



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

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 at 2:08 PM.

1 . S.B. 144 Environmental Quality Monitoring Amendments (Escamilla (Robles), L.)

Sen. Luz Escamilla explained the bill.

James Rogers, Council Member, Salt Lake City, Vice-Chair, Inland Port Board, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cory Holdaway, Magna Township, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Thea Brannon, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, spoke to the bill.

Kathy Abarca, Executive Director, Racially Just Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kitchen moved to pass S.B. 144 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to hold S.B. 144.

Sen. Hinkins withdrew the motion.

Sen. Kitchen's motion passed with a vote of 4 - 3 - 2.

Yeas-4
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen

Nays-3
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Absent-2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson

2 . S.B. 142 Animal Welfare Amendments (Davis, G.)

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to return S.B. 142 to the Rules Committee The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . H.B. 125 Quantity Impairment Modifications (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Carl Albrecht explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 125 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to place H.B. 125 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . 1st Sub. H.B. 135 Wildfire Preparedness Amendments (*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Derrin Owens explained the bill.

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 135 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 135 on the Consent Calendar. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 4.

Yeas-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund

Nays-1

Sen. E. Vickers

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

5 . H.B. 167 Wildlife Documentation Amendments (*Ferry, J.*)

Rep. Joel Ferry explained the bill and distributed a handout entitled "Modernize hunting with electronic tagging option".

Mike Fowlkes, Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 167 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

6 . H.C.R. 13 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Utah Refiners to Manufacture Tier 3 Gasoline to Improve Air Quality (*Arent, P.*)

Rep. Patrice Arent explained the resolution.

Ashley Miller, Policy Director, Breathe Utah, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, spoke to the resolution

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.C.R. 13 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson