



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 9:00 a.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. Doug Owens
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Mike Schultz

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

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.

Rep. Lund assumed the chair at 9:03 a.m.

Chair Lund called the meeting to order 9:03 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the minutes of the February 17th, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 491 Amendments Related to the Great Salt Lake (Schultz, M.)

Rep. Schultz presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Matt Berry, Policy Specialist, Utah Rivers Council, spoke against the bill.

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

Kael Weston, private citizen, commented on the bill.

Tim Hawks, Vice Chair, Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, spoke in favor of the bill.

Joiah Johnson, private citizen, commented on the bill.

Jim Schmidt, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to replace H.B. 491 with 1st Substitute H.B. 491. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 491 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
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2. S.B. 144 Water Instream Flow Amendments (*Hinkins, D.*)

Sen. David Hinkins presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Division of Water Rights. They responded to questions from the committee.

Mark Stratford, General Counsel, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Amy Haas, Executive Director, Colorado River Authority of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Kael Weston commented on the bill.

Zachary Frankel, Executive Director, Utah Rivers Council, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to pass S.B. 144 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. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Watkins

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 220 Emissions Reduction Amendments (Stoddard, A.)

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the bill with the assistance of Dr. Caroline Womack, Research Scientist, University of Colorado Boulder and Contractor, NOAA Chemical Sciences Laboratories. They responded to questions from the committee.

Ren Griffith, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

[HB220 UT's Public Health Crisis Fact Sheet](#)

Joan Entwistle, League of Women Voters of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, commented on the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Jimenez moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 220 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1 1st Sub. H.B. 220

1. Page 2, Lines 39 through 53:

39 (2) By no later than December 31, 2024, the division shall complete{:

40 —(a)— an air emissions inventory of point sources in the applicable geographic area that

41 emit { ~~bromine~~ } halogen. {: and

42 —(b) an emissions reduction plan to reduce bromine in the applicable geographic area as

43 of December 31, 2026:

44 —(i) by 90% compared to a baseline of calendar year 2017 for bromine; or

45 —(ii) if the division determines that the goal set under Subsection (2)(b)(i) is not feasible,

46 by a percent reduction target compared to a baseline of calendar year 2017 that is practicable

47 with available control technologies.

48 —(3) In determining for purposes of this section the baseline of calendar year 2017, the

49 division shall supplement the division's data with data collected through calendar year 2023 to

50 address data gaps, shutdowns, and shortcomings related to the 2017 baseline inventory. }

51 { ~~(4)~~ } (3) Upon completion, the division shall publish the air emissions inventory { ~~and~~

52 emissions reduction plan required under Subsection (2)-} on the division's public website.

53 { ~~(5)~~ } (4) The division shall report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

Yeas - 10

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Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 220 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

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Rep. S. Chew
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Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Kohler
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Chair Lund adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.