



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 | 8:00 a.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. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
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 8:07 AM.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to approve the minutes for March 2, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-4

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

Nays-0

Absent-5

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

1 . 1st Sub. H.B. 283 Outdoor Adventure Commission Amendments (Stenquist, J.)

Rep. Stenquist explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 283 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 283. 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

Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke to the bill.

Brian Summers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke to the bill.

Tom Adams, COO, Petzl, spoke to the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brett Stewart, President, Utah OHV Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 283 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

**2 . H.C.R. 13 Concurrent Resolution Supporting the Protection and Restoration of Wildlife Corridors
(Schultz, M.)**

Rep. Schultz explained the bill.

Gabby Saunders, Wildlands Network, spoke to the bill.

Kirk Robinson, Executive Director, Western Wildlife Conservancy, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andy Rasmussen, Trout Unlimited, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jason Davis, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), spoke in favor of the bill.

Bill Christensen, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Riley Peck, Utah Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.C.R. 13 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . H.C.R. 19 Concurrent Resolution Opposing the Introduction of Wolves (Wilde, L.)

Rep. Wilde explained the bill.

Kirk Robinson, Western Wildlife, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.C.R. 19 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . 1st Sub. H.B. 40 Water Loss Accounting (Ballard, M.G.)

Rep. Ballard explained the bill.

Fred Finlinson, Attorney, Prep 60 District, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 40 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

5 . H.B. 335 Illegal Activities on Trust Lands Amendments (McKell, M.)

Rep. McKell explained the bill.

Lionel Trepanier spoke in opposition to the bill.

Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tim Donaldson, Assistant Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 335 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

6 . H.B. 266 Water Conservancy District Amendments (Handy, S.)

Rep. Handy explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to amend H.B. 266 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
H.B. 266

1. Page 2, Lines 56 through 57:
56 (iii) the governor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint an individual to fill the
57 vacancy from nominees submitted as provided in Subsection 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass H.B. 266 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

7 . 1st Sub. H.J.R. 15 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - The Right to Hunt and Fish (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider explained the bill.

Kirk Robinson, Western Wildlife Conservancy, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Justin Atwater, Director, Lands Trust and Advocacy Office, spoke to the bill.

Riley Peck, DWR, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andy Rasmussen, Trout Unlimited, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Ure, Trust Lands, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to pass 1st Substitute H.J.R. 15 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.