



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Michael L. Kohler, Vice Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes

Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 9:09:26 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to approve the minutes for February 24, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

1. H.B. 462 Utah Housing Affordability Amendments (Waldrip, S.)

Rep. Steve Waldrip presented the bill with the assistance of Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, Christina Oliver, Housing and Community Development Division Director, Department of Workforce Services, and Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council. They responded to questions from the committee.

Vice Chair Kohler assumed the chair.

Cate Klundt, Government Affairs Director, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Beth Holbrook, Trustee, Utah Transit Authority, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rasalba Dominguez, council member, Murray City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonson, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Hart, Deputy Director, Utah Governors Office of Economic Opportunity, spoke in favor of the bill.

LaVar Christensen, Attorney and member of the public, commented on the bill.

Rani Derasary, Moab City Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

George Chapman, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Mary McGann, Grand County Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, commented on the bill.

Ozzie Lacey S., member of the public, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to pass H.B. 462 out favorably with further discussion from the committee.
The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 2 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 2

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman

Absent - 0

Rep. Stratton resumed the chair.

2. H.B. 476 Local Agricultural Regulations (Ferry, J.)

Rep. Joel Ferry presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Wade Garret, Director of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Kory Holdaway, consultant, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tina Overgaard, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Amy Motta, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Rachel Heatley, Advocacy Director, Utah Humane Society, spoke against the bill.

Elizabeth Oreck, National Manager of Puppy Mills Initiative, Best Friends Animal Society, spoke against the bill.

Alex Wilde, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Holly Sizemore, member of the public, spoke against the bill.

Jeremy Beckham, member of the public, spoke against the bill

Ozzie Lacey S. spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Sagers moved to pass H.B. 476 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 3 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 3

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Lyman

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Kohler moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 9:59:43 AM.

NOTE: S.B. 0205 was not discussed in the meeting.