



# MINUTES

## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 27, 2023 | 8:10 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Ashlee Matthews  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist

Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Ken Ivory

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Shay Berger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Christofferson called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. D. Welton

**1. H.J.R. 26 Joint Resolution on Transit Operator Safety Awareness (Cutler, P.)**

Rep. Paul Cutler introduced the bill with Jay Fox, Executive Director of the Utah Transit Authority, and Neil Uemura, Utah Transit Authority Operator.

[Handout for HJR26](#)

George Chapman, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to pass H.J.R. 26 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. D. Welton

**2. H.B. 539 Veteran Property Tax Exemption (*Hawkins, J.*)**

Rep. Jon Hawkins introduced the bill with Stetson Lowe, Creekside Mortgage.

David Peterson, National Guard Association of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to pass H.B. 539 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. D. Welton

**3. H.B. 561 Department of Health and Human Services Procurement Amendments (*Stoddard, A.*)**

Rep. Andrew Stoddard introduced the bill with Nate Winters and Spencer Hall from the Utah Department of Health and Human Services.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to pass H.B. 561 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. D. Welton

**4. H.R. 3 House Resolution Concerning Ski Season Transportation (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Eliason introduced the bill with April Oaks, citizen.

[Handout for HR3](#)

George Chapman, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jay Fox, Executive Director of Utah Transit Authority, spoke against the bill.

Andreas Coleman, Regional General Manager for Utah Transit Authority, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Teuscher moved to amend H.R. 3 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1  
H.R. 3

1. Page 2, Lines 54 through 56:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the

55 state of Utah calls on the Utah Transit Authority, the Utah Department of Transportation, the Utah ski resorts,  
56 and Salt Lake County to expeditiously rectify the ski transportation  
situation by taking necessary actions to rectify the current driver shortage and explore the

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Teuscher moved to pass H.R. 3 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 5 - 5 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 5

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**5. 2nd Sub. S.B. 185 Transportation Amendments (Harper, W.)**

Sen. Wayne Harper introduced the bill.

[Handout for SB185](#)

Carlos Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

LaNiece Davenport, Mountainland Association of Governments, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kyle Palmer, Director of the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 185 with 3rd Substitute S.B. 185. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Matthews moved to pass 3rd Substitute S.B. 185 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher

NOTE: 02nd Substitute S.B. 0216 was not discussed in the meeting.