



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Vice Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Jen Plumb

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 and February 1, 2024 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. R. Winterton

1. S.B. 174 Safe Leave Amendments (Pitcher, S.)

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to replace S.B. 174 with 1st Substitute S.B. 174. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb

Sen. Pitcher presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 174 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb

2. 2nd Sub. H.B. 72 State Boards and Commissions Amendments (Musselman, C.R.)

Rep. Calvin Musselman presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 72 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb

3. H.B. 239 State Employee Cybersecurity Training Requirements (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Alan Fuller, CIO, State of Utah.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 239 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher

4. H.B. 384 Utah Geological Survey Data Submission Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Bill Keach, State Geologist.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass H.B. 384 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher

5. H.B. 115 Cultural and Community Engagement Amendments (Watkins, C.)

Rep. Christine Watkins presented the bill with the assistance of Kat Potter, Deputy Director of the Utah Department of Cultural & Community Engagement.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to amend H.B. 115 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 115

1. Page 3, Lines 60 through 65:

60 As used in this chapter:

61 (1) (a) "Arts" means the various branches of creative human activity, including visual arts,
62 film, performing arts, sculpture, literature, music, theater, dance, digital arts, video-game arts,
63 and cultural vitality.

(b) "Arts" includes traditional, folk, classical, ethnic, contemporary, and other art forms.

64 (2) "Arts and museums board" means the Utah Arts and Museums Advisory Board
65 created in Section 9-6-301.

2. Page 20, Lines 596 through 603:

596 (b) select qualified recipients in accordance with Subsection (2).

597 (2) The office may distribute the money from the grant program to or on behalf of a private landowner:

598 (a) that applies to the office, in a manner prescribed by the office, to receive{~~all or part~~
599 ~~of the money contained in~~} funding or technical assistance through the grant program; and
600 (b) by direct payment to the landowner or a third party for work related to identifying and protecting
archaeological resources on the landowner's property,
601 if the private landowner or third party contributes an amount of money or in-kind work equal to or greater
than the amount of
602 money {~~the landowner receives~~} received from the grant program.
603 Section 17. Section 9-20-201 is amended to read:

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 115 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher

6. S.B. 201 Municipal Incorporation Modifications (*Vickers, E.*)

Sen. Vickers presented the bill with the assistance of Jordan Schawneke, Entities Specialist, Lieutenant Governor's office

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass S.B. 201 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher

7. 1st Sub. H.B. 59 Federal Funds Contingency Planning (*Ivory, K.*)

Rep. Ken Ivory presented the bill.

Trevor Dykes, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jen Brown, President, Utah Citizens of the Constitution spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 59 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Sen. Plumb moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. S. Pitcher

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

NOTE: S.B. 0154 was not discussed in the meeting.