



MINUTES

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 | 2:00 p.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. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Michael J. Petersen

Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Angela Romero

Members Absent:

Rep. Phil Lyman

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 Jack called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 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. Q. Kotter
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss

1. S.B. 236 Legislative Water Development Commission Amendments (*Hinkins, D.*)

Sen. Hinkins presented the bill.

MOTION: Chair Albrecht moved to pass S.B. 236 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Moss

2. 1st Sub. S.B. 171 Health Care Practitioner Liability Amendments (*Cullimore, K. A.*)

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill assisted by Elise Mecham, Doctor of Medicine, specializing in reconstruction surgery.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Commissioner, spoke in support of the bill.

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

Kris Kimball spoke in support of the bill.

Mark Steinagel, Director, Division of Professional Licensing, spoke to the bill.

Ashton Hyde, Utah Association for Justice, spoke in support of the bill.

Michele McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Kristen Chevrier spoke in support of the bill.

Jennifer Garner spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to replace 1st Substitute S.B. 171 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 171. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. J. Rohner

MOTION: Rep. Elison moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 171 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. J. Rohner

3. 2nd Sub. S.B. 231 Government Records Access and Management Act Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Bramble presented the bill assisted by Vanessa Walsh, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General's Office, Geoff Landward, Deputy Director, Utah System of Higher Education, and Renae Cowley, Lobbyist, Utah Media Coalition.

Dalane England spoke to the bill.

Jennifer Garner spoke in opposition of the bill.

Kris Kimball spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nate Affleck, Syracuse, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Thomas Cook, Utah County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Heather Liberty, Founder, Constitutional Defense of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 231 with 4th Substitute S.B. 231. 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. Q. Kotter
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. J. Rohner

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass 4th Substitute S.B. 231 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Elison
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 1

Rep. Q. Kotter

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. J. Rohner

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn. 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. Q. Kotter
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. J. Rohner

Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.