



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY

STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 | 3:40 p.m. | 110 Senate 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:

Samantha D. Brucker, Managing 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 3:58 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

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. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Wilcox

1. H.J.R. 3 Joint Resolution Supporting Federal Carbon Fee and Dividend Program (*Ward, R.*)

Rep. Ward presented the resolution and distributed a handout.

[Gas Powered Lawn Mowers](#)

Jeff Peterson, Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

John Cox, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Nick Huey, climate change activist, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Hannah Rogers, University of Utah student, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mike Squires, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Brian Somers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

George Chapman, citizen, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to replace H.J.R. 3 with 1st Substitute H.J.R. 3. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
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

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.J.R. 3 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 8 - 4 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 4

Absent - 0

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

Rep. C. Collard
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Welton

2. H.C.R. 7 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Improving Air Quality Through Enhanced Zero Emission Rail (Ballard, M.G.)

Rep. Ballard presented the resolution.

Carmen Valdez, Policy Associate, Heal Utah, spoke in support of the resolution.

Thom Carter, Energy Advisor to the Governor and Executive Director of the Utah Office of Energy Development, spoke in support of the resolution.

George Chapman spoke in opposition to the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to replace H.C.R. 7 with 2nd Substitute H.C.R. 7 The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
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

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.C.R. 7 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
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3. H.B. 215 Public Service Commission Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill.

Cameron Cowen, General Manager, Intermountain Power Agency (IPA), spoke in opposition to the bill.

Eric Bawden, IPA, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Thad LaVar, Utah Public Service Commission, spoke to the bill.

Richard Higginson, Bountiful City Council and Bountiful Power Commission, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Roger Tew, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass H.B. 215 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 0.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 1

Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 0

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

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
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Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
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Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Chair Shipp adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.