



# MINUTES

## HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 7, 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  
Speaker Mike Schultz  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shipp moved to approve the February 1, 2024 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

**1. 1st Sub. S.B. 18 Water Modifications (Sandall, S.)**

Sen. Scott Sandall presented the bill.

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

Warren Peterson, advisor, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snider moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 18 out favorably. 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. S. Lund  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. Shipp assumed the chair.

## **2. H.B. 389 Cannabis Pharmacy Modifications (*Brooks, W.*)**

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

Bijan Sakaki, Beehive Farmacy, spoke to the bill.

Narith Panh, Dragonfly Wellness, spoke to the bill.

Alex Iorg, WholesomeCo Cannabis, spoke to the bill.

Desiree Hennessy, Utah Patients Coalition, spoke to the bill.

Brandon Forsyth, Director of the Medical Cannabis Program, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 389 with 1st Substitute H.B. 389. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

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. C. Snider  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 389 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

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. C. Snider  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. K. Stratton

**3. H.B. 433 Brine Amendments (*Bolinder, B.*)**

Rep. Bolinder presented the bill.

Rep. Brooks resumed the chair.

Michael Swenson, in behalf of A1 Lithium and Black Stone Minerals, (both under parent company Anson Resources), spoke against the bill as it stands currently.

Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 433 with 1st Substitute H.B. 433. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

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. C. Snider  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 433 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

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. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

**4. H.B. 437 Fire Amendments (Snider, C.)**

Rep. Snider presented the bill with the assistance of Jamie Barnes, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 437 with 1st Substitute H.B. 437. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

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. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 437 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

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. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

**5. H.B. 262 School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments (Snider, C.)**

Rep. Snider presented the bill with the assistance of Michelle McConkie, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

Terry Camp, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke against the bill.

Sheri Mattle, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke against the bill.

Jay Blain, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Warren Peterson, Vice Chair, Trust Lands Administration, spoke in favor of the bill.

Garritt Slatcoff, Policy and Access Coordinator, Utah Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Somers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Margaret Bird, School Children's Trust, spoke to the bill.

Kim Christy, Director, Land Trust Protection and Advocacy Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marlo Oaks, State Treasurer of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kohler moved to replace H.B. 262 with 1st Substitute H.B. 262. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

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. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. S. Chew

**MOTION:** Rep. Lund moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 262 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. T. Jimenez  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 2

Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. R. Shipp

Absent - 1

Rep. S. Chew

**MOTION:** Rep. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 13

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. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. S. Chew

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.