



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Walt Brooks, Chair
Rep. Steven J. Lund, Vice Chair
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Tim Jimenez
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Ashley Dibble, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Lund called the meeting to order.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

1. H.B. 169 Urban Farming Assessment Act Amendments (Peterson, K.)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill w/ assistance of Randy Elliot, Commissioner, Davis County.

Craig W. Butters, Commissioner, UT Dept. of Agriculture & Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Camp, VP, Public Policy, UT Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Symbria Patterson, Executive Director, Red Acre Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 169 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

2. S.B. 9 Agricultural Advisory Board Sunset Extension (*Sandall, S.*)

Rep. Stratton presented the bill w/ assistance of Craig W. Butters, Commissioner, UT Dept. of Agriculture & Food.

Terry Camp, VP, Public Policy, UT Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Peterson moved to pass S.B. 9 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

3. 1st Sub. S.B. 10 Wildlife Sunset Related Amendments (*Sandall, S.*)

Rep. Stratton presented the bill/sub w/ assistance of J. Shirly, Director, UT Division of Wildlife Resources.

Wade Garrett, UT Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chelcie Hope, UT citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Brooks moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 10 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

4. H.B. 39 State Resource Management Plan Amendments (*Stratton, K.*)

Rep. Stratton presented the bill assisted by Redge Johnson, Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

[4 Resource MGMT Plan 2023 \(Source: rmp.utah.gov\)](#)

Leland Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Conner Peterson, Senior Policy Analyst, UT Dept. Agriculture & Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wade Garret, UT Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chelcie Hope, UT citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass H.B. 39 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
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Rep. C. Snider

5. H.B. 237 Hunting Mentor Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill w/ assistance of Jay Shirly, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources.

Wade Garret, UT Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chelcie Hope, UT citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to amend H.B. 237 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Amendment 1 H.B. 237

1. Page 2, Lines 57 through 58:
57 (c) allow a resident or nonresident minor under 18 years of age to use the resident or nonresident
58 hunting permit of another person [if:] in accordance with Section 23-19-50; or

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. G. Bennion
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Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 237 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

6. H.B. 184 Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill w/ assistance of Dr. Jamie Rees, UT Veterinary Medical Association, & J. Casey Hill, UT Veterinary Medical Association.

[6 Vet Education Loan Repayment Program Handout](#)

Kelly Pehrson, Deputy Commissioner, UT Dept. Agriculture & Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Camp, VP, Public Policy, UT Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Redge Johnson, UT citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

J. Casey Hill, UT Veterinary Medical Association, spoke to the bill.

Wade Garret, UT Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Larson, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Shipp moved to pass H.B. 184 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz

7. H.B. 33 Water Related Liability Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill w/ assistance of Dustin Christensen, Sevier County, Warren Peterson, Attorney and Teresa Wilhelmsen, UT State Engineer.

Terry Camp, VP, Public Policy, UT Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Larson, Citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ashton Hide, UT Association for Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 33 with 1st Substitute H.B. 33. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 33 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

8. H.B. 188 Golf Related Water Modifications (Welton, D.)

Rep. Welton presented the bill.

Ryan Peterson, Golf Alliance for UT, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Randy Elliot, Commissioner, Davis County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 1

Rep. W. Brooks

Absent - 5

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Lund adjourned the meeting.