



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 9, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman, Chair
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Musselman called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Michael Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

1. H.B. 421 Homelessness Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Steven Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Wayne Niederhauser, Homelessness Coordinator, Utah Office of Homeless Services.

Michael Parker, Utah Impact Partnership, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wendy Garvin, Executive Director, Unsheltered Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

James Behunin, former State Auditor, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bernie Hart, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Understanding Us, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Molly Wheeler, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mellow, Director, Outreach, Nomad Alliance, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to replace H.B. 421 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 421. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 421 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 2

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Schultz

2. H.B. 394 Homeless Services Funding Amendments (Strong, M.A.)

Rep. Mark Strong presented the bill with the assistance of Wayne Niederhauser, Homelessness Coordinator, Utah Office of Homeless Services.

Carol Hollowell, Chief Executive Officer, Switchpoint Community Resource Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to amend H.B. 394 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 394

1. Page 1, Lines 11 through 14:

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ▸ ~~{authorizes}~~ requires the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee to develop a funding
14 formula for the provision of homeless services;

2. Page 7, Lines 197 through 200:

197 funding for the provision of homeless services as described in Subsection 35A-16-203(1)(d).

198 (2) The steering committee ~~{may}~~ shall, in consultation with members of the homelessness

199 council, the office, members of local homelessness councils, and the coordinator, develop a

200 funding formula as described in Section 35A-16-208.

3. Page 7, Lines 202 through 204:

202 ~~35A-16-208~~. Funding formula.

203 (1) The steering committee ~~{may}~~ shall develop a formula for the distribution of funds for the
204 provision of homeless services.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to amend H.B. 394 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2
H.B. 394

1. Page 7, Lines 205 through 210:

205 (2) A formula for the distribution of funds for the provision of homeless services shall:
206 (a) take into consideration:
207 (i) the various needs of regions of the state;
208 (ii) metrics and evidence of success;
(iii) the goals outlined in the strategic plan; and
209 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) any other factor the steering committee considers necessary; and
210 (b) utilize objective metrics to ensure, as much as possible, an impartial result.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 394 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. D. Welton

3. H.B. 159 Bears Ears Visitor Center Advisory Committee Repeal Amendments (Owens, D.)

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Rep. Phil Lyman.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to replace H.B. 159 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 159. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Michael Petersen moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 159 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

4. H.B. 429 State Employment Revisions (*Christofferson, K.*)

[State Employment Revisions](#)

Rep. Christofferson had a handout distributed and presented the bill with the assistance of Marvin Dodge, Executive Director, Department of Government Operations.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Craig Greenburg, First Vice President, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brad Asay, Executive Director, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 1004, and Vice President, Utah American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), spoke in opposition to the bill.

Susan Olsen, Utah Citizens Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

David Carter, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to amend H.B. 429 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
H.B. 429

1. Page 6, Lines 159 through 163:

159 (5) [H] The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
160 Administrative Rulemaking Act, [the division shall make rules authorizing a classified service]
161 authorizing an employee to receive a wage that exceeds the salary range of the [classified

162 service] employee's position [classified plan] if warranted based on the {classified} employee's
163 performance rating.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.B. 429 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 4 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

5. S.B. 119 Fire and Rescue Training Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Wayne Harper presented the bill with the assistance of Brad Wardle, Director, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass S.B. 119 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

6. S.B. 94 Elections Records Amendments (*Kwan, K.*)

Sen. Karen Kwan presented the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, also representing Clerks of the State of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass S.B. 94 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.



Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Val Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Musselman adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.