



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 13, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Paul Cutler

Rep. Brett Garner
Rep. Colin W. Jack
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Sivan Nizan, 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.

Vice Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. M. Wheatley

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 177 Mental Health System Amendments (*Hawkins, J.*)

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill.

Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health and Human Services, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 177 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 177. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to amend 3rd Substitute H.B. 177 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 1
3rd Sub. H.B. 177

1. Page 3, Lines 67 through 74:

67 (g) the superintendent of the state hospital, or the superintendent's designee; and

68 (h) as appointed by the cochairs of the commission:



69 (i) one individual representing a {local behavioral health authority} Utah Behavioral Health Committee ; and
70 (ii) one citizen representative from the local community , with lived experience .
71 (3) The president of the Senate shall appoint one of the commission members from the
72 Senate as cochair of the commission, and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall
73 appoint one of the commission members from the House of Representatives as cochair of the
74 commission.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Chair Stenquist moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 177 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 0.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 3

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Wheatley

2. H.B. 371 Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider presented the bill.

Jim Bowcutt, Director, Conservation Division, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in support of the bill.

Zeke Lee, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the bill.

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

Tammy Pearson, Beaver County Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

Brandy Grace, CEO, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the bill.

Justin Stewart, Salt Lake County, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to replace H.B. 371 with 1st Substitute H.B. 371. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 371 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 371

1. Page 4, Lines 110 through 114:

110 4-46-301. Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund.

111 (1) There is created a { ~~program~~ } fund entitled the "[~~LeRay McAllister Critical Land~~
112 ~~Conservation Program~~] Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund."

113 (2) Funding for the [program] fund shall be a line item in the budget of the board. The
114 line item shall be nonlapsing.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 371 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 1

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. C. Jack

Vice Chair Strong adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.