



# MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. John D. Johnson  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1. S.B. 219 Election Funding Amendments (Grover, K.)**

Sen. Grover presented the bill with the assistance of Arturo Morales, Chair, Utah Republican Latino Coalition and Maryann Christensen, Vice President of Operations, Utah Eagle Forum.

Jean Leonard, teacher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rebecca Colley, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass S.B. 219 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**2. H.B. 258 Political Action Committee Amendments (Bennion, G.)**

Rep. Bennion presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 258 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**3. 2nd Sub. H.B. 260 Law Enforcement Recording Release Amendments (Wheatley, M.)**

Rep. Wheatley presented the bill.

Nate Mutter, Co-Chair, Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Will Carlson, Chief Policy Analyst, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, commented on the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 260 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

**4. 1st Sub. H.B. 188 Voter Signature Verification Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 188 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 188. 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

Rep. Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, Chair, Clerks Association of Utah.

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nikila Venugopal, Director of Campaigns, ACLU of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 188 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

**5. H.B. 282 Water Wise Landscaping Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to replace H.B. 282 with 1st Substitute H.B. 282. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 282 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

**6. H.B. 310 Vital Records Special Characters (Stoddard, A.)**

Rep. Stoddard presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 310 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes February 18, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

NOTE: S.R. 0002 was not discussed in the meeting.