



# MINUTES

## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson

Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Ashlee Matthews

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Reese Boardman, 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 Christofferson called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. of February 21, 2024.

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. D. Welton

**1. 1st Sub. S.B. 28 Scenic Byway Program Amendments (*Harper, W.*)**

Sen. Harper presented the bill.

Moroni Benally, Navajo Nation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ryan Starks, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leif Elder, Utah Department of Transportation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Donna Foster, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nathan Young, YESCO, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kate Kopishke, Executive Director, Scenic Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ralph Becker, Chair, Scenic Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dewey Reagan, Reagan Outdoor Advertising, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Christofferson moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 28 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. A. Matthews

**MOTION:** Rep. Welton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. A. Matthews

Chair Christofferson adjourned the meeting.