



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 23, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman, Chair  
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Brady Brammer  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Stephanie Gricius  
Rep. Sahara Hayes  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Norman K Thurston

**Members Absent:**

Speaker Mike Schultz  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

**Staff Present:**

Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, 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 Musselman called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**1. 2nd Sub. S.B. 168 Affordable Building Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)**

Rep. Stephen Whyte presented the bill with the assistance of Analise Wilson, Private Property Rights Coalition and Cameron Diel, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Mike Ostermiller, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kam Valgardson, General Manager, Irontown Modular, spoke in favor of the bill.

Abby Hunsaker, Policy Advisor, Unified Economic Opportunity Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andra Ghent, Professor of Finance, University of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeremy Bristol, Advanced Modular Manufacturing, Salt Lake City, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Brammer moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 168 with 3rd Substitute S.B. 168. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Brammer moved to pass 3rd Substitute S.B. 168 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**2. H.B. 562 Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District (*Wilcox, R.*)**

Rep. Ryan Wilcox and Rep. and Sandra Hollins presented the bill with the assistance of Steve Starks, Larry H. Miller Company; Erin Mendenhall, Mayor, Salt Lake City, and Dale Murphy, retired professional baseball player.

Bruce Adams, County Commissioner, San Juan County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Ginger Chinn, Vice President of Policy, Salt Lake Chamber, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jordan Garn, Utah Hotel and Lodging Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Larry Mullenax, Executive Director, Utah State Fair Park Authority, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Lewis, Chair, Utah State Fair Park Authority Board, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Daniel Strong, President Westside Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

Victoria Petro, Council Chair, Salt Lake County District 1, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nigel Swaby, immediate Past Chair, Fair Park Community Council, and Member, Westside Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Josh Sutton, Director of Sales and Marketing, Wittwer Hospitality, St. George, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Lance Syrett, Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Chris Bengtzen, Regional Director of Sales, Safari Hospitality, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brady Willardson, Western States Lodging Management, spoke to the bill.

Goud Maragani, Utah Gay-Straight Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bob Stevenson, Commissioner, Davis County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jack Lytle, Commissioner, Daggett County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Malah Armstrong, Vice President, Utah Taxpayer's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to replace H.B. 562 with 1st Substitute H.B. 562. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 562 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 2

Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Michael Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**3. 2nd Sub. S.B. 154 Independent Entities Amendments (McKell, M.)**

Rep. Brady Brammer presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 154 with 1st Substitute S.B. 154.

Rep. Pierucci withdrew the motion.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 154 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.



Yeas - 8

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Musselman adjourned the meeting. at 9:46 a.m.