



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Vice Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Jen Plumb

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

President J. S. Adams

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, 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 2:14 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

1. S.B. 168 State Agency Capital Development Fund (Buxton, D. G.)

Sen. Buxton presented the bill with the assistance of Jim Russell, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to replace S.B. 168 with 1st Substitute S.B. 168. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 168 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams

2. H.B. 22 Local District Amendments (*Barlow, S.*)

Rep. Stewart Barlow presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Curtis Bramble.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to replace H.B. 22 with 1st Substitute H.B. 22. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 22 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

3. H.B. 77 Local District Revisions (*Barlow, S.*)

Rep. Stewart Barlow presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Curtis Bramble.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to replace H.B. 77 with 1st Substitute H.B. 77. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Sub. H.B. 77 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton

4. H.B. 267 State Purchasing Director Duties (Matthews, A.)

Rep. Ashlee Matthews presented the bill with the assistance of Windy Aphayrath, State Purchasing Director.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to amend H.B. 267 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
H.B. 267

1. Page 2, Line 40:

40 (i) a contract administration service , including contract performance surveys; and

2. Page 2, Lines 42 through 44:

42 (2) (a) Each state agency shall :

(i) subscribe to all of the services described in Subsection

43 (1)(a), unless the director delegates the director's authority to a state agency under Section

44 63A-2-104{-}; and

(ii) complete contract performance surveys as requested by the purchasing director under Subsection (1)(c)(i).

Yeas - 7

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass H.B. 267 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

5. 1st Sub. H.B. 73 Municipal Office Modifications (Welton, D.)

Rep. Douglas Welton presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 73 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 2

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. E. Vickers

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

6. 1st Sub. H.B. 157 County Office Consolidation Amendments (*Petersen, M.*)

Rep. Michael Petersen presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 157 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

7. H.B. 202 Signature Threshold Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill.

[HB 202 Signature Threshold Amend handout](#)

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to hold H.B. 202.

Sen. Thatcher withdrew his motion to allow committee and public comment.

Melarie Wheat, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to hold H.B. 202.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 202 out favorably. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 1 - 5 - 2.

Yeas - 1

Sen. J. Johnson

Nays - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Thatcher's original motion to hold H.B. 202 passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 1

Sen. J. Johnson

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

8. H.B. 38 Initiative and Referendum Modifications (*Musselman, C.R.*)

Rep. Calvin Musselman presented the bill.

Shelly Jackson, Deputy Director of Elections. Lieutenant Governor's office spoke in favor of the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass H.B. 38 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.