



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. John Knotwell, Chair
Rep. Phil Lyman, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Jon Hawkins

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Marc K. Roberts
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Knotwell called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Stenquist moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller

1 . H.B. 297 Long Term Planning Subcommittee (Moss, J.)

Rep. Jefferson Moss explained the bill.

John Cannon, Director, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 297 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

2 . H.B. 238 Marriage License Fees Amendments (Romero, A.)

Rep. Angela Romero explained the bill with the assistance of Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition.

A handout "Utah Domestic Violence Coalition" was distributed to the committee.

[Utah Domestic Violence Coalition](#)

Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Erin Jemison, Director of Public Policy, YWCA, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to amend H.B. 238 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
H.B. 238

1. Page 2, Lines 37 through 38:

37 (ii) transmit \$10 from each marriage license fee to the { [Division of Finance](#) } [state treasurer](#) for deposit
38 in the Children's Legal Defense Account.

2. Page 2, Lines 46 through 48:

46 ~~[(B)] (ii) [to the extent actually paid,]~~ transmit [~~\$10~~] \$35 from each marriage license
47 fee to the { [Division of Finance](#) } [state treasurer](#) for distribution to the Division of Child and Family Services for
48 the operation of shelters for victims of domestic violence.

Yeas-10

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 238 as amended out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 8 - 1.

Yeas-2

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost

Nays-8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Absent-1

Rep. P. Lyman

3 . H.B. 259 Straight Ticket Voting Prohibition Amendments (Arent, P.)

Rep. Patrice M. Arent explained the bill with Rep. Craig Hall.

Vickie Samuelson, Co-President, League of Women Voters of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Joseph G. Buchman, Chair, Libertarian Party of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karina Andelin Brown, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Richard Davis, Chair, United Utah Party, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Winston Baer, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Utah Clerk/Auditor Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 259 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 0.

Yeas-6

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-5

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays-0

Absent-0

Chair Knotwell adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.