



MINUTES

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Scott H. Chew

Rep. Paul A. Cutler
Rep. Colin W. Jack
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Stenquist called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and introduced committee members.

1. H.B. 93 Outdoor Recreation Modifications (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill assisted by Tara McKee, Associate Director, Grants and Planning, Division of Outdoor Recreation.

[Outdoor recreation grant](#)

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.B. 93 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 1

Rep. S. Chew

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

2. 1st Sub. S.B. 20 Military Installation Development Authority Amendments (*Stevenson, J.*)

Rep. V. Peterson presented the bill.

Mike Tyler, Political Action Committee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 20 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

Rep. Strong assumed the chair.

3. H.B. 42 Technology Commercialization Amendments (*Stenquist, J.*)

Rep. Stenquist presented the bill.

Dan Hemmert spoke in support of the bill.

Kelvyn Cullimore, CEO, Bio Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Keith Marmer, University of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Kyle Palmer, Director, Unified Economic Opportunity Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to replace H.B. 42 with 1st Substitute H.B. 42. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 42 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. Stenquist resumed the chair.

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill.

4. H.B. 177 State Hospital Amendments (*Hawkins, J.*)

Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rena Rogers, Executive Director, Mental Health America of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dallas Earnshaw, CEO, Utah State Hospital, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kyle Snow, Executive Director, Northeastern Counseling, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tom Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Advocate, Disability Law Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Aaron Newman, Director of Behavioral Health, Summit County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to replace H.B. 177 with 1st Substitute H.B. 177. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Rep. Strong moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 177 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Chew made a motion to go to the next item on the agenda and then withdrew his motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 1

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

5. H.B. 181 Offender Employment Amendments (*Matthews, A.*)

Rep. Matthews presented the bill.

Kevin Burt, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services, spoke to the bill.

Steve Gehrke, Department of Operational Excellence, Department of Corrections, spoke in support of the bill.

Ted Losser, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.B. 181 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. Romero presented the bill.

6. H.J.R. 4 Joint Resolution Honoring the Sikh Community (Romero, A.)

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass H.J.R. 4 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. Strong assumed the chair.

7. H.B. 224 Outdoor Recreation Initiative (Stenquist, J.)

Rep. Stenquist presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to pass H.B. 224 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

Vice Chair Strong adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.