



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 7, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Stephen G. Handy

Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Staff Present:

Ms. Mary Stringham, Session Secretary
Ms. Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst

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

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

1 . S.C.R. 11 Concurrent Resolution Designating Utah Girls in Tech Day (Millner, A.)

Sen. Ann Millner presented S.C.R. 11 with the assistance of Ms. Sara Jones, Co-Founder and COO of Women Tech Council (WTC), and Ms. Makenzy Toro, Mountain View High School senior.

Ms. Nikki Perry, Zions Bank, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Elizabeth Berry, Workday, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass S.C.R. 11 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

2 . H.B. 392 Telemedicine Reimbursement Amendments (Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ken Ivory presented H.B. 392.

Mr. Danny Harris, Advocacy Director for AARP Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to amend H.B. 392 with Amendment #1.
Amendment 1
H.B. 392

1. Page 3, Lines 59 through 73:
59 {~~(4)~~ Before ~~[December 1, 2017]~~ November 1, 2019, the department shall report to the
60 Legislature's Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee and Health Reform
61 Task Force on:
62 —~~(a) the result of the reimbursement requirement described in Subsection (3);~~
63 —~~(b) existing and potential uses of telehealth and telemedicine services;~~
64 —~~(c) issues of reimbursement to a provider offering telehealth and telemedicine services;~~
65 —~~(d) potential rules or legislation related to:~~
66 —~~(i) providers offering and insurers reimbursing for telehealth and telemedicine services;~~
67 ~~and~~
68 —~~(ii) increasing access to health care, increasing the efficiency of health care, and~~
69 ~~decreasing the costs of health care; and~~
70 —~~(e) the department's efforts to obtain a waiver from the federal requirement that~~
71 ~~telemedicine communication be face-to-face communication.}~~
72 {~~(5)~~ (4) The Medicaid program shall reimburse for telepsychiatric consultations at a rate set
73 by the Medicaid program.

Rep. Handy's motion to amend H.B. 392 with Amendment #1 passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to pass H.B. 392 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Weight moved to place H.B. 392 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

3 . 1st Sub. H.B. 411 Community Renewable Energy Act (Handy, S.)

Rep. Handy presented 1st Sub. H.B. 411 with the assistance of Mr. Jon Cox, VP of Government Affairs for Rocky Mountain Power.

Mr. Michael Orton, Manager of Energy Efficiency Programs for Dominion Energy Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Tyler Poulson, Senior Energy Manager for Salt Lake City, spoke in favor of the bill and responded to committee questions.

Mr. Taz Biesenger, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 411 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 411. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 0.

Yeas-8

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-3

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Stratton

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to reconsider committee action. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 411 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 411. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 411 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to hold 2nd Substitute H.B. 411. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 4 - 7 - 0.

Yeas-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Absent-0

Rep. Arent's motion to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 411 out favorably passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 0.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. K. Stratton

Absent-0

4 . 1st Sub. S.B. 205 Internet Service Provider Filtering Compilation (*Weiler, T.*)

Rep. Susan Pulsipher presented 1st Sub. S.B. 205.

MOTION: Rep. Stenquist moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 205 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-0

5 . S.B. 206 Underground Conversion of Utilities Amendments (*Buxton, D. G.*)

Sen. David G. Buxton presented S.B. 206.

Mr. Cox responded to committee questions.

Mr. Cox spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to pass S.B. 206 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. E. Weight

Chair Brooks noted that 1st Sub. S.B. 150 would not be heard on today's agenda.

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

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
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Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.