



# MINUTES

## HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 15, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Paul A. Cutler  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner

Rep. Colin W. Jack  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Melissa G. Ballard

**Staff Present:**

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, 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 Stenquist called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. M. Strong

**1. H.B. 155 Discharge of Fireworks Amendments (MacPherson, M.)**

Rep. MacPherson introduced the bill.

Clint Smith, Fire Chief, Draper City, and President, Utah State Fire Chiefs Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tony Allred, Fire Prevention Chief for Salt Lake City and Salt Lake City Fire Marshall, spoke to the bill.

Ted Black, Utah State Fire Marshall, spoke to the bill.

Casey Hill, TNT Fireworks, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to replace H.B. 155 with 1st Substitute H.B. 155. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. M. Ballard

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 155 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 155

1. Page 1, Lines 12 through 13:

12     ▸ provides that restrictions to when sales of fireworks can occur do not apply to {~~online~~} specified  
13 sales.

2. Page 2, Line 33:

33 (b) The restrictions in Subsection (2)(a) do not apply to :  
(i) online sales{~~-~~} ; or  
(ii) sales to persons described in Subsection 53-7-222(1)(b)(i)(A).

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. M. Ballard

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 155.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved a Substitute Motion to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 155 out favorably. Rep. Jack withdrew his motion.

Rep. Defay's original motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 1

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. S. Chew

Rep. M. Ballard

## **2. H.C.R. 10 Concurrent Resolution Honoring Utah's Salvadoran Community (Rohner, J.)**

Rep. Rohner introduced the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to amend H.C.R. 10 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1  
H.C.R. 10

1. Page 2, Lines 37 through 39:  
37 every year who come to alleviate labor shortages in the state's agricultural sector;  
38 WHEREAS, similar federal immigration programs, such as the {~~Temporal~~} Temporary Protected  
39 Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, have made it possible for Salvadorans to

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.C.R. 10 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard

**3. S.J.R. 9 Joint Resolution Honoring Utah's Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Cultures and Communities (Kwan, K.)**

Sen. Kwan introduced the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Garner moved to pass S.J.R. 9 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard

Chair Stenquist adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.