



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY

STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 27, 2023 | 8:10 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Colin W. Jack, Vice Chair
Rep. James Cobb
Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Quinn Kotter
Rep. Jason Kyle
Rep. Phil Lyman

Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Angela Romero

Staff Present:

Samantha D. Brucker, Managing 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.

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

1. H.J.R. 25 Joint Resolution Highlighting the Hazards of Net-zero Energy (Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ivory presented the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in support of the resolution.

Josh Craft, Utah Clean Energy, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Gayle Rezicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the resolution.

Tom Moyer, Citizens' Climate Lobby, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nick Schou, Government Affairs Manager, Western Resource Advocates, spoke in opposition to the resolution..

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass H.J.R. 25 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

2. H.B. 555 Talent Ready Utah Program Modifications (*Moss, J.*)

Rep. J. Moss presented the bill assisted by Lucy Andre, General Counsel, Stadler US.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to replace H.B. 555 with 1st Substitute H.B. 555. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 555 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

3. H.B. 546 Education Innovation Program Amendments (*Welton, D.*)

Rep. Welton presented the bill.

Royce VanTassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 546 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Rep. C. Jack

4. H.B. 545 Cybersecurity Infrastructure Modifications (*Hawkins, J.*)

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to amend H.B. 545 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
H.B. 545

1. Page 3, Lines 62 through 64:

62 (b) On or before July 1, 2024, the division shall ~~{adopt}~~ consider adopting the enterprise security practices
63 described in this section and ~~{implement}~~ consider implementing zero trust architecture and robust identity
management
64 practices, including:

2. Page 4, Lines 95 through 99:

95 (6) (a) On or before November 30 of each year, the chief information officer shall
96 report on the progress of implementing zero trust architecture and multi-factor authentication
97 to:

98 (i) the ~~{Government Operations}~~ Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee; and
99 (ii) the Cybersecurity Commission created in Section 63C-25-201.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 545 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

5. H.B. 524 Social Media Usage Modifications (*Ivory, K.*)

Rep. Ivory presented the bill assisted by Andrew McFarland, Powerhouse Management, and Samantha Fillmore, Government Relations Manager, Hartland Institute.

Nicholeen Pack spoke in support of the bill.

Dalane England, Vice President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

Carolyn Phippen, Executive Director, Freedom Front of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Caden Rosenbaum, Libertas, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Zach Lilly, Deputy Director of State and Federal Affairs, Net Choice, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kris Kimball, United Women's Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Kotter moved to replace H.B. 524 with 1st Substitute H.B. 524. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Kyle moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 524 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack

6. H.B. 534 Telemedicine Amendments (*Ballard, M.G.*)

Rep. Ballard presented the bill assisted by Michelle McOumber, CEO, Utah Medical Association.

Stephen Foxley, Director, Government Affairs, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mike Sonntag, Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to amend H.B. 534 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1
H.B. 534

1. Page 2, Lines 45 through 49:

45 (c) for a health benefit plan entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2024, if a
46 network provider also provides health care services at an in-person location in the state,
47 reimburse the telemedicine services described in Subsection (2)(a) that are delivered by the
48 network provider, other than for telemedicine services related to urgent care as defined in 29 C.F.R. Sec.
49 2560.503-1, at a rate that is at least 90% of the rate that is paid to the network provider for
the same health care service that is delivered in-person.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Ellison

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to pass H.B. 534 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 2 - 0.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Ellison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 2

Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 0

7. 1st Sub. S.B. 160 Blockchain Liability Amendments (Cullimore, K. A.)

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 160 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.



Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. Q. Kotter
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
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Rep. A. Romero

Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.