



# MINUTES

## HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 2, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair  
Rep. Michael L. Kohler, Vice Chair  
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion  
Rep. James Cobb  
Rep. Paul A. Cutler  
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn  
Rep. Marsha Judkins

Rep. Trevor Lee  
Rep. Rosemary T. Lesser  
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Neil Walter

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, 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).

Vice Chair Kohler called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

**MOTION:** Chair Dunnigan moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher

**1. H.B. 217 Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program Amendments (Johnson, D.N.)**

Rep. Johnson introduced the bill assisted by Darin Bushman, Director, Emergency Medical Services, Department of Public Safety, and Brandy Grace, Utah Association of Counties.

**MOTION:** Rep. Walter moved to hold H.B. 217. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Judkins

**2. 1st Sub. S.B. 82 Public Accommodation Amendments (Harper, W.)**

Sen. Harper introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 82 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Rep. M. Judkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Teuscher moved to place 1st Substitute S.B. 82 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Rep. M. Judkins

**3. S.B. 47 Local Government Business License Amendments (*Balderree, H.*)**

Sen. Balderree introduced the bill.

Elaine Augustine, home schooler, spoke in support of the bill.

Jason Chipman, Director of Government Affairs, Libertas Institute, spoke in support of the bill.

Peter Augustine, student, spoke in support of the bill.

Leah Hansen, Saratoga Springs, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Walter moved to amend S.B. 47 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 2  
S.B. 47

1. Page 5, Line 135:  
135 (B) 18 years old or older and who is enrolled in a traditional high school or is being home schooled  $\hat{S}$ → [[:]] .

2. Page 6, Line 173:  
173 (B) 18 years old or older and who is enrolled in a traditional high school or is being home schooled  $\hat{S}$ → [[:]] .

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Walter moved to pass S.B. 47 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins

**4. H.B. 229 Utah Communications Authority Revisions (*Watkins, C.*)**

Rep. Watkins introduced the bill.

Col. Mike Rapich, Communications Bureau, Utah Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to replace H.B. 229 with 1st Substitute H.B. 229. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. T. Lee

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 229. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Teuscher

Absent - 1

Rep. T. Lee

**5. H.B. 125 Procurement Code Amendments (*Loubet, A.*)**

Rep. Loubet introduced the bill assisted by Tyson Plastow, Special Projects, Office of the Utah State Auditor, and Spencer Hall, Director, Office of Procurement and Contract Management, Department of Health and Human Services.

**MOTION:** Rep. Judkins moved to replace H.B. 125 with 1st Substitute H.B. 125. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. T. Lee

**MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 125 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. T. Lee

**MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 125 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. T. Lee

**MOTION:**

Rep. Lesser moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. J. Cobb  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. T. Lee

Vice Chair Kohler adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.