



# MINUTES

## SENATE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 6, 2023 | 3:40 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair  
President J. S. Adams  
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Karen Kwan

Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

**1. S.B. 125 Transportation Infrastructure Amendments (*Wilson, C.*)**

Sen. Chris H. Wilson presented the bill with the assistance of Regan Zane, Director, ASPIRE Research Center, Utah State University, and Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department Of Transportation (UDOT).

Sen. Anderegg assumed the chair.

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional council (WFRC), spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Harper resumed the chair.

David Christensen, Director of Government Relations Electric Power Systems Inc., spoke in favor of the bill.

Thom Carter, Director of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of the bill.

Whit Cook, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jeff Worthington, President, Utah American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), spoke to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to amend S.B. 125 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 2  
S.B. 125

- 1. Page 1, Lines 9 through 16:
- 9 This bill designates the ASPIRE Engineering Research Center at Utah State University
- 10 as the lead research center for strategic planning for electrification of transportation

11 infrastructure and requires certain actions.  
12 Highlighted Provisions:  
13 This bill:  
14 ▶ designates the ASPIRE Engineering Research Center at Utah State University as the  
15 lead research center for strategic planning for electrification of transportation  
16 infrastructure in this state;

2. Page 3, Lines 68 through 71:  
68 (1) The ASPIRE Engineering Research Center at Utah State University is designated as  
69 the lead research center to coordinate and lead the initiative described in this part.  
70 (2) The research center shall:  
71 (a) direct and carry out the mission of the initiative;

<u>Yeas - 7</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 0</u>
Sen. J. Adams		
Sen. J. Anderegg		
Sen. W. Harper		
Sen. D. Ipson		
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		

**MOTION:** President Adams moved to pass S.B. 125 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

<u>Yeas - 7</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 0</u>
Sen. J. Adams		
Sen. J. Anderegg		
Sen. W. Harper		
Sen. D. Ipson		
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		

Sen. Anderegg assumes the chair.

## **2. S.B. 161 Advanced Air Mobility Revisions (Harper, W.)**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Harper moved to replace S.B. 161 with 1st Substitute S.B. 161. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

<u>Yeas - 4</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 3</u>
Sen. J. Anderegg		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. W. Harper		Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan		Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe		

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Sub. S.B. 161 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

<u>Yeas - 4</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 3</u>
Sen. J. Anderegg		Sen. J. Adams
Sen. W. Harper		Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan		Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe		

Sen. Harper resumed the chair.

**3. 1st Sub. H.B. 141 Driver License Test Amendments (*Bennion, G.*)**

Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 141 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. A. Millner

**4. H.B. 200 Motor Vehicle Registration Revisions (*Gricius, S.*)**

Rep. Stephanie Gricius presented the bill.

Jason Curry, Director, Utah Division Outdoor Recreation, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 200 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. A. Millner

**5. 1st Sub. H.B. 258 Motor Vehicle Light Amendments (*Rohner, J.*)**

Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 258 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. A. Millner

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. A. Millner

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.