



MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Vice Chair
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Jen Plumb

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 2

Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 388 Person-Centered Services Amendments (Acton, C.K.)

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 388 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 388. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 2

Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
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Rep. Cheryl K. Acton presented the bill.

Brandon White, Support Coordinator, Division of Services for People with Disabilities, spoke in favor of the bill.

Vickie Henderson, introduced her son, Paul Boggs, who spoke in favor of the bill.

Anita Bennett, parent/guardian of daughter with severe disabilities spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 388 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

2. S.B. 259 Requirements for Districts Providing Services (Cullimore, K. A.)

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to replace S.B. 259 with 1st Substitute S.B. 259. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. Kirk Cullimore presented the bill with the assistance of LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 259 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 266 Government Records Ombudsman Amendments (Loubet, A.)

Rep. Anthony Loubet presented the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 266 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

4. H.B. 134 Marriage Modifications (Loubet, A.)

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to replace H.B. 134 with 1st Substitute H.B. 134. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Rep. Loubet presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 134 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

5. H.B. 407 Eminent Domain Modifications (*Bolinder, B.*)

Rep. Bridger Bolinder presented the bill with the assistance of Brian Summers, President, Utah Mining Association.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass H.B. 407 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

6. 1st Sub. H.J.R. 25 Joint Resolution Encouraging Legislators to Provide Instruction in Civics (*Wheatley, M.*)

Rep. Mark Wheatley presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.J.R. 25 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

7. 1st Sub. H.B. 79 Initiatives and Referenda Amendments (*Dailey-Provost, J.*)

Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost presented the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk and UAAC spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 79 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

**8. H.J.R. 27 Joint Resolution Encouraging Water-efficient Landscaping Ordinances for New Construction
(Owens, D.)**

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill.

Joel Williams, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass H.J.R. 27 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
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Chair Thatcher stated that the committee would saunter.

MOTION: Sen. Plumb moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

NOTE: 02nd Substitute H.B. 0335 was not discussed in the meeting.