



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | 3:40 p.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Rep. Norman K. Thurston, Vice Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Staff Present:

Lisa Sorensen, 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.

Vice Chair Thurston called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

MOTION: Chair Maloy moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Waldrip

1 . H.B. 261 Geographic Reference Center Amendments (*Brooks, W.*)

Rep. Brooks introduced the bill.

MOTION: Chair Maloy moved to pass H.B. 261 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to place H.B. 261 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Waldrip

2 . H.B. 252 State Pay Plan Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Wilcox introduced the bill.

Matthew Briggs, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in support of the bill.

Brody Young, private citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Todd Losser, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Todd Royce, Law Enforcement Director, Department of Natural Resources, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to replace H.B. 252 with 1st Substitute H.B. 252. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 252 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher

Rep. Maloy assumed the chair.

3 . H.B. 211 Initiatives and Referenda Amendments (*Thurston, N.*)

Rep. Thurston introduced the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor, spoke in support of the bill.

Diane Christensen, private citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kim Santiago, private citizen, spoke to the bill.

Tracy Taylor, Wasatch Taxpayers Association, spoke to the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 211 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-1

Rep. S. Pitcher

Absent-2

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. C. Pierucci

Rep. Thurston resumed the chair.

4 . H.B. 136 Initiative and Referenda Modifications (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Teuscher introduced the bill and distributed the handout "Initiative and Referenda Modifications." He was assisted by David Owen, Foundation for Government Accountability and Chase Martin, Legal Affairs Director, Foundation for Government Accountability.

Diane Christensen spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kim Santiago spoke in opposition to the bill.

Marci Campbell, Utah 2019 Tax Referendum, spoke in support of the bill.

Loren Simpson, Alliance for a Better Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke to the bill.

Kris Campbell, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Olivia Dawn, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

Alan Wessman, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jonathan Bejarano, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Ricky Hatch spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to replace H.B. 136 with 1st Substitute H.B. 136. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 136 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 0.

Yeas-8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent-0

5 . H.B. 243 Privacy Protection Amendments (*Gibson, F.*)

Rep. Gibson introduced the bill assisted by John Dougall, Utah State Auditor.

Ronald Mortensen, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Marina Lowe, ACLU, spoke in support of the bill.

Dan Burton, Utah Attorney General's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Alan Wessman spoke in support of the bill.

Connor Boyack spoke in support of the bill.

Ricky Hatch spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 243 with 1st Substitute H.B. 243. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 243 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Pitcher

Chair Thurston adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.