



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Samantha D. Brucker, Policy Analyst
Kristen Anderson, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. E. Vickers

1 . S.B. 160 State Audit Amendments (Buxton, D. G.)

Sen. Buxton presented the bill.

Royce , Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter .

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 160 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. E. Vickers

2 . S.B. 166 State Holiday Amendments (Millner, A.)

Sen. Milner presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 166 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. E. Vickers

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

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

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

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Buxton assumed the chair.

4 . S.B. 157 Citizen Review Boards (*Thatcher, D.*)

MOTION: Chair Thatcher moved to replace S.B. 157 with 1st Substitute S.B. 157. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Thatcher presented the bill.

MOTION: Chair Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 157 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Thatcher resumed the chair.

5 . 1st Sub. H.B. 217 Regulatory Sandbox Program Amendments (*Maloy, A.C.*)

Rep. Maloy presented the bill.

James Czerniawski, Tech and Innovation Policy Analyst, Libertas Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kori Ann Edwards, Managing Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke to the bill.

David Spatafore, South Salt Lake and Midvale City, spoke to the bill.

Brian Knight, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, spoke to the bill.

Kate Bradshaw, City Council, Bountiful City, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 217 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. E. Vickers

6 . S.B. 118 State School Board Candidate Amendments (Riebe, K.)

Sen. Riebe presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to amend S.B. 118 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
S.B. 118

1. Page 4, Lines 102 through 107:

102 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:

103 (A) [2,000] {~~500~~ 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of
104 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified
105 political party's candidates in a primary election; or

106 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of the
107 applicable State Board of Education district; and

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Riebe presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to table S.B. 118. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 2.

Yeas-4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-2

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.