



MINUTES

HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 7, 2022 | 3:40 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

- Rep. Joel Ferry, Chair
- Rep. Walt Brooks, Vice Chair
- Rep. James A. Dunnigan
- Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
- Rep. Jon Hawkins
- Rep. Brian S. King
- Rep. A. Cory Maloy
- Rep. Ashlee Matthews
- Rep. Jefferson Moss
- Rep. Calvin R. Musselman

- Rep. Mark A. Strong
- Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher
- Rep. Norman K. Thurston
- Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

- Rep. Brady Brammer

Staff Present:

- Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
- Jonathan Rees, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Ferry called the meeting to order at 3:58 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Matthews moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

- Rep. J. Dunnigan
- Rep. J. Ferry
- Rep. T. Hawkes
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Rep. C. Musselman
- Rep. M. Strong
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

- Rep. B. Brammer
- Rep. W. Brooks
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. J. Teuscher

1. H.B. 245 Occupational Safety and Health Amendments (Hawkes, T.)

Rep. Hawkes presented the bill with the assistance of Chris Hill, Deputy Labor Commissioner, Utah Labor Commission.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 245 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

- Rep. J. Dunnigan
- Rep. J. Ferry
- Rep. T. Hawkes
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Rep. C. Musselman
- Rep. M. Strong
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

- Rep. B. Brammer
- Rep. W. Brooks
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. J. Teuscher

MOTION: Rep. Musselman moved to place H.B. 245 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher

2. H.B. 224 Optometrist Practice Amendments (*Dunnigan, J.*)

Rep. Dunnigan presented the bill with the assistance of Weston Barney, President, Utah Optometric Association, Richard Nielsen, Founder, Rocky Mountain University, Adam Hickenbotham, Dean, Rocky Mountain University, Richard Castillo, Mark Taylor, Member, Optometry Board, and Court Wilkins, Associate Dean of Rocky Mountain University, and distributed a handout.

Rep. Brooks assumed the chair.

Jared Parker spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rep. Ferry resumed the chair.

Collin Grey spoke to the bill in favor of the bill.

Kevin Kirk spoke in opposition to the bill.

Darin Cummings spoke in favor of the bill.

Richard Cory spoke in opposition to the bill.

Heather Andrews, State Director, Americans for Prosperity, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rachel Simpson, Associate Residency Program Director, Moran Eye Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Randall Olsen, CEO, Moran Eye Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brian Monson spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Matthews moved to replace H.B. 224 with 1st Substitute H.B. 224. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 224 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher

3. H.B. 243 Regulatory Sandbox Program Amendments (*Maloy, A.C.*)

Rep. Maloy presented the bill with the assistance of Dane Ishihara, Office of Regulatory Relief .

Frank Pignanelli, Executive Director, Utah Association of Financial Services, National Association of Industrial Bankers, spoke in support of the bill.

Cort Ashton, Vice President, Cottonwood Title, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Caden Rosenbaum, Libertas Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Musselman moved to replace H.B. 243 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 243. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher

MOTION: Rep. Musselman moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 243 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 1

Rep. B. King

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher

Rep. Brooks resumed the chair.

4. H.B. 252 Employee Verification Requirements (*Ferry, J.*)

Chair Ferry presented the bill.

Chris Herrod spoke in opposition to the bill.

Cassey Hill, State Director, National Federation of Independent Businesses, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Matthew Bell spoke in opposition to the bill.

Greg Hughes spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to pass H.B. 252 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 2

Rep. B. King
Rep. M. Strong

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

5. H.B. 283 Mental Health Professional Licensing Amendments (*Thurston, N.*)

Rep. Thurston presented the bill and distributed a handout.

Gray Otis, Utah Behavioral Healthcare Workforce Group, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Elizabeth Kelch, Director, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Heather Andrews, State Director, Americans For Prosperity, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass H.B. 283 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.