



# MINUTES

## HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 21, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
 Rep. Michael L. Kohler, Vice Chair  
 Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
 Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion  
 Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
 Rep. Scott H. Chew  
 Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
 Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
 Rep. Douglas V. Sagers

Rep. Mike Schultz  
 Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
 Rep. Casey Snider  
 Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Phil Lyman

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
 Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 2:05:51 p.m.

Introductions from committee members.

**1. H.B. 78 Wildlife Conservation Fund (Snider, C.)**

Rep. Snider presented the bill with assistance of Riley Peck, Biologist, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

**MOTION:**

Rep. Albrecht moved to pass H.B. 78 out favorably. Discussed it will need an amendment and will reconsider the bill. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
 Rep. G. Bennion  
 Rep. J. Briscoe  
 Rep. S. Chew  
 Rep. S. Handy  
 Rep. M. Kohler  
 Rep. D. Sagers  
 Rep. M. Schultz  
 Rep. R. Shipp  
 Rep. C. Snider  
 Rep. K. Stratton  
 Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. T. Hawkes  
 Rep. P. Lyman

**2. H.B. 115 Water Distribution Efficiency (Ballard, M.G.)**

Rep. Ballard presented the bill with assistance of Todd Stonely, Assistant Director of Planning, Utah Division of Water Resources, and . They responded to questions from the committee.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Utah State Division of Water Rights responded to questions on the bill.

Todd Adams, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Nathan Brady helped clarify a committee question.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to pass H.B. 115 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman

**3. H.B. 142 Donation of Wild Game Meat (Ferry, J.)**

Rep. Joel Ferry presented the bill with assistance of Riley Peck and responded to questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kohler moved to amend H.B. 142 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 142

1. Page 3, Lines 66 through 68:

66 (3) a donor of wild game meat, including a custom meat processor, who complies with  
67 Section { ~~7-34-108~~ 4-34-108 and participates in good faith in a food donation program; or  
68 (4) a nonprofit charitable organization receiving, accepting, gleaning, or distributing an

Yeas - 11

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Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Snider

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to pass H.B. 142 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Snider

**4. H.B. 155 Veteran Access to State Parks (Schultz, M.)**

Rep. Schultz presented the bill with assistance of Jeff Rasmussen, State Parks Director, Department of Natural Resources and responded to questions from the committee.

Shane Brooks, member from the public, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 155 with 1st Substitute H.B. 155. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman

**MOTION:** Rep. Shipp moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 155 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman

**5. S.B. 17 Grazing Advisory Board Amendments (Sandall, S.)**

Sen. Scott Sandall presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to pass S.B. 17 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
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Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Schultz

**6. S.B. 31 Water Rights Proofs on Small Amounts of Water (Sandall, S.)**

Sen. Sandall presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Chew moved to pass S.B. 31 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

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Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to reconsider their action on H.B. 78. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

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Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Schultz

**7. H.B. 78 Wildlife Conservation Fund (Snider, C.)**

Rep. Snider presented Amendment #1 for H.B 78.

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to amend H.B. 78 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 78

1. Page 2, Lines 56 through 57:

56 (c) The division shall make expenditures from the fund consistent with the rules

57 governing the applicable program.

(6) The division shall annually report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the amount of money in the fund from the sources of money for the fund and how the money is expended.

Yeas - 12

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Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to pass H.B. 78 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
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Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
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Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. Schultz



Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 4:00:41 PM.