

Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Staff Present:

Mr. Steve Benard, Session Secretary
Mr. Timothy G. Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ivan D. Djambov, Fiscal Analyst

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

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Mr. Tim Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst, explained the links and agenda items.

1 . Office of Energy Development

Dr. Laura Nelson, Executive Director of the Office of Energy Development, presented information on the mission of the office and funding requests.

[2-Office of Energy Development, Agency Presentation](#)

Rep. Handy thanked and complimented Dr. Nelson and the OED staff.

Rep. Lyman asked about the base budget performance measures, and Ms. Nelson explained.

Rep. Albrecht asked about coal sales projection, and Dr. Nelson explained.

2 . Division of Air Quality

[3-Division of Air Quality, Agency Presentation](#)

[3a-Division of Air Quality, Handout](#)

Mr. Bryce Bird, Director of the Division of Air Quality, presented.

Rep. Stratton asked about the clean air initiatives and the related data. Mr. Bird responded.

Rep. Christofferson asked about locomotive requirements. Mr. Bird explained.

Sen. Ipson asked about mileage, and Mr. Bird explained the incentive program.

Rep. Lyman commented on air quality issues and regulatory challenges and the \$100 million budget request. Chair Hinkins also commented.

Rep. Albrecht commented on the use of snow plows in rural areas.

Rep. Handy commented on the use of snow plows sent to other areas.

3 . RFA - Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program, Rep. Stenquist, Jeffrey D.

Rep. Stenquist introduced the vehicle emissions program.

4 . RFA - Replace Wood-Fired Stoves and Fireplaces with Gas Appliances, Rep. Hawkes, Timothy D.

Rep. Hawkes gave a presentation on wood smoke pollution.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about a list of items that cost the least. Mr. Bryce Bird shared some data and a list.

Rep. Lyman commented on the necessity of clean air.

Rep. Albrecht commented on the program.

5 . RFA - Air Quality Messaging Campaigns, Rep. Arent, Patrice M.

Rep. Arent presented on air quality.

Rep. Chew asked which part of Utah has citizens moving out of the state. Rep. Arent explained.

Rep. Arent continued her presentation, and Mr. Bryce Bird helped explain the messaging program.

Sen. Okerlund commented on the value of the messaging campaign. He asked about the additional funding. Rep. Arent explained.

Mr. Bryce Bird explained and clarified the pollution reduction campaign.

6 . RFA - Yard Equipment Exchange, Rep. Harrison, Suzanne

Rep. Harrison explained the yard equipment exchange program. Mr. Bryce Bird also helped to explain the program.

Rep. Chew asked how the funding amount was derived. Mr. Bird explained.

Rep. Christofferson asked about prioritization in funding. Both Rep. Harrison and Mr. Bird responded.

7 . RFA - Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment, Rep. Snow, V. Lowry

Rep. Snow presented, with assistance from Bryce Bird and James Campbell of Rocky Mountain Power.

Chair Hinkins commented on charging stations that occupy parking spaces at the Capitol, and Mr. Bird and Mr. Campbell explained.

Rep. Albrecht asked questions regarding electric vehicles in different locations of the state. Mr. Bird explained.

Rep. Chew asked regarding various energy technologies. Mr. Campbell responded.

Rep. Stratton commented and asked questions, which Mr. Bird answered.

Rep. Harrison commented on how issues interplay on air quality.

8 . RFA - Air Quality Solution Innovation, Rep. Hutchings, Eric K.

Rep. Hutchings explained the funding request and research.

9 . RFA - Reduction of Single Occupancy Vehicle Trips Pilot Program, Rep. Briscoe, Joel K.

Rep. Briscoe presented the funding request.

Rep. Barlow asked how funds will be used. Rep. Briscoe explained.

Rep. Chew asked for ideas of quantifying. Mr. Glade Sowards, Policy Analyst, Division of Air Quality, explained. Matt Sibul, of Utah Transit Authority (UTA), also explained.

Rep. Snider asked questions regarding red vs. yellow color code days, and Rep. Briscoe and Mr. Sowards explained.

10 . Division of Water Quality

[11-Division of Water Quality, Agency Presentation](#)

Ms. Erica Gaddis, Director, Division of Water Quality, presented.

House Chair Barlow assumed the chair.

Rep. Chew asked about Garfield County as a high-need area, and Ms. Gaddis explained.

Rep. Snider asked a question about the downstream impact of water reuse. Ms. Gaddis explained.

Sen. Okerlund asked about tracking e coli, and Ms. Gaddis explained.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about the waste water funding request, and Ms. Gaddis answered.

Senate Chair Hinkins resumed the chair.

Rep. Stratton commented on how good information translates into good policy.

11 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to approve the February 7, 2019 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Perry
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. L. Wilde
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. D. Thatcher

Ms. Gaddis continued her DWQ presentation.

12 . RFA - Great Salt Lake Research, Rep. Barlow, Stewart E.

Rep. Barlow presented, assisted by Leland Myres, Executive Director, Great Salt Lake Advisory Council and Ashley Beck, attorney for the council.

Rep. Harrison asked for commentary on the role of water conservation in maintaining the health of the Great Salt Lake. Mr. Myres explained the impact on the population increase.

Rep. Snider asked questions regarding who will receive the contract to complete the study. Mr. Myres replied. Rep Barlow also explained.

Chair Hinkins asked for Brian Cottam to answer financial questions. Mr. Brian Cottam, Director of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, responded.

13 . Division of Drinking Water

[13-Drinking Water, Agency Presentation](#)

Ms. Marie Owens, Director of the Division of Drinking Water, presented the funding request.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to adjourn.

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am.