



# MINUTES

## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Ashlee Matthews

Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist  
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Christofferson called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**1. H.J.R. 16 Joint Resolution to Review Railroad Authority (*Wilcox, R.*)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the resolution.

Daniel Brewer, SMART Transportation, State Legislative Director, spoke in support of the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.J.R. 16 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. Peterson assumed the chair.

**2. H.B. 232 Railroad Crossing Maintenance Amendments (*Cutler, P.*)**

Rep. Cutler presented the bill assisted by Lisa Wilson, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT).

Kelly Bush, Mayor, Kearns Metro Township, spoke in support of the bill.

Nathan Anderson, Union Pacific Railroad, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to pass H.B. 232 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. D. Welton

**3. H.B. 51 Railroad Right of Way Amendments (Snider, C.)**

Rep. Snider presented the bill.

Julie Fullmer, Mayor, Vineyard City, spoke in support of the bill.

Ezra Nair, City Manager, Vineyard City, spoke in support of the bill.

Nathan Anderson spoke against the bill.

Grant Bess, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Paul Lindhardt, Director, Public Works, Logan City, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to replace H.B. 51 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 51. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Teuscher

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 51 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Teuscher

Rep. Christofferson resumed the chair.

**4. H.B. 63 Office of Rail Safety (Schultz, M.)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher

Rep. Schultz presented the bill assisted by Lisa Wilson.

Alejandro Puy, Salt Lake City Council, spoke in support of the bill.

Nathan Anderson spoke against the bill.

Julie Fullmer spoke in support of the bill.

Jeremy Hansen, SMART Transportation Division, spoke in support of the bill.

Daniel Brewer spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to replace H.B. 63 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 63. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 63 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

Chair Christofferson adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.