



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Colin W. Jack, Vice Chair
Rep. James F. Cobb
Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Quinn Kotter
Rep. Jason B. Kyle
Rep. Phil Lyman

Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Angela Romero

Staff Present:

Samantha D. Brucker, Managing 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.

Chair Jack called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 and February 13, 2023 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

1. H.B. 426 Statewide Energy Policy Amendments (Moss, J.)

Rep. J. Moss presented the bill assisted by Joel Ferry, Director, Department of Natural Resources.

Erin Rockwell, Vice President for Research, University of Utah, assisted in the presentation.

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

Thom Carter, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in support of the bill.

Nathaniel Johnson, Executive Director, Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Guy Letendre, Deputy Director, Utah Advanced Materials Manufacturing Initiative, spoke in support of the bill.

Carolyn Phippen, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cobb moved to replace H.B. 426 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 426. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Cobb moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 426 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner

Nays - 1

Rep. Q. Kotter

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

2. H.B. 425 Energy Security Amendments (*Ivory, K.*)

Rep. Ivory presented the bill.

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Michele Beck, Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services, spoke to the bill.

Jen Brown, President, Utah Citizens for the Constitution, spoke in support of the bill.

Dr. Logan Mitchell, atmospheric scientist and energy analyst, Utah Clean Energy, spoke to the bill.

Whit Cook spoke in support of the bill.

Carolyn Phippen, Freedom Front of Utah and Executive Director, Utah Citizens for the Constitution, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to pass H.B. 425 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Rohner

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. J. Rohner

Chair Jack adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.