



# MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

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:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair  
 President J. Stuart 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. J. Johnson  
 Sen. J. Plumb  
 Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
 Sen. S. Pitcher  
 Sen. D. Thatcher  
 Sen. R. Winterton

**1. S.B. 218 Private Probation and Court Ordered Services Amendments (*Plumb, J.*)**

Sen. Plumb presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to replace S.B. 218 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 218. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. J. Johnson  
 Sen. J. Plumb  
 Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams  
 Sen. S. Pitcher  
 Sen. D. Thatcher  
 Sen. R. Winterton

Will Carlson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's, office answered committee members questions.

Will Carlson spoke in favor of the bill.

Adam Cohen, CEO, Odyssey House, spoke in favor of the bill.

Christina Kulas spoke in favor of the bill.

Corey Markisich, President, Association of Utah Substance Abuse Professionals, spoke in favor of the bill.

Richard Nance, Former Director, Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Klc, Director, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in favor of the bill

Evan Done, Community Impact Director, Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karena Jackson, Program Director, Judicial Supervision Services, spoke to the bill.

Santiago Cortez, Chair, Behavioral Workforce Group, Utah Substance Use Advisory and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 218 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. Winterton assumed the chair.

**2. 2nd Sub. H.B. 309 County Recorder Amendments (*Judkins, M.*)**

Rep. Marsha Judkins presented the bill.

Shelley Brennan, Legislative Chair, Records Association and Duchesne County Recorder, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rachael Ortiz, Vice President, Utah Land Title Association spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 309 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**3. H.B. 423 Birth Certificate Amendments (*Hall, K.*)**

Rep. Katy Hall presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 423 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**4. 1st Sub. H.B. 358 County Auditor Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)**

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill with the assistance of Chris Harding, Salt Lake County Auditor.

[HB 358 County Auditor Amendments Handout](#)

Jon Stearmer, Uintah County Attorney's Office spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 358 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher

### **5. 2nd Sub. H.B. 351 County Recorder Modifications (*Teuscher, J.*)**

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill.

[HB 351 County Recorder Modifications Handout](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 351 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 351. 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. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jon Stearmer, Uintah County Attorney's Office, office spoke against the bill.

Chris Gamvroulas, President, Ivory Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sonja Norton, Uintah County Commissioner, spoke against the bill.

Cort Ashton, Utah Land Title Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeff Wiener, Senior Vice President, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andy Hubbard, Utah Council of Land Surveyors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Kyler, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to hold 3rd Substitute H.B. 351. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher

### **6. H.B. 294 Governmental Entity Budget Transparency (*Abbott, N.*)**

Rep. Nelson Abbott presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 294 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 1

Sen. E. Vickers

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**7. S.B. 255 Sales and Use Tax Amendments (*Winterton, R.*)**

Chair Winterton presented the bill with the assistance of Kerry Gibson, Uintah & Cache Counties.

Crystal Young, Executive Director, Utah Cultural Alliance, spoke in favor of the bill.

Malah Armstrong, Utah Taxpayer's Association spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass S.B. 255 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. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

**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. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.