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- 98 <u>the location where the public body regularly conducts its open meetings unless:</u>
- 99 (a) the closed meeting is an electronic meeting conducted according to the
- 100 requirements of Section 54-2-7.8; or
- 101 (b) it is not practicable to conduct the closed meeting at the regular location of the
- 102 <u>public body's open meetings due to an emergency or extraordinary circumstances.</u>}
- 103 {(6)} Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any meeting to be closed to the
- 104 public.

Respectfully,

Douglas C. Aagard Committee Chair

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- 4. Page 3, Lines 78 through 79:
 - meeting that can be used to review the proceedings of the meeting.

Section 2. Section 52-4-3 is amended to read:

52-4-3. Meetings open to the public -- Exceptions.

{Every} <u>(1) A</u> meeting is open to the public unless closed pursuant to Sections 52-4-4 and 52-4-5.

- (2) (a) A meeting that is open to the public includes a premeeting, a workshop, or an executive committee, unless closed in accordance with this chapter.
- (b) Except as permitted under Section 52-4-7.8, a premeeting, a workshop, or an executive committee meeting may only be held at the location where the public body regularly conducts its open meetings unless:
- (i) the premeeting, workshop, or executive committee meeting is an electronic meeting conducted according to the requirements of Section 52-4-7.8; or
- (ii) it is not practicable to conduct the premeeting, workshop, or executive committee meeting at the regular location of the public body's open meetings due to an emergency or extraordinary circumstances.

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

- 5. Page 4, Lines 91 through 104:
 - 91 (4) The following information shall be <u>publically announced and</u> entered in the minutes of the open meeting at
 - 92 which the closed meeting was approved:
 - (a) the reason or reasons for holding [a] the closed meeting; {-and}
 (b) the location where the closed meeting will be held; and
 - 94 {-(b)} (c) the vote of each member of the public body, either for or against the [proposition]
 - 95 <u>motion</u> to hold [such a] the closed meeting[, cast by each member by name shall be entered on
 - 96 the minutes of the meeting].
 - 97 {<u>(5) Except as permitted under Section 54-2-7.8</u>, a closed meeting shall be conducted at









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Mr. Speaker:

The Government Operations Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 14**, OPEN MEETINGS LAW AMENDMENTS, by Representative W. Harper, with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 1, Lines 12 through 16:
 - clarifies the definition of meeting to include a premeeting <u>, a workshop</u>, or an executive
 - 13 committee meeting;
 - <u>clarifies that a premeeting, a workshop, or an executive committee meeting</u> is an open meeting unless closed in accordance with the act;
 - requires a premeeting, a workshop, or an executive committee meeting to be held at the location where the public body regularly conducts its open meetings and provides certain exceptions;
 - requires that all closed meetings be recorded;
 - requires that { closed meetings generally be held in the same location as public
 - 16 meetings } the reason or reasons for holding the closed meeting and the location of a closed meeting be publically announced and entered in the minutes of the open meeting at which the closed meeting is approved;
- 2. *Page 2, Lines 31 through 32:*
 - 31 52-4-2, as last amended by Chapter 89, Laws of Utah 1994
 - 32 <u>52-4-3, as enacted by Chapter 180, Laws of Utah 1977</u> 52-4-4, as enacted by Chapter 180, Laws of Utah 1977
- *3. Page 2, Lines 48 through 51:*
 - 48 (2) (a) "Meeting" means the convening of a public body, with a quorum present,
 - 49 <u>including a premeeting</u> <u>workshop</u>, <u>or an executive committee meeting</u> whether <u>the</u> meeting is held in
 - 50 person or by means of electronic equipment, for the purpose of discussing or acting upon a
 - matter over which the public body has jurisdiction or advisory power.





