MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 1, 2022|2:15 p.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 2:15 p.m.

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 326 State Innovation Amendments *(Spendlove, R.)*

Rep. Spendlove presented the bill.

Brian Somers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 326 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4	Nays - 0	Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Iwamoto		Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers		

2. H.B. 373 Convention and Tourism Business Assessment Area Act *(Spendlove, R.)*

Rep. Spendlove presented the bill with the assistance of Nicole Farley, Director of Community and Economic Opportunity, Visit Salt Lake.

Travis Lindquist, General Manager, Woodbury Hotels Cooperation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Erickson, Hotel Manager, The Grand America Hotel, spoke in favor of the bill.

Des Barker, Lobbyist, Utah Tourism Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 373 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4	Nays - 0	Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Iwamoto		Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers		

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 352 Online Dating Safety Requirements *(Romero, A.)*

Rep. Romero presented the bill with the assistance of Darcy Goddard, Deputy District Attorney, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 352 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Iwamoto		
Sen. D. Thatcher		
Sen. E. Vickers		

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

4. H.B. 439 Elected Public Body Transparency Amendments *(Acton, C.K.)*

Rep. Acton presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace H.B. 439 with 1st Substitute H.B. 439. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4	Nays - 0	Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto		Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Thatcher		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. E. Vickers		

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 439 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4	Nays - 0	Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Iwamoto		Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Thatcher		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. E. Vickers		

5. 2nd Sub. H.J.R. 18 Joint Resolution Encouraging the Use by the State of Blended Cements *(Handy, S.)*

Rep. Handy presented the bill with the assistance of Dave Diedrick, Director, Quality & Product Performance, LafargeHolcim U.S. Cement and John Gwynn, Founder/Inventor, Roman Cement, LLC.

Dave Diedrick, Director, Quality & Product Performance, LafargeHolcim U.S. Cement, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Kallas, Lobbyist, Geneva Rock Products, Sunroc Corporation, Clyde Companies, President, Critical Materials Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brian Somers, President, Utah Miners Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ramin Nasrabadi, Civil Engineer, Salt Lake City Engineering Division, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6	Nays - 0	Absent - 1
Sen. D. Buxton		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Hinkins		
Sen. J. Iwamoto		
Sen. J. Johnson		
Sen. D. Thatcher		
Sen. E. Vickers		

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m..