



DRAFT MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald Winterton, Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Staff Present:

Ms. Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cherish Cosman, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

1 . Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. C. Moss
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. M. Poulson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. J. Stenquist

2 . Draft Legislation: FL0304, Sales and Use Tax Modifications

[2 - 2020 General Session Draft Legislation "Sales and Use Tax Modifications" \(2020FL0304-016\)](#)

[2A - Sales and Use Tax Modifications Draft Dynamic Fiscal Note](#)

Chair Winterton updated the committee on the changes to the draft legislation since its first hearing during the committee's October meeting.

Howard Stephenson, President, Utah Taxpayers Association, presented on Utah's economic background leading to the draft legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Thomas Young, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analysts, addressed the bill's draft dynamic fiscal note and responded to committee questions.

Chair Winterton, Thomas Young, and Howard Stephenson answered committee questions and committee discussion continued.

[2B - Amendment to Draft Legislation "Sales and Use Tax Modifications"](#)

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to amend "Sales and Use Tax Modifications" and responded to committee questions. Shannon Halverson, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, explained the proposed amendment. Committee discussion and questions regarding the amendment continued. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 12 - 0.

Yeas-4

Rep. P. Arent
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to recommend as a committee bill draft legislation, "Sales and Use Tax Modifications." The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 4 - 0.

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-4

Rep. P. Arent
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson

Absent-0

3 . Committee Staff Report on Utah's Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund (UUSF)

[3 - Staff Report on Utah's Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund \(UUSF\)](#)

[3A - 2017 PSC UUSF Report, Public Service Commission](#)

[3B - 2018 PSC UUSF Report, Public Service Commission](#)

[3C - 2019 PSC UUSF Report, Public Service Commission](#)

Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented the report on the UUSF and responded to questions from the committee.

Committee discussion on the report continued.

4 . Committee Update: Public Utilities Regulation Fee (PURF)

[4 - Public Utility Regulatory Fee Information and Report](#)

Rep. Christofferson reported back to the committee with an update of the PURF workgroup's activities and outcomes, the status of legislation for the 2020 General Session, and responded to committee questions.

Rep. Ferry discussed the finance and budget portion of the PURF Information and Report packet, and answered questions from the committee with committee discussion following.

5 . Statutory Reports Relating to the Single Sign-on Expendable Revenue Fund

[5 - Utah's Business Portal, DTS](#)

Mike Hussey, Executive Director, Utah Department of Technology Services (DTS), and James Hudgins, Project Manager, Utah's Business Portal, DTS, updated the committee on the status of the business and citizen portal projects, demonstrated portal components, tools, and functionality, and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Francine Giani, Executive Director, Utah Department of Commerce, and Peter Anjewierden, Budget Director, Department of Commerce, addressed the fee and budget information concerning the portal project.

6 . Rocky Mountain Power's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan

[6 - Rocky Mountain Power 2019 IRP and Appendices](#)

[6A - Rocky Mountain Power 2019 Integrated Resource Plan Preferred Portfolio](#)

Jon Cox, Vice President of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power, explained the purpose of the integrated resource plan, highlighted key provisions of the plan, and answered questions from the committee.

7 . Public Program Funding Through Utility Rates

Michele Beck, Director, Office of Consumer Services, discussed the distinction between utilizing consumer utility rate revenue to fund projects directly related to the consumption of electricity and natural gas versus utilizing consumer utility rate revenue to fund public policy initiatives not directly related to utility services, and responded to committee questions.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. P. Arent
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. J. Stenquist

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.