



# MINUTES

## HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 26, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Paul A. Cutler

Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Colin W. Jack  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Staff Present:**

Sivan Nizan, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Stenquist called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe

**1. H.B. 318 Decentralized Autonomous Organization Act Amendments (Teuscher, J.)**

Rep. Teuscher introduced the bill and distributed the handout "H.B. 318 Decentralized Autonomous Organization Act Amendments."

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to pass H.B. 318 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to place H.B. 318 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. M. Ballard

**2. S.C.R. 3 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Major League Baseball in Utah (*Fillmore, L.*)**

Sen. Fillmore introduced the resolution assisted by Rep. Hollins, Rep. Wilcox, and Kelsey Berg, Vice President, Government Relations, Larry H. Miller Company.

Dalene England spoke to the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wheatley moved to pass S.C.R. 3 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

**3. H.B. 90 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Amendments (*Stenquist, J.*)**

Rep. Strong assumed the chair.

Rep. Stenquist introduced the bill assisted by Bentley Stenquist.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to amend H.B. 90 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 2  
H.B. 90

1. Page 3, Lines 86 through 89:
- 86 (c) at least 53% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor
- 87 Recreation - Capital, to be expended for larger outdoor recreation infrastructure projects
- 88 described in Subsection ~~(3)~~ (3) as recommended to the Legislature by the Outdoor Adventure
- 89 Commission [described in Subsection (4)].



Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.B. 90 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. Stenquist resumed the chair.

**4. H.C.R. 1 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the U.s.s. Utah (*Elison, J.*)**

Rep. Elison introduced the bill assisted by Kurt Ivie, Councilman, Washington City, and Jordan Hess, Director, Legislative Affairs, Washington City.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.C.R. 1 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

**5. H.B. 170 Unemployment Insurance Amendments (*Lee, T.*)**

Rep. Lee introduced the bill assisted by Kevin Burt, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services.

Dalene England spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Strong moved to pass H.B. 170 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 0.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 1

Rep. B. Garner

Absent - 0

**6. H.B. 118 Prohibition of Production of Private Keys (Lee, T.)**

Rep. Lee introduced the bill assisted by Trace Mayer, member, Utah Blockchain Task Force, and Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Commissioner.

Tron Black, blockchain developer, spoke to the bill.

Eric Parker, CEO, Giddy, spoke to the bill.

Mark Hilenberg, blockchain business, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to replace H.B. 118 with 1st Substitute H.B. 118. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 118 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.



Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
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Chair Stenquist adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.