

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM W010, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

**January 18, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT:     Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair  
                          Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Vice Chair  
                          Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman  
                          Rep. Stephen D. Clark  
                          Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
                          Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
                          Rep. Eric K. Hutchings  
                          Rep. John G. Mathis  
                          Rep. Aaron Tilton  
                          Rep. Mark Wheatley

MEMBERS ABSENT:     Rep. Craig W. Buttars

STAFF PRESENT:       Benjamin N. Christensen, Managing Policy Analyst  
                          Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

**Note:**   A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:09 a.m.

MOTION:   Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting.  
                  The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Bowman absent for the vote.

**H.B. 78       Investment of Land Grant Trust Funds (*Rep. D. Clark*)**

Rep. Clark explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION:   Rep. Mathis moved to amend the bill as follows:

*1. Page 1, Lines 20 through 22:*

- 20           ▶   establishes an Investment Advisory Committee, defines its membership,  
                  operation,  
21   and duties;   {~~and~~}   =
- 22           ▶   repeals existing law concerning investments of land grant trust funds; and  
                  ▶   makes technical corrections.

▶   *Page 2, Line 38:*

38           51-7a-302, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**REPEALS:**

**51-7-12, as last amended by Chapter 109, Laws of Utah 2004**

▶ *Page 5, Lines 147 through 148:*

147 (1) [~~Selection of~~] Persons selecting investments [as] authorized by Sections  
51-7-11 {  
**148 51-7-12,**} and 51-7-13 shall [~~be made with the~~];

▶ *Page 9, Line 271:*

271 (c) other interested parties.

**Section 3. Repealer.**

**This bill repeals:**

**Section 51-7-12, Deposit or investment of permanent land grant trust funds --  
Authorized deposits and investments -- Asset manager -- Investment Advisory  
Committee.**

The motion to amend passed unanimously, with Rep. Bowman, Rep. Clark, and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

Spoke for the bill: Ed Alter, State Treasurer, who distributed a handout titled  
"Legislation Concerning the Investment of Land Grant Trust Funds,  
HB"  
Jeff Roylance, Advisory Committee  
Natalie Gordon, Utah PTA Trust Lands Coordinator

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed  
unanimously, with Rep. Bowman absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The  
motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Bowman absent for the vote.

**H.B. 13 Common Polling Places Amendments (*Rep. D. Aagard*)**

Rep. Aagard, assisted by Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor, explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Scott Hogensen, Weber County Clerk  
Fraser Nelson, Disability Law Center  
Kim Jackson, Utah County Clerk  
Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties

MOTION: Rep. S. Clark moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed, with Rep. Hansen and Rep. Hughes voting in opposition.

**H.B. 15 Early Voting (Rep. D. Aagard)**

Rep. Aagard, assisted by Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor, explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Tilton and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

**H.B. 67 Military and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voter Amendments (Rep. S. Urquhart)**

Rep. Urquhart, assisted by Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor, explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Michael Cragun, Director of Elections Office

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

**H.B. 79 Prescription Drug Purchasing Pools (Rep. B. Last)**

Rep. Last explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. S. Clark moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 4, Lines 93 through 100:

- 93 (ii) Any state, district, county, city, municipality, public agency, or governmental  
94 entity  
95 other than a state entity defined in Subsection (1) may elect to participate in the aggregate  
96 prescription drug purchasing program established by this section.  
97 (iii) The state Medicaid program may ~~not~~ participate in the aggregate  
98 prescription drug  
99 purchasing program { ~~to the extent:~~  
100 ~~(A) permitted by federal law; and~~  
~~(B) participation in the plan would reduce the Medicaid program's costs for~~  
~~prescription drugs.~~ }

2. Page 4, Lines 111 through 120:

- 111 (c) explore additional strategies for managing the increasing costs of prescription

- 112 drugs, including:  
113 (i) coordinating programs offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers that provide  
114 prescription drugs for free or at reduced prices; ~~and~~  
115 (ii) {~~study the feasibility and appropriateness of including in the aggregate~~  
116 ~~purchasing~~  
117 ~~programs entities in the private sector, including employers, providers, and~~  
118 ~~individual~~  
119 ~~consumers;~~  
120 ~~—(iii) implementing other strategies, as permitted under state and federal law,~~  
~~aimed at~~  
~~managing escalating prescription drug prices; and~~  
~~—(iv) enter } ~~entering~~ into agreements with other states to jointly purchase~~  
~~prescription drugs in the~~

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Aagard and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Tilton moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Aagard and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

Rep. Hughes adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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Rep. Douglas C. Aagard, Chair