



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 11, 2021 | 8:00 a.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 Shipp called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. A. Romero
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. D. Welton
Rep. R. Wilcox

1 . H.B. 298 Utility Proceedings Amendments (*Handy, S.*)

Rep. Handy presented the bill and a PowerPoint presentation. Chris Parker, Director, Division of Public Utilities, assisted and spoke in support of the bill.

The committee asked clarifying questions on the bill.

Jon Cox, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke to the bill.

Nate Blouin, Interwest Energy Alliance, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lund moved to hold H.B. 298. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 0.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-2

Rep. D. Owens
Rep. A. Romero

Absent-0

2 . 1st Sub. H.B. 72 Device Filter Amendments (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Pulsipher presented the bill.

The chair announced that since the committee had heard the bill in a prior meeting, the committee would hold off on clarifying questions from the committee and move immediately to public comment, which would also be limited.

Dave Davis, Utah Retail Merchants Association, spoke in opposition to the bill as currently written.

Dr. Jacob Gibson, family therapist, spoke in support of the bill.

Carl Szabo, Vice President and General Counsel of NetChoice and Adjunct Professor of Internet Law at George Mason Antonin Scalia Law School, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rudyard Johansen, father, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 72 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 72. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht
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-1

Rep. S. Chew

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 72 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 1.

Yeas-6

Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Collard
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Absent-1

Rep. S. Chew

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.



Yeas-11

- Rep. C. Albrecht
- 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-1

- Rep. S. Chew

Chair Shipp adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.