



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 23, 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 Stenquist called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. C. Jack

1. 1st Sub. S.B. 176 Child Care Services Amendments (Escamilla, L.)

Sen. Escamilla introduced the bill and distributed a handout "sb 176 childcare services."

[sb 176 childcare](#)

Kory Holdaway, Utah Private Childcare Association of Utah, spoke to the bill.

Aimee Winder Newton, Director, Office of Families, Governor's Office, spoke in support

Linda Smith, League of Women Voters, spoke in support of the bill.

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

Kevin Burt, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services, spoke in support of the bill.

Whit Cook, Legislative Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 176 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 1.



Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 2

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Strong

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Defay
Rep. B. Garner
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Jack

Chair Stenquist adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.