



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 24, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Derrin R. Owens

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst
Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. N. Blouin

1. H.B. 425 Energy Security Amendments (Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ken Ivory presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to replace H.B. 425 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 425. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

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

Michele Beck, Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services; commented on the bill.

Jen Brown, President, Utah Citizens for the Constitution; commented on the bill.

Stan Holmes, Representative, Utah Citizens Advocating Renewable Energy (UCARE); spoke against the bill.

Daniel Burton, General Counsel, Utah Attorney General Office; spoke in favor of the bill.

Lindsay Beebe, Senior Campaign Representative, Sierra Club Utah Chapter; spoke against the bill.

Dean Draper, private citizen; spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 425 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 0.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 2

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. S. Pitcher

Absent - 0

2. S.B. 277 Water Conservation and Augmentation Amendments (*Sandall, S.*)

Sen. Sandall presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Division of Water Rights; responded to a question from the committee.

Kelly Pehrson, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF); spoke in favor of the bill.

Trevor Nelson, General Manager, Bear River Canal Company; spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Steed, Executive Director, Janet Quinney Lawson Institute for Land, Water and Air, Utah State University; spoke in favor of the bill.

Ron Gibson, President, Utah Farm Bureau; spoke in favor of the bill.

Warren Peterson, Advisor, Utah Farm Bureau; spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Peter Gessell, Lobbyist, Trout Unlimited; spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Larson, President, Utah Association of Conservation Districts; spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass S.B. 277 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

3. H.B. 137 State Crustacean Designation (*Lesser, R.*)

Rep. Rosemary Lesser presented the bill with assistance of Shayla Sissoko, Jameson Hunt, and Camila Reza, students at Emerson Elementary School.

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to pass H.B. 137 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

4. 2nd Sub. H.B. 144 High Cost Infrastructure Development Tax Credit Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill.

[HB144 High Cost Infrastructure Development Tax Credit Amendments Handout](#)

[HB144 Utah Mining Association Handout](#)

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to replace 2nd Substitute H.B. 144 with 1st Substitute H.B. 144. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 144 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

5. H.B. 92 State Mushroom Designation (*Watkins, C.*)

Rep. Christine Watkins presented the bill.

[HB92 State Mushroom Designation Handout](#)

[HB92 Impromptu Ode to the Shroom](#)

[HB92 State Mushroom Designation Recipe](#)

Katie Lawson, Farmer, Mushroom Society of Utah; spoke in favor of the bill.

Jesse West, Vice President, Mushroom Society of Utah; spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to pass H.B. 92 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Sen. E. Vickers

6. 1st Sub. H.B. 396 Paleontological Resources Amendments (*Elison, J.*)

Rep. Joseph Elison presented the bill with the assistance of Shawn Guzman, Government Affairs Director, City of St. George; and Jeremy Roberts, private citizen.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 396 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1 1st Sub. H.B. 396

1. Page 2, Lines 32 through 34:

32 (ii) an accredited facility meeting federal curation standards; [øf]
33 (iii) for the purposes described in Subsection (3)(c), a paleontology museum; or
34 [(+)] (iv) an appropriate state park.

2. Page 2, Lines 44 through 46:

44 (i) a facility designated by the museum through memoranda of agreement; [øf]
45 (ii) for the purposes described in Subsection (3)(c), a paleontology museum; or
46 [(+)] (iii) a place of reburial.

3. Page 3, Lines 68 through 69:

68 (c) A city that has a paleontology museum may retain, curate, and manage paleontological specimens.
69 paleontological collections, and paleontological resources recovered on lands owned or controlled by the city.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. N. Blouin
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Jason Cryan, Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah (NHMU); spoke in favor of the bill.

Diana Call, Executive Director, St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm; spoke in favor of the bill.

Tani Downing, Attorney, City of St. George; spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 396 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

NOTE: 02nd Substitute H.B. 0219 was not discussed in the meeting.