Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:** 

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair

Sen. Nate Blouin

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore

Sen. Don L. Ipson

Sen. Karen Kwan

Sen. Todd D. Weiler
Staff Present:

Sen. Daniel McCay Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Robert Wood, Policy Analyst

Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting. The motion passed

with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Absent - 3

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
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Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. D. Ipson Sen. K. Kwan

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. Cullimore assumed the chair.

## 1. S.B. 258 Municipal Incorporation Amendments (Bramble, C.)

Sen.. Bramble presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Bramble moved to pass S.B. 258 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

<u>Yeas - 6</u> <u>Nays - 0</u> <u>Absent - 2</u> Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. McCay

Sen. C. Bramble Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. K. Cullimore Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. K. Kwan

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. Bramble resumed the chair.

#### 2. S.B. 255 Trespassing of a Long-term Guest Amendments (Cullimore, K. A.)

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill.

Cate Kludt, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Cullimore moved to pass S.B. 255 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 1 Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. McCay

Sen. C. Bramble

Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. K. Kwan

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. T. Weiler

## 3. 3rd Sub. H.B. 58 Licensing Amendments (*Maloy, A. Cory*)

Rep. Maloy presented the bill with the assistance of Carolyn Dennis, Executive Director, Department of Commerce.

Natalie El-Deiry, Director, Center for Immigration & Integration, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mairi Leining, Chief Executive Officer, Peoples Health Clinic, spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrew Dering, Anesthesiologist, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rich Saunders, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jamie Wissler, Executive Director, One Utah Health Collaborative, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Smith, Executive Director, American Council of Engineers, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 58 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Absent - 3

Sen. N. Blouin Sen. K. Cullimore Sen. C. Bramble Sen. K. Kwan Sen. D. Ipson Sen. D. McCay

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. T. Weiler

#### 4. S.B. 226 School of General Education Act (Johnson, J.)

Sen. Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Stanley Kurtz, Senior Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center.

MOTION: Sen. McCay moved to replace S.B. 226 with 1st Substitute S.B. 226. The motion passed with a vote

of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 Absent - 1 Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. N. Blouin

Sen. C. Bramble

Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. K. Kwan

Sen. D. McCay

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Taylor Randall, President, University of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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



Leah Hansen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Geoffrey Landward, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Trevor Dykes, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Kevin Karuss, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McCay moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 226 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2

- 5 - 1.

Yeas - 2 Nays - 5 Absent - 1

Sen. C. Bramble Sen. N. Blouin Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. D. McCay Sen. D. Ipson Sen. K. Kwan

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. T. Weiler

### 5. 1st Sub. H.B. 399 Insurance Department Complaint Amendments (Birkeland, K.)

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill.

Cort Ashton, Utah Land Title Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

#### FORENSICE FUNDING HANDOUT

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 399 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of

8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8 Nays - 0 Absent - 0

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### 6. 1st Sub. H.B. 190 Forensic Funding Amendments (Welton, D.)

Rep. Welton presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 190 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of

7 - 0 - 1.



<u>Yeas - 7</u> <u>Nays - 0</u> <u>Absent - 1</u> Sen. N. Blouin Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. C. Bramble

Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. K. Kwan

Sen. D. McCay

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. T. Weiler

# 7. 1st Sub. H.B. 217 Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program Amendments (Johnson, D.N.)

Rep. Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Darin Bushman, Division Director, Bureau of Emergency Medical Department of Public Safety, Brandy Grace, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Counties.

**MOTION:** Sen. Sandall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 217 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of

6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6 Nays - 0 Absent - 2

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Sen. T. Weiler

## 8. H.B. 355 Residential Rental Modifications (Judkins, M.)

Rep. Judkins presented the bill with the assistance of Gavin Gilbert, Rental Housing Association.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass H.B. 355 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 5 - 1.

<u>Yeas - 2</u> Sen. N. Blouin

Nays - 5
Sen. C. Bramble

Absent - 1
Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. N. Blouin Sen. C. Bramble Sen. K. Kwan Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. D. McCay Sen. S. Sandall Sen. T. Weiler

#### 9. H.C.R. 12 Employer Disclosure for Veterans (Bennion, G.)

#### BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH A VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Rep. Bennion presented the bill.

Joe Martinez, United Steel Workers, spoke in favor to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to pass H.C.R. 12 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.



<u>Yeas - 6</u> <u>Nays - 0</u> <u>Absent - 2</u>

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. D. Ipson

Sen. K. Kwan Sen. D. McCay

Sen. S. Sandall Sen. T. Weiler

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6Nays - 0Absent - 2Sen. N. BlouinSen. K. CullimoreSen. C. BrambleSen. D. Ipson

Sen. K. Kwan Sen. D. McCay Sen. S. Sandall Sen. T. Weiler

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.