



# MINUTES

## SENATE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 26, 2024 | 3:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair  
Sen. Heidi Balderree  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Karen Kwan  
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Ann Millner

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Jackson Lewis, 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 Harper called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Sen. Balderree moved to accept the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**1. H.B. 74 Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments (Christofferson, K.)**

Representative Kay Christofferson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 74 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**2. S.J.R. 9 Joint Resolution Honoring Utah's Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Cultures and Communities (Kwan, K.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to amend S.J.R. 9 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1  
S.J.R. 009

1. Page 2, Lines 47 through 49:

47 WHEREAS, longstanding annual events celebrating Utah's Native Hawaiian and  
48 Pacific Islander cultures, including the Iosepa Memorial Celebration, the Friendly Islands Tongan Festival,  
49 Samoan Heritage Festival, Liberation and Independence Days throughout Micronesia, and the

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

Senator Kwan presented the bill with the assistance of Verona Mauga and Charlene Lui, citizens.

Jeneanne Lock, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass S.J.R. 9 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Balderree assumed the chair.

### **3. S.B. 135 Advanced Air Mobility and Aeronautics Amendments (*Harper, W.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Harper moved to replace S.B. 135 with 1st Substitute S.B. 135. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

Senator Harper presented the bill.

Josh Ashdown, Sergeant, Salt Lake City Police Department, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kyle Nordfors, volunteer, Weber County Search and Rescue, spoke in opposition to the bill .

Karson Eilers, Policy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Weber County Sheriff's Office, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 135 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

Chair Balderree adjourned the meeting.