



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 24, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman, Chair
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

Rep. Val L. Peterson

Staff Present:

Lisa Sorensen, 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.

Chair Musselman called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard

1. H.B. 512 Elected Official Education (*Wilson, B.*)

Speaker Brad Wilson presented the bill.

Mike Ostermiller, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builder's Association, spoke to the bill.

Chelcie Hope, citizen. spoke against the bill.

Kael Weston, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 512 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

2. H.J.R. 17 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Statewide Initiatives (Kyle, J)

Rep. Jason Kyle presented the bill.

Kyle Friant, Better Boundaries Utah, spoke against the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rusty Cannon, President, Utah Tax Payer's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Pam Harrison, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Matthew Weinstein, Voices for Utah Children, spoke against the bill.

Ellen Brady, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Kael Weston, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Katharine Biele, League of Women Voter's of Utah, spoke against the bill.

Heather Andrews, State Director, Americans for Prosperity Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Bolinder moved to pass H.J.R. 17 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 1

Rep. V. Peterson

3. H.B. 214 Primary Election Revisions (Kyle, J)

Rep. Kyle presented the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor, spoke to the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke to the bill.

Melarie Wheat, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Pam Harrison, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Kael Weston citizen, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to hold H.B. 214.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to replace H.B. 214 with 1st Substitute H.B. 214. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 214 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 214. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 5 - 5 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 5

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci

Rep. Thurston's original motion to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 214 out favorably passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 1

Rep. V. Peterson

4. S.B. 174 Local Land Use and Development Revisions (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill with the assistance of Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek Mayor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jack Draxler, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Mike Ostermiller, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karen Ballish, Chairwoman, Summit County GOP, spoke against the bill.

Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builder's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Robert Hartshorn, Legal Counsel for D.R. Horton, spoke in favor of the bill.

Abby Hunsaker, Policy Advisor, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, spoke in favor of the bill.

Aaron Bullen, citizen, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to replace S.B. 174 with 1st Substitute S.B. 174. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 174 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 4

Absent - 1

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. S. Gricius
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Rep. V. Peterson

5. H.B. 506 Government Entity Compliance Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill.

Justin Lee, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass H.B. 506 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 1

Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. D. Welton

6. H.B. 453 School Board Elections (Ward, R.)

Rep. Ray Ward presented the bill.

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Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Chase Clyde. Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Audryn Damron, Utah State School Board candidate, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass H.B. 453 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 4 - 6 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston

Chair Musselman adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

NOTE: H.B. 0428, 04th Substitute S.B. 0123, H.B. 0537, H.B. 0233 were not discussed in the meeting.