



# MINUTES

## SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott D. Sandall, Chair  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Members Absent:**

Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Derrin R. Owens

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Katie Wyant-Stein, 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 Sandall called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to approve the minutes from February 17th, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Grover assumed the chair.

**1. S.B. 218 Fund of Funds Modifications (Sandall, S.)**

Chair Sandall presented the bill.

[SB 218 Handout](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass S.B. 218 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Sandall assumed the chair.

**2. S.B. 209 Veterinarian Regulations Amendments (McKell, M.)**

Sen. McKell presented the bill.

Dr. Kara Tassone, Veterinarian, and Past President, Utah Veterinarian Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass S.B. 209 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Owens

**3. S.B. 133 Food Security Amendments (Escamilla, L.)**

Sen. Escamilla presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to replace S.B. 133 with 1st Substitute S.B. 133. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Owens

Craig Buttars, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chair Sandall spoke to the bill.

Gina Cornia, Director, Utah Against Hunger, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 133 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 2

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. S. Sandall

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. D. Owens

Chair Sandall spoke in opposition of the bill.

**4. 1st Sub. H.B. 242 Secondary Water Metering Amendments (Peterson, V.)**

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

Brian Steed, Executive Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Marie Dougherty, City Counsel Member, Clinton City, spoke in favor of secondary water metering in general, but in opposition to the bill in its current form.

Scott Paxman, Director, Weber Basin Water Conservatory District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lindsay Rogers, Water Policy Analyst, Western Resource Advocates, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mollie Halterman, Mayor, Parowan City, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 242 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 1

Sen. D. Hinkins

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens

Sen. Vickers spoke in favor of the bill.

**5. H.B. 263 Utah Watersheds Council Amendments (Chew, S.)**

Rep. Chew presented the bill.

Garrick Hall, Central & Southwestern Regional Manager, and Policy Analysis Director, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Evans spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to pass H.B. 263 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**6. H.B. 250 Environmental Quality Revenue Amendments (Barlow, S.)**

Rep. Barlow presented the bill.

Doug Hansen, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 250 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**7. 1st Sub. H.C.R. 4 Concurrent Resolution Calling for Protection of Archaeological Sites (Kwan, K.)**

Rep. Kwan presented the bill.

[HCR 4 Handout](#)

Dr. Chris Merritt, State Historic Preservation Officer, Utah Division of State History, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kris Carambalas, Archaeologist, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Margret Yee, Chinese Railroad Workers Descendants Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.C.R. 4 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to place 1st Substitute H.C.R. 4 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

**8. 1st Sub. H.B. 166 Water Facility Amendments (Watkins, C.)**

Rep. Watkins presented the bill.

Garrick Hall, Central & Southwestern Regional Manager, and Policy Analysis Director, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 166 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

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

Yeas - 4

Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Sandall adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.