

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 20 House Building

March 3, 2016

**Members Present:** Rep. Becky Edwards, Chair  
Rep. John Westwood, Vice Chair  
Rep. Sophia DiCaro  
Rep. Timothy Hawkes  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Curt Oda  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Scott Sandall  
Rep. Robert Spendlove  
Rep. Mark Wheatley

**Members Absent:** Rep. Brad R. Wilson

**Staff Present:** Mr. Ryan Hunter, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Glenda Van Wagenen, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Westwood called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**S.B. 153 Self-reliance Training for Public Assistance Recipients (L. Fillmore)**

Senator Fillmore explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Rep. Cutler.

Spoke for the bill: Josh Daniels, Libertas Institute

**MOTION:** Rep. Edwards moved to amend S.B. 153 as follows:

1. *Page 5, Lines 135 through 142*  
*Senate Committee Amendments*  
*2-17-2016:*

- 135 (3) The department shall ensure that approved self-reliance training:  
136 (a) is designed to help {participants} clients learn to become financially  
stable and less  
137 dependent on government assistance;  
138 (b) teaches skills and knowledge that will assist {a participant} clients in  
becoming self-reliant;  
139 (c) is available at sufficient times and places to enable clients to reasonably

- complete
- 140 the training: ~~{and}~~
- 141 (d) is offered at no cost to clients ~~{-}~~ ;  
(e) includes an option for online training; and  
(f) is provided and taught in a manner that is sensitive to the specific needs and  
challenges of clients, including:  
(i) employment situations and work schedules;  
(ii) health or disability related employment issues;  
(iii) family care responsibilities and schedules; and  
(iv) transportation issues;
- 142 (4) Approved self-reliance training may be offered by the department or any of the

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. DiCaro, Rep. Romero, Rep. Sandall, and Rep. Wheatley absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Oda moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Romero, Rep. Sandall, and Rep. Wheatley absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Last moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Romero, Rep. Sandall, and Rep. Wheatley absent for the vote.

**S.B. 103 1st Sub Strategic Workforce Investments (A. Millner)**

Senator Millner explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Thomas Wadsworth, Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Spoke for the bill: Richard Nelson, Utah Technology Council  
Mark McBride, LANDESK Software  
Billy Hesterman, Utah Taxpayers Association

A letter from the Utah Technology Council supporting the bill was distributed to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Oda moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 431      Affordable Housing Revisions (R. Edwards)**

Rep. Edwards explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Matt Sibul, Utah Transit Authority.

Spoke for the bill:      Steve Erickson, Crossroads Urban Center  
                                    Bill Tibbitts, Coalition of Religious Communities

**MOTION:**      Rep. DiCaro moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Oda voting in opposition and Rep. Spendlove absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Oda moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Spendlove absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Westwood adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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Rebecca Edwards, Chair