



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, January 31, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 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. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Sarah Flanigan, Policy Analyst
Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

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

Acting Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

1. S.B. 28 Office of American Indian-Alaska Native Affairs (*Iwamoto, J.*)

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to replace S.B. 28 with 1st Substitute S.B. 28. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Iwamoto presented the bill with the assistance of Rupert Steele, Tribal Chairman, Confederate Tribes of Goshute and Paul Tsosie, Attorney, Confederate Tribes of Goshute.

Sen. Iwamota distributed a handout.

[Resolution of the Navajo Utah Commission of the Navajo Nation Council](#)

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to replace 1st Substitute S.B. 28 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 28. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

Moroni Benally, Navajo Nation, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 28 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

MOTION:

Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 40 Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission Amendments (*Abbott, N.*)

Rep. Abbott presented the bill with the assistance of Jennifer Yim, Executive Director, Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC).

MOTION:

Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 40 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

MOTION:

Sen. Buxton moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 40 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

3. S.B. 57 County Counsel Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.

John Luthy, Attorney, Cache County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dave Alvord, Council Member, Salt Lake County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dea Theadore, Council Member, Salt Lake County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aimee Winder Newton, Council Member, Salt Lake County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Troy Rawlings, District Attorney, Davis County, and Chairperson, Utah County and District Attorneys Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Chris Rogers, Attorney, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to table S.B. 57.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 1
Sen. J. Johnson

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

4. H.B. 66 Public Employees' Insurance Plan Amendments (*Dunnigan, J.*)

Rep. Dunnigan presented the bill with the assistance of Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 66 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to place H.B. 66 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. J. Johnson

5. S.C.R. 1 Concurrent Resolution Authorizing State Pick up of Public Safety and Firefighter Employee Retirement Contributions (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper presented the bill.

MOTION: Chair Thatcher moved to pass S.C.R. 1 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 1
Sen. D. Buxton

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

6. S.J.R. 5 Joint Rules Resolution - Electronic Meetings Modifications (*Buxton, D. G.*)

Sen. Buxton presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to replace S.J.R. 5 with 1st Substitute S.J.R. 5. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

MOTION: Chair Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.J.R. 5 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

7. H.B. 45 Justice Court Judge Elections Amendments (*Hawkins, J.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Clint Yingling, Elections Specialist, Lieutenant Governor's Office spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass H.B. 45 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to place H.B. 45 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Acting Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

