



MINUTES

SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Chair
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

Members Absent:

Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Ann Millner

Staff Present:

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst
Emma Johnsen, Committee Secretary

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

Chair David P. Hinkins called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM.

MOTION: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. D. Owens

1. S.B. 264 Inland Port Authority Amendments (Stevenson, J.)

Sen. Stevenson presented the bill with the assistance of Ben Hart, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority and Benn Buys, Deputy Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to amend S.B. 264 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
S.B. 264

1. Page 15, Line 444:

444 (C) beginning July 1, {~~2022~~} 2024, [50%] 20% of each dollar collected from the sales and use

2. Page 18, Line 532:

532 This bill takes effect on {~~May~~} July 1, 2024.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. D. Owens

Deeda Seed, Member, Stop the Polluting Port Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Monica Hilding, Chair, Environmental Caucus, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Brian Moench, President, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Joan Gregory, Member, Stop the Polluting Port Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Katie Pappas, citizen, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to pass S.B. 264 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner

2. S.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Creating the Golden Spike State Monument (Sandall, S.)

Sen. Scott D. Sandall presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Karen Kwan moved to amend S.C.R. 6 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
S.C.R. 6

1. Page 2, Lines 32 through 33:

32 WHEREAS, Brigham City serves as a gateway for visitors to the {~~National Golden~~
33 ~~Spike Monument~~} Golden Spike National Historical Park in Promontory, Utah;

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

Doug Foxley, Chairman, Golden Spike, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to pass S.C.R. 6 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

3. H.B. 394 Homeless Services Funding Amendments (Strong, M.A.)

Rep. Mark A. Strong presented the bill with the assistance of Wayne L. Niederhauser, Director, Utah Office of Homeless Services.

Scott Howell, Member, Solutions Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Derrin R. Owens moved to pass H.B. 394 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

4. H.J.R. 20 Joint Resolution Honoring the Paraguayan Community (Loubet, A.)

Rep. Anthony Loubet presented the bill with the assistance of Raúl Ibarreca, Member, Paraguayan Community.

Aileen Villalba, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jorge Villalba, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sebastian Benitez, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nelson Muscecz, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to amend H.J.R. 20 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
H.J.R. 20

1. Page 2, Lines 34 through 37:

34 WHEREAS, the Paraguayan community in Utah has embraced the laws, customs, and
35 principles of the United States, integrating harmoniously with {~~other minorities and~~} the
36 American people, including other minorities, while upholding the values of religious freedom, respect for laws,
family,
37 entrepreneurship, and healthy entertainment:

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to pass H.J.R. 20 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

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

Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner presented the bill with the assistance of Fernando Morales, Member, El Salvadoran Community.

Francisco Raymundo, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gladis Rodriguez, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rolando Murillo, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to pass H.C.R. 10 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.