



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 6, 2023 | 3:40 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. David G. Buxton

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst
Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

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

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

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

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Tara McKee, Associate Director of Grants and Planning, Division of Outdoor Recreation.

[1\) UORG Annual Report 2022 Brochure](#)

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.B. 93 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to place H.B. 93 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. E. Vickers

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 184 Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Casey Hill, Lobbyist, Utah Veterinarian Medical Association (UVMA).

Craig Buttars, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Larson, President, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

Greg Merten, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 184 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

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

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Justin "J" Shirley, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR).

J Shirley spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 237 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to place H.B. 237 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

4. H.B. 187 Veterinary Practice Amendments (*Kohler, M.*)

Rep. Michael Kohler presented the bill.

[3\) Veterinary Practice Amendments Letter](#)

Terry Camp spoke in favor of the bill.

Nathan Whiting, legislative committee member, UVMA, spoke against the bill.

Jared McNaughton, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sheila Sherwood, Manager, Cedar Ridge Farming LLC, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Phillip Firth, Advisory Committee, Utah State University (USU) College of Veterinary Medicine, spoke against the bill.

Shane Rowley, President, President, Duchesne County Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Ira Mickelson, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

Conley Moon, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Bryant Taylor, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

Brandon Yardley, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brock Johansen, Owner, Jo Bulls LLC, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jenna Gowans, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

Gary Gowans, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.B. 187 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 5 - 1.

Yeas - 2

Sen. D. Owens
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. Vickers raised a point of order about H.B. 187.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

5. H.B. 45 Domesticated Elk Program Amendments (*Stratton, K.*)

Rep. Keven Stratton presented the bill with the assistance of Craig Buttars, Riley Peck, Legislative Liaison, DWR, and Steve Styler, Utah Elk Breeders Association.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to replace H.B. 45 with 2nd Substitute H.B. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 45 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

6. S.B. 59 Beehive Requirements (*Kennedy, M.*)

Sen. Michael Kennedy presented the bill with the assistance of Katelyn Merten, private citizen.

Robert Hougaard, Director, Division of Plant Industry, spoke against the bill.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, commented on the bill.

Symbria Patterson, Executive Director, Red Acre Center for Food and Agriculture, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Stevenson, President, Utah Beekeepers Association, spoke against the bill.

Sheriden Hansen, professor, USU Extension, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to hold S.B. 59.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass S.B. 59 out favorably.

Sen. Grover withdrew the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to replace S.B. 59 with 1st Substitute S.B. 59. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 59 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 3.



Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 1

Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

NOTE: 02nd Substitute H.B. 0226 was not discussed in the meeting.