



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 4:00 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. Candice B. Pierucci  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Rep. Norman K Thurston  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Val L. Peterson  
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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Musselman called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Chair Musselman announced that HB 252, HB 49, and HB 462 have been pulled from the agenda at the request of the sponsors.

### 1. H.B. 344 Judicial Rules Review Amendments (*Brammer, B.*)

Rep. Brammer presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Welton moved to pass H.B. 344 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. Welton moved to place H.B. 344 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. N. Thurston

### 2. H.B. 465 Housing Affordability Revisions (*Whyte, S.*)

Rep. Whyte presented the bill.

Mike Ostermiller, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Waldrip, Senior Advisor for Housing Strategy and Innovation, Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Beth Holbrook, Trustee, Utah Transit Authority, and Member, Commission on Housing Affordability, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Damschen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Utah Housing Corporation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah Davenport-Smith, Utah Coalition of Cities and Counties or UC3, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to replace H.B. 465 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 465. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 465 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 2

Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz

**3. H.B. 515 Election Administration Modifications (*Peterson, K.*)**

Rep. Karen Peterson presented the bill.

Yasmin Alvarado, Elections Coordinator, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, spoke in favor of the bill.

Fred Hayes, Bear River, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, American Fork, Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to amend H.B. 515 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 515

1. Page 11, Lines 319 through 322:

319 (6) The cost of a recount under Subsection (5) shall be paid by:

320 (a) for a statewide race or multi-county race, the state; or  
321 (b) for all other races~~{, the political subdivision administering the election-}~~ :  
(i) the political subdivision that conducts the election; or  
(ii) the political subdivision that enters into a contract or interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, with a provider election officer to conduct the election.  
322 [(2)] (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection [(2)(b)] (7)(b), for a ballot proposition or

Yeas - 7

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Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 515 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**4. H.B. 386 Commission on Housing Affordability Modifications (Briscoe, J.)**

Rep. J. Briscoe presented the bill with the assistance of Steve Erickson, Consultant/Lobbyist, Utah Chapter of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

Tara Rawlins, Utah Housing Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 386 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Gricius moved to hold H.B. 386. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 5 - 3 - 5.

Yeas - 5

Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 3

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

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

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



Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Musselman adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

NOTE: H.B. 0252, H.B. 0489, H.B. 0462 were not discussed in the meeting.