



UTAH STATE

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SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2022 | 8:15 a.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 8:16 a.m.

1. S.B. 254 Government Records Access Revisions (Cullimore, K. A.)

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to amend S.B. 254 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
S.B. 254

1. Page 2, Lines 39 through 44:

39 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) security procedures; ~~[and]~~

40 ~~{(e) employee safety training materials;}~~

41 ~~{(f)}~~ (e) except as provided in Subsection (3), results of, or data collected from, a public entity's risk assessment or security audit;

42 and

43 ~~[(5)]~~ ~~{(g)}~~ (f) building and public works designs, to the extent that the records or

44 information relate to the ongoing security measures of a public entity.

(3) The records described in Subsection (1) do not include a certification that a community water system has conducted a risk and resilience assessment under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 300i-2.

2. Page 16, Lines 470 through 476:

470 ~~(84)~~ the following records of a drinking water or wastewater facility ~~{or system}~~:

471 (a) an engineering or architectural drawing of the drinking water or wastewater facility

472 ~~{or system}~~; and

473 ~~{(b) Geographic Information System data or maps; and}~~

474 ~~{(c)}~~ (b) except as provided in Section 63G-2-106, a record detailing tools or processes the

475 drinking water or wastewater facility ~~{or system}~~ uses to secure, or prohibit access to, the records

476 described in ~~{Subsections (84)(a) and (b)}~~ Subsection (84)(a).

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill with assistance of Heather Anderson, Government Affairs Director, Utah Association of Special Districts, and Bart Forsyth, General Manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

Paul Ashton, General Manager, White City Water Improvement District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, Utah State Engineer, Director, Division of Water Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tim Davis, Director, Division of Drinking Water, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass S.B. 254 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. J. Adams

2. H.B. 238 State Holiday Modifications (*Hollins, S.*)

Rep. Hollins presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Anderegg and Betty Sawyer, Director, Juneteenth Festival and Holiday Committee.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace H.B. 238 with 1st Substitute H.B. 238. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins

Amelia Powers Gardner, Commissioner, Utah County, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 238 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 218 Citizen Petition Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Teuscher distributed a handout.

[Citizen Petition Amendments](#)

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office, commented on the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 218 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 218. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 218 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 335 Blockchain and Digital Innovation Task Force (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill.

Matthew Poll, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chuck Newton, Government Affairs Director, Utah/Idaho Chapter of the Financial Planning Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Commissioner, Utah County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aaron Tilton, Chief Executive Officer, SmartFi, spoke in favor of the bill.

Trace Mayer, Bitcoin Investor, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 335 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 335. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 335 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

5. H.B. 358 Mental Health Treatment Amendments (*King, Brian S.*)

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill.

Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Advocate, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, Area Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 358 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

6. H.B. 376 Municipal Office Amendments (Welton, D.)

Rep. Welton presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass H.B. 376 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 1

Sen. E. Vickers

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

7. 2nd Sub. H.B. 387 Ballot Processing Amendments (Strong, M.A.)

Rep. Strong presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 387 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 387. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to amend 3rd Substitute H.B. 387 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
3rd Sub. H.B. 387

1. Page 4, Lines 94 through 96:

94 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), an election officer shall post and update
95 the data described in Subsection (4) on the election officer's website {~~at 5 p.m.~~} on the following
96 days:

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jonas Rodriguez, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 387 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

8. 1st Sub. H.B. 388 Local Districts Amendments (*Handy, S.*)

Rep. Handy presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 388 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

9. 1st Sub. H.B. 409 Recreation Infrastructure Amendments (*Snider, C.*)

Rep. Snider presented the bill.

Pitt Grewe, Director, Division of Recreation, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 409 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

MOTION:

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

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.