



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | 1150 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Rex P. Shipp, Vice Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Clare Collard
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Doug Owens

Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Douglas R. Welton
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Staff Present:

Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order and introduced committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. C. Collard
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. D. Welton
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton

Sarah J. Balland, committee analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, reviewed the public comment procedures.

1 . H.B. 17 Utility Permitting Amendments (*Handy, S.*)

Rep. Handy presented the bill.

[HB17 Presentation](#)

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Mike Squires, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Josh Craft, Utah Clean Energy, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Roger Tew, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kevin Garlick, Utah Municipal Power Agency, spoke in opposition to the bill.

George Chapman spoke in support of the bill.

Chris Gamvroulas, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Lincoln Shurtz, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in opposition to the bill as currently written.

Carly Ferro, Utah Sierra Club, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to pass H.B. 17 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 4 - 0.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-4

Rep. C. Collard
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Welton

Absent-0

2 . H.B. 131 State Facility Energy Efficiency Amendments (*Handy, S.*)

[2 HB131 Presentation](#)

Rep. Handy presented the bill assisted by Sarah Boll, Utah Division of Facilities and Construction Management.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Chair Albrecht invited public comment on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 131 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. C. Collard
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. D. Welton
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-0

3 . H.B. 141 Municipal Services Amendments (*Brooks, W.*)

Rep. Brooks presented the bill assisted by Jeff Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Jon Cox, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in support of the bill.

Kevin Garlick spoke in support of the bill.

LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke in opposition to the bill as currently written.

Ray Loveless, South Utah Valley Electric Service District, spoke in opposition to the bill as currently written.

Mark Holdaway, South Utah Valley Electric Service District, spoke in opposition to the bill as currently written.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass H.B. 141 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
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Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
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Rep. R. Shipp
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Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-0

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Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.