

MINUTES HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 16, 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. Michael L. Kohler Rep. Steven J. Lund Rep. Doug Owens Rep. Thomas W. Peterson Rep. Casey Snider Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Speaker Mike Schultz Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

Absent - 6

Rep. G. Bennion Rep. B. Bolinder

Rep. T. Jimenez

Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. S. Lund Rep. M. Schultz

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

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Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION:

Rep. Shipp moved to approve the February 14, 2024 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8 Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. M. Kohler Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. R. Shipp Rep. C. Snider Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 496 Public Land Use Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Redge Johnson, Executive Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

Marlo Oaks, State Treasurer, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wade Garrett, Vice President, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Randy Parker, member of the Board of Directors, Salt Lake County Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Caitlin Curry, Vice Chair, Utah Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to amend H.B. 496 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1

H.B. 496

1. Page 5, Line 142 through Page 6, Line 152:

142 (1) (a) "Conservation lease" means a lease on a parcel of public land that:

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143	(i) restricts the use of the parcel for the sole or primary purpose of preserving or

- 144 protecting the land or the land's natural resources;
- 145 (ii) prohibits the extraction of the land's natural resources; or

146 (iii) is managed according to an agreement that contradicts the principles of multiple

147 <u>use and sustained yield, including the multiple-use, sustained-yield principles in the Federal</u>

148 Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1732, and the National Forest Management Act,

- 149 <u>16 U.S.C. 1604.</u>
- (b) "Conservation lease" includes a lease that is { substantially } wholly or partially similar to a lease
- 151 <u>described in Subsection (1)(a).</u>
- 152 (c) "Conservation lease" does not include a conservation easement, as that term is

Yeas - 11 Rep. G. Bennion Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. M. Kohler Rep. S. Lund Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. R. Shipp Rep. C. Snider Rep. C. Watkins <u>Nays - 0</u>

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to pass H.B. 496 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder

Rep. M. Schultz

Rep. K. Stratton

<u>Yeas - 11</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 3</u>
Rep. G. Bennion		Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks		Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Chew		Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. T. Jimenez		•
Rep. M. Kohler		
Rep. S. Lund		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. T. Peterson		
Rep. R. Shipp		
Rep. C. Snider		
Rep. C. Watkins		

2. H.B. 522 Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program Amendments (Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Albrecht presented the bill.

Craig Buttars, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Daniel Christensen, State Veterinarian, spoke in favor of the bill.

Peter Gessel, livestock owner, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 522 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

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Yeas - 12 Rep. G. Bennion Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. M. Kohler Rep. S. Lund Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. R. Shipp Rep. C. Snider Rep. C. Watkins <u>Nays - 0</u>

<u>Absent - 2</u> Rep. M. Schultz Rep. K. Stratton

3. 1st Sub. S.B. 75 Mineral Amendments (Owens, D.R.)

Sen. Derrin Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Brian Somers, President, Utah Mining Association.

Carmen Valdez, Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to replace 1st Substitute S.B. 75 with 3rd Substitute S.B. 75. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11 Rep. G. Bennion Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. M. Kohler Rep. S. Lund Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. C. Snider Rep. C. Watkins		<u>Absent - 3</u> Rep. M. Schultz Rep. R. Shipp Rep. K. Stratton
MOTION:	Rep. Watkins moved to pass 3rd Substitut 9 - 1 - 4.	e S.B. 75 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of
<u>Yeas - 9</u>	<u>Nays - 1</u>	<u>Absent - 4</u>

<u>Yeas - 9</u>	<u>Nays - 1</u>	<u> Absent - 4</u>
Rep. B. Bolinder	Rep. G. Bennion	Rep. S. Lund
Rep. W. Brooks		Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Chew		Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. T. Jimenez		Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. M. Kohler		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. T. Peterson		
Rep. C. Snider		
Rep. C. Watkins		

4. 1st Sub. S.B. 125 Secondary Water Amendments (Hinkins, D.)

Sen. David Hinkins presented the bill.

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leland Pollock, Garfield County Commissioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

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Joel Williams, Utah Division of Water Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to amend 1st Substitute S.B. 125 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1 1st Sub. S.B. 125

1. Page 9, Lines 261 through 265:

but shall meter at strategic points of the system as approved by the state engineer under this

262 Subsection (13) if:

263 (i) the system has no <u>or minimal storage and relies <u>primarily</u> on stream flow;</u>

Nays - 0

264 (ii) (A) the majority of secondary water users on the system are associated with

agriculture use or power generation use; and

Yeas - 11 Rep. G. Bennion Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. M. Kohler Rep. S. Lund Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. C. Snider Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 125 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Absent - 3

Absent - 3 Rep. M. Schultz

Rep. R. Shipp

Rep. K. Stratton

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Rep. R. Shipp

Yeas - 11Nays - 0Rep. G. BennionRep. B. BolinderRep. W. BrooksRep. S. ChewRep. T. JimenezRep. M. KohlerRep. S. LundRep. D. OwensRep. T. PetersonRep. C. SniderRep. C. Watkins

5. H.J.R. 27 Joint Resolution Encouraging Water-efficient Landscaping Ordinances for New Construction (*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Owens presented the resolution.

Tim Davis, Deputy Great Salt Lake Commissioner, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Alan Packard, General Manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Joel Williams, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, spoke in favor of the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to pass H.J.R. 27 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

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Yeas - 9 Rep. G. Bennion Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. M. Kohler Rep. S. Lund Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. R. Shipp Rep. C. Watkins <u>Nays - 0</u>

Nays - 0

Absent - 5 Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. M. Schultz Rep. C. Snider Rep. K. Stratton

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9 Rep. G. Bennion Rep. W. Brooks Rep. S. Chew Rep. M. Kohler Rep. S. Lund Rep. D. Owens Rep. T. Peterson Rep. R. Shipp Rep. C. Watkins Absent - 5 Rep. B. Bolinder Rep. T. Jimenez Rep. M. Schultz Rep. C. Snider Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

NOTE: H.B. 0401 was not discussed in the meeting.