



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 27, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House 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.

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

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 5

Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip

1. H.B. 135 Open and Public Meeting Comment Requirements (*Brammer, B.*)

H. B. 135 was not heard.

2. H.B. 22 Open and Public Meetings Act Modifications (*Welton, D.*)

Rep. Welton presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass H.B. 22 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip

3. H.B. 169 State and Local Employee Disaster Services (*Burton, J.*)

Rep. Burton presented the bill assisted by Kris Hamlet, Director, Utah Division of Emergency Management.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 169 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

4. S.B. 15 Department of Government Operations (*Millner, A.*)

Rep. Val Peterson presented the bill assisted by Jenny Rees, Director, Department of Government Operations.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass S.B. 15 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. S. Waldrip

5. S.B. 18 Election Modifications (*Thatcher, D.*)

Rep. Maloy presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor and Chair of the Clerks Legislative Committee, spoke in support of the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to replace S.B. 18 with 1st Substitute S.B. 18. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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 - 1

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 18 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

6. S.B. 32 Voting History Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)

Rep. Judkins presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch spoke in support of the bill.

Ryan Cowley spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to replace S.B. 32 with 1st Substitute S.B. 32. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 32 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

7. S.B. 24 Utah Retirement Systems Revisions (*Harper, W.*)

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems, available to answer any questions.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to replace S.B. 24 with 1st Substitute 24. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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 - 1

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 24 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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 - 1

Rep. P. Lyman

8. S.B. 38 Ballot Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)

Sen. Thatcher presented the bill assisted by Ricky Hatch.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to replace S.B. 38 with 1st Substitute S.B. 38. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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 - 1

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 38 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

9. S.B. 91 Revisor's Technical Corrections to Utah Code (Vickers, E.)

Sen. Vickers presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass S.B. 91 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

10. S.B. 19 Election Revisions (Thatcher, D.)

Rep. Maloy presented the bill assisted by Ryan Cowley.

Ricky Hatch spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to amend S.B. 19 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
S.B. 19

1. Page 17, Lines 501 through 509:

501 (3) If the most recent party affiliation designated by a voter is for a political party that
502 is no longer a registered political party, the county clerk shall:

503 (a) change the voter's party affiliation to "unaffiliated"; and

504 (b) ~~{mail notice to the voter:}~~ notify the voter electronically or by mail:

505 (i) that the voter's affiliation has been changed to "unaffiliated" because the most recent
506 party affiliation designated by the voter is for a political party that is no longer a registered
507 political party; and

508 (ii) ~~{informing the voter:}~~ of the methods and deadlines for changing the voter's party
509 affiliation.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass S.B. 19 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

11. S.B. 40 Utah Protection of Public Employees Act Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)

Sen. Thatcher presented the bill assisted by Alain Balmanno, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Utah Attorney General.

Roger Hoole, President, Utah Employment Lawyers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass S.B. 40 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. P. Lyman

12. S.B. 46 Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)

Sen. Thatcher and Sen. Vickers presented the bill.

Connor Boyack, Libertas, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gary Williams, Ogden City Attorney, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Randy Watt, Utah Chiefs of Police Association and the Utah Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke in opposition of the bill.

Jack Tidrow, President, Professional Fire Fighters of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass S.B. 46 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 2 - 0.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Waldrip

Absent - 0

13. H.B. 104 State Employment Amendments (*Christofferson, K.*)

Rep. Christofferson presented the bill assisted by John Barrand, Department of Human Resource Management and Jenny Rees.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

John Dougall, State Auditor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leah Hansen, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rich Sauders, Chief Innovation Officer, Office of the Governor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lauren Scholnick, employment lawyer and law professor with the University of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jeff Worthington, President, Utah AFL/CIO, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to replace H.B. 104 with 1st Substitute H.B. 104. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 6 - 1.

Yeas - 4

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson

Nays - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass H.B. 104 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 1.



Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Maloy 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. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Pierucci

Chair Thurston adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.