



MINUTES

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
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

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.

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
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

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 155 Changes to Fireworks Provisions (MacPherson, M.)

Rep. McPherson introduced the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 155 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 2
1st Sub. H.B. 155

1. Page 1, Line 12:
12 ▶ provides that restrictions to when sales of fireworks can occur do not apply to specified online

2. Page 2, Line 33:
33 (b) The restrictions in Subsection (2)(a) do not apply to online sales to a person outside the state for use outside the state.



Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
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

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 155 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. C. Jack
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2. H.B. 487 Historic Preservation Amendments (*Barlow, S.*)

Rep. Barlow introduced the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Garner moved to pass H.B. 487 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard
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

3. S.B. 149 Artificial Intelligence Amendments (*Cullimore, K. A.*)

Sen. Cullimore introduced the bill assisted by Margaret Busse, Executive Director, Department of Commerce.

Dave Barney, CEO, Eliza Chat, spoke in support to the bill.

Nate Sanders, CEO, Artifact, spoke in support of the bill.

John Wright spoke in support of the bill.

Barkley Burns, Founder, Generative Health, spoke in support of the bill.

Zack Boyd, BYU professor, spoke in support of the bill.

Gabby Wright spoke in support of the bill.

Joe Ross, non-profit AI development company, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stenquist moved to pass S.B. 149 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay

4. H.C.R. 17 Concurrent Resolution Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Utah Marriage Commission (Moss, C.)

Rep. Moss introduced the resolution and distributed a handout "Utah Marriage Commission."

[Utah Marriage Commission](#)

Russ Rampton, Utah County Marriage License Office, spoke in support of the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to pass H.C.R. 17 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. C. Jack

5. S.J.R. 14 Joint Resolution Honoring the 125th Anniversary of the Division of Arts and Museums (Kwan, K.)

Sen. Kwan introduced the resolution assisted by Vicki Bourns, Director, Utah Division of Arts Museum, and distributed a handout "2023 Investment in Utah's Cultural Community."

[2023 Investment in Cultural Community](#)

[Utah Culture Matters](#)

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to pass S.J.R. 14 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Garner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. C. Jack

Chair Strong adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.