



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Walt Brooks, Chair
Rep. Rex P. Shipp, Vice Chair
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Tim Jimenez
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Doug Owens

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Jimenez moved to approve the February 28, 2023 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Lund
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 11 Water Efficient Landscaping Requirements (Owens, D.)

Rep. Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Candice Hasenyager, Director, Utah Division Water Resources and Tim Davis, Deputy Great Salt Lake Commissioner.

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor of Millcreek, spoke to the bill.

Mark Stratford, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Camp, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, spoke to the bill.

Chelcie Hope, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Kael Weston, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Stratford, on behalf of Utah Waterways, spoke in favor of the bill.

Easton Harris, Co-Owner, All American Sod Farm, spoke against the bill.

Kirk Harris, Co-Owner, All American Sod, spoke against the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to replace H.B. 11 with 1st Substitute H.B. 11. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 11 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

2. H.B. 61 Water Measuring and Accounting Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director of Utah Division of Water Rights.

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chelcie Hope spoke to the bill.

Kael Weston spoke in favor of the bill.

Rebecca Colley, citizen, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to pass H.B. 61 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

3. H.B. 62 Utah Water Ways Amendments (*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Owens presented the bill.

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

Chelcie Hope spoke against the bill.

Natalie Cline, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Jen Wadsworth, Utah PTA Health Commissioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to pass H.B. 62 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 3

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

4. H.B. 65 Active Transportation and Canal Trail Amendments (*Lesser, R.*)

[5 HB65 Active Transportation and Canal Trail Amendments](#)

Rep. Rosemary Lesser presented the bill.

Cameron Carter, Bike Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke to the bill.

Leland Pollock, Garfield County Commissioner, spoke against the bill.

Tammy Pearson, Beaver County Commissioner, spoke against the bill.

Chelcie Hope spoke against the bill.

Dex Winterton, Moonlake Water Users Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to replace H.B. 65 with 1st Substitute H.B. 65. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
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Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 65 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 65

1. Page 3, Lines 68 through 72:

68 (ii) mail a copy of the notice of intent to abandon the prescriptive easement to:

69 (A) each [~~municipal and~~] county government, municipal government, and, if

70 applicable, ~~each special district, special service district, and~~ metropolitan planning organization where the
easement or part of the easement is

71 located [-]; and

72 (B) the Department of Transportation.

2. Page 4, Lines 93 through 97:

93 72-1-218. Canal trails.

94 (1) As used in this section, "political subdivision" means a municipality, city, town,

95 county, {~~or~~} metro township{~~as defined in Section 10-2a-403~~}, ~~special district, or special service district~~.

96 (2) The department, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and Food and

97 the Department of Natural Resources, shall:

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. G. Bennion
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Rep. S. Lund
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Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 65. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. Shipp assumed the chair.

5. H.B. 57 Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council Amendments (*Brooks, W.*)

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

Steve Erickson, Great Basin Water Network, spoke to the bill.

Redge Johnson, Executive Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 57 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

6. H.B. 120 State Park Funding Amendments (*Brooks, W.*)

Rep. Brooks presented the bill with the assistance of Scott Strong, Deputy Director of State Parks.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 120 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.



Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Shipp adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.