



DRAFT MINUTES

SENATE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Ann Millner

Staff Present:

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst
Jackson Lewis, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Harper called the meeting to order.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 309 Driver License Amendments (*Peterson, T.*)

Representative Thomas Peterson presented the bill.

Cynthia Zumwaltt, Women for Gun Rights, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Connie Peterson, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 309 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 3

Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 2

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Kwan

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

2. S.B. 275 Medical Preauthorization Amendments (*Plumb, J.*)

Senator Jen Plumb presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to amend S.B. 275 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
S.B. 0275

1. Page 3, Lines 85 through 88:

85 (8) This section only applies to requests from a tertiary hospital or a quaternary
86 hospital.

(9) This section does not apply to claims filed as part of the Medicaid program.

87 Section 2. Effective date.

88 This bill takes effect on{~~May 1, 2024.~~} January 1, 2025.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

Russell Vinik, physician, spoke in support of the bill.

Mike Sontag, Utah Health and Insurance Association, spoke to the bill.

Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Bryan Allen, AHIP, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Travis Tolley, PEHP, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to pass S.B. 275 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 1

Sen. W. Harper

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 323 Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Modifications (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Representative Karianne Lisonbee presented the bill.

Steve Salis, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 323 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

4. 4th Sub. H.B. 395 DUI Offense Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Representative Steve Eliason presented the bill with handout.

Glendon Mitchell, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Sheri Mattle, PTA, spoke in support of the bill.

Jeff Buhman, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in support of the bill.

Art Brown, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, spoke in support of the bill.

Colonel Michael Rapich, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to amend 4th Substitute H.B. 395 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1
4th Sub. H.B. 395

1. Page 39, Lines 1194 through 1198:

- 1194 (1) The sentencing commission shall establish and maintain adult sentencing and
1195 supervision length guidelines regarding:
1196 (a) the sentencing and release of offenders in order to:
1197 (i) {respond to} accept public comment;
1198 (ii) relate sentencing practices and correctional resources;

2. Page 39, Line 1203 through Page 40, Line 1205:

- 1203 (b) the length of supervision of offenders on probation or parole in order to:
1204 (i) {respond to} accept public comment;
1205 (ii) increase equity in criminal supervision lengths;

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 4th Substitute H.B. 395 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

5. 1st Sub. H.B. 43 Charitable Solicitations Act Amendments (Maloy, A. Cory)

Representative Cory Maloy presented the bill.

Sen. Balderree assumed the chair.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 43 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

6. 1st Sub. H.B. 499 Education Reporting Amendments (Pulsipher, S.)

Representative Susan Pulsipher presented the bill.

Angie Stallings, Utah State Board of Education, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 499 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. Harper resumed the chair.

7. H.B. 514 School Chaplain Amendments (*Stratton, K.*)

Representative Keven Stratton presented the bill.

Representative Jefferson Burton spoke to the bill.

Karen Pena, Episcopal Community Services, spoke to the bill.

Nancy Cormac-Hughes, chaplain, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Teresa Newport, chaplain, spoke in opposition to the bill.

John Cooper, reverend, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Lisa Petty, pastor, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sarah Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rita Hegan, American Federation of Teachers, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brigitte Weier, Reverend, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to pass H.B. 514 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson

Nays - 2

Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

8. 1st Sub. H.B. 351 Driving by Minors Amendments (*Birkeland, K.*)

Representative Kera Birkeland presented the bill.

Sheri Mattle, PTA, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 351 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 2

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper

Nays - 2

Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

9. H.B. 468 Student Health Amendments (*Lesser, R.*)

Representative Rosemary Lesser presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 468 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

10. 2nd Sub. H.B. 449 Pedestrian Safety and Facilities Act Modifications (*Abbott, N.*)

Senator Kathleen Riebe presented the bill

Cameron Carter, Bike Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 449 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 1

Sen. W. Harper

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

11. H.B. 530 Licensed School Psychological Practitioner Amendments (*Barlow, S.*)

Representative Stewart Barlow presented the bill.

Sydnee Dickson, USBE, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to pass H.B. 530 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. A. Millner

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Millner

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: H.B. 0497 was not discussed in the meeting.