



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 4:00 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. Doug Owens
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Mike Schultz

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael L. Kohler

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.

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the 2/22/23 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 7

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 488 Utah Lake Authority Amendments (*Brammer, B.*)

Rep. Brammer presented the bill.

Leah Hansen, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lund moved to amend H.B. 488 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Amendment 1
H.B. 488

1. Page 2, Line 40 through Page 3, Line 60:

40 (ii) ~~[A member appointed by the Utah County Council of Governments, except]~~ Except
41 for a member appointed as designated by a chamber of commerce in Utah County, [shall hold
42 an elective office in Utah County or a municipality within Utah County] all members appointed
43 by the Utah County Council of Governments shall be elected officials from municipalities
44 whose boundaries are no more than one half mile from the lake authority boundary.

45 ~~{(iii) At least four of the members appointed by the Utah County Council of~~
46 ~~Governments shall be elected officials from municipalities immediately adjacent to the lake~~
47 ~~authority boundary.}~~

48 ~~{(iv) (iii)}~~ The initial members appointed by the Utah County Council of Governments shall
49 include:

- 50 (A) an individual designated by the legislative body of the city of Lehi;
- 51 (B) an individual designated by the legislative body of the city of Lindon;
- 52 (C) an individual designated by the legislative body of the city of Spanish Fork;

53 (D) an individual who is an elected officer of the city of Provo, designated by the
54 mayor of the city of Provo;
55 (E) an individual who is an elected officer of the city of Orem, designated by the
56 legislative body of the city of Orem;
57 (F) an individual who is an elected officer of the city of Vineyard, designated by the
58 legislative body of the city of Vineyard; and
59 (G) an individual who is an elected officer of the city of Saratoga Springs, designated
60 by the legislative body of the city of Saratoga Springs.

Yeas - 8

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Lund moved to pass H.B. 488 out favorably. 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. D. Owens
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to place H.B. 488 on the Consent Calendar. 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. D. Owens
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

2. H.B. 513 Great Salt Lake Amendments (Snider, C.)

Rep. Snider presented the bill w/ assistance of Jamie Barnes, Director, FFSL.

Lynnde Freitas, Executive Director, Friends of GSL, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tom Tripp, resident, spoke to the bill.

Joseph Havasi, VP of Natural Resources, Compass Minerals, spoke in opposition to the bill.

[Testimony by Joe Havasi, Compass Minerals Regarding H.B. 513, the "Great Salt Lake Amendments"](#)

Jack Ray, President, UWA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tim Hawkes, General Council, Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, Inc., spoke to the bill.

Rick Espinoza, resident, spoke to the bill.

Todd Bingham, President, UMA, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to replace H.B. 513 with 1st Substitute H.B. 513. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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. C. Watkins

Rep. M. Kohler

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 513 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 2

Absent - 1

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. C. Watkins

Rep. M. Kohler

3. H.B. 469 Wildlife Related Amendments (*Snider, C.*)

Rep. Snider presented the bill.

Mark Steinagel, Director, UT DOPL, spoke to the bill.

Don Peay, Founder, SFW, spoke in favor of the bill.

Troy Justensen, President, SFW, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jack Ray, President, UWA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrew Blanquist, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Terry Camp, VP, Public Policy, UFB, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brandon Yardley, Commissioner, Beaver County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sierra Nelson, UT Wool Growers Association, spoke to the bill.

J. Shirley, Director, DWR, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to replace H.B. 469 with 1st Substitute H.B. 469. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens

MOTION: Rep. Schultz moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 469 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 2 - 10 - 2.

Yeas - 2

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez

Nays - 10

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

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp

Rep. Shultz's motion to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 469 out favorably passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 3

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. K. Stratton

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp

4. H.B. 505 Feral Cat Amendments (Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ivory presented the bill w/ assistance of Aurelia Redd, Witness.

Kayleen Whitelock, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sierra Nelson, UT Wool Growers Association, spoke to the bill.

David Redd, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Teresa Holmes, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to pass H.B. 505 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.
Yeas - 8 Nays - 0 Absent - 6
Rep. G. Bennion Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Chew Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. S. Lund Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

5. H.B. 447 Transplant of Wildlife Amendments (Chew, S.)

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

Don Peay, Founder, SFW, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Travis Jenson, UT WSF, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Troy Justensen, President, SFW, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sierra Nelson, UT Wool Growers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bolinder moved to hold H.B. 447. The motion failed with a vote of 5 - 6 - 3.
Yeas - 5 Nays - 6 Absent - 3
Rep. G. Bennion Rep. W. Brooks Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. S. Chew Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. S. Lund Rep. C. Snider
Rep. D. Owens Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to replace H.B. 447 with 1st Substitute H.B. 447. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.
Yeas - 11 Nays - 0 Absent - 3
Rep. G. Bennion Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. W. Brooks Rep. C. Snider
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Schultz moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 447 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 1

Rep. K. Stratton

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Snider

Rep. Ship raised a point of order: asked to speak before the vote.

6. H.B. 272 Water Efficient Landscaping Amendments (Owens, D.)

Rep. Owens presented the bill w/ assistance of Jeff Silvestrain, Mayor, Millcreek.

Justin Lee, Director of Government Affairs, ULCT, spoke to the bill.

Mark Stratford, General Counsel, Jordan Valley Water District, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Peterson, Lobbyist, Synthetic Turf Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kael Weston, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Grant Bess, NC resident, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to replace H.B. 272 with 1st Substitute H.B. 272. 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. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Bolinder moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 272 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. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Jimenez moved to adjourn. 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. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: H.B. 0538 was not discussed in the meeting.