



# MINUTES

## HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 7, 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. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Mike Schultz  
Rep. Casey Snider

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kohler moved to approve the 2/2/23 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 7

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

**1. H.B. 208 Criminal Trespass Amendments (Chew, S.)**

Rep. Chew presented the bill w/ assistance of Steve Halt, Witness.

[1 Review of Non-Navigable, Private Streambed Trespass Roller Coaster](#)

Cullen Battle, UT Stream Access Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Troy Wright, spoke in favor of the bill.

Randy Parker, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

R. Jeffrey Hicks, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Herbert Lay, VP, UT Stream Access Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jack Ray, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kohler moved to pass H.B. 208 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 3

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. C. Watkins

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

## **2. H.B. 321 Mineral Lease Amendments (*Christofferson, K.*)**

Rep. Christofferson presented the bill.

### **MOTION:**

Rep. Shipp moved to pass H.B. 321 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. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

### **MOTION:**

Rep. Shipp moved to place H.B. 321 on the Consent Calendar. 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. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

## **3. H.B. 341 Electronic Stamp Designation (*Bolinder, B.*)**

Rep. Bolinder presented the bill w/ assistance of J. Shirley, Director, DWR.

Jack Ray, President, UT Waterfowl Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

### **MOTION:**

Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 341 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. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

**4. H.B. 121 Wildlife Habitat Account Amendments (*Peterson, T.*)**

Rep. T. Peterson presented the bill.

Jack Ray, President, UT Waterfowl Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Randy Hutchison, Habitat Counsel, Northern RAC, DWR, spoke to the bill.

R. Jeffrey Hicks, President, UT Airboat Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 121 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. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

**5. 1st Sub. S.B. 53 Groundwater Use Amendments (*Vickers, E.*)**

Sen. Vickers presented the bill.

Blake Bingham, Deputy State Engineer, Deputy Director, DWR, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Steve Erickson, Director, Great Basin Water Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 53 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

**6. 1st Sub. S.B. 76 Water Amendments (Sandall, S.)**

Sen. Sandall presented the bill w/ assistance of Tim Davis, Drinking Water Director, UT DEQ.

Kyle Palmer, Associate Director, UEOC, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 76 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. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton

**7. H.B. 327 Pollinator Pilot Program Amendments (Matthews, A.)**

Rep. Matthews presented the bill w/ assistance of Jim Bowcutt, Director of Conservation, UDAF.

[6.1 Pollinator Program Update](#)

[6.2 Utah Pollinator Habitat Project \(UDAF\)](#)

[6.3 Utah Pollinator Habitat Program Seed Pack](#)

Michael Larson, President, UACD, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lund moved to pass H.B. 327 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. S. Lund  
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Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting.