



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 8:00 a.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. Steven J. Lund
 Rep. Doug Owens
 Rep. Thomas W. Peterson

Rep. Casey Snider
 Rep. Keven J. Stratton
 Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael L. Kohler
 Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Sivan Nizan, 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.

Vice Chair Shipp called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Due to technical difficulties, the first few minutes of the meeting were not video recorded.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. G. Bennion
 Rep. W. Brooks
 Rep. S. Chew
 Rep. S. Lund
 Rep. D. Owens
 Rep. R. Shipp
 Rep. C. Snider
 Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
 Rep. T. Jimenez
 Rep. M. Kohler
 Rep. T. Peterson
 Rep. M. Schultz
 Rep. K. Stratton

1. H.B. 448 State Water Program Reporting Requirements (Ward, R.)

Rep. Raymond Ward presented the bill with the assistance of Candice Hasenyager, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director of Division of Water Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke to the bill.

Mark Stratford, in behalf of the Utah Water Task Force, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lauren Griffeth, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rick Smith, General Manager, Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company, spoke to the bill.

Trevor Nielson, General Manager, Bear River Canal Company, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to amend H.B. 448 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.B. 448

1. Page 3, Lines 82 through 83:

82 (iv) any other legislatively directed water optimization effort, including a state program that
83 uses state funding for water optimization.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass H.B. 448 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

2. H.B. 452 Carbon Capture Amendments (Chew, S.)

[HB0452 handout](#)

Rep. Chew presented the bill.

Steve Styler, in behalf of the Rainey Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass H.B. 452 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to place H.B. 452 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

Vice Chair Shipp adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.