

**MINUTES OF THE
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, November 14, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Casey O. Anderson, Senate Chair
Rep. R. Curt Webb, House Chair
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Stewart Barlow
Rep. Jack R. Draxler
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Rep. David G. Butterfield
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Mr. Joseph Wade, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Samantha Coombs, Legislative Secretary

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

1. Committee Business

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Webb moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins was absent for the vote.

2. Condominium and Community Association Amendments

Mr. Craig Moody, Utah Legislative Action Committee Lobbyist, provided background for the purpose of draft legislation “Condominium and Community Association Amendments” (2013FL-0146/007). Mr. Moody explained that the bill is prospective and there are still some concerns that need to be resolved.

Mr. Bruce Jenkins, Utah Legislative Action Committee, explained draft legislation “Condominium and Community Association Amendments,” which enacts and modifies provisions relating to condominium associations and community associations, (e.g. merging of associations, eminent domain, open meetings, and the application process).

Rep. Webb, referring to line 892 of the bill, recommended that the language “a majority of the members” be changed to include a requirement for a quorum.

Mr. Moody recommended that the committee currently take no action on the bill but discuss the bill at a future meeting after additional changes could be made.

3. Assessment Areas

Rep. Webb presented draft legislation “Assessment Area Act Amendments” (2013FL-0385/003), which amends the definition of “adequate protest” for provisions governing an assessment area. The threshold of adequate protests would be lowered from 50% to 15%. Rep. Webb intended only to present the bill to

encourage further discussion and recommended that the committee not take immediate action on the bill.

The committee discussed the percentage threshold required to qualify for adequate protest and typical voter turnout.

4. Quality Growth Commission Annual Report

Mr. John Bennett, Executive Director, Quality Growth Commission, distributed "Utah Quality Growth Commission Annual Report," briefed the committee on the state of quality growth in Utah and highlighted the LeRay McAllister Conservation Program. Mr. Bennett referred to a PowerPoint presentation, "Growth Management in Utah: Utah Quality Growth Commission, GOPB Planning Section, November 2012."

Rep. Draxler thanked Mr. Bennett for the work of the Quality Growth Commission and for the help it provides to rural communities. Rep. Draxler requested that Mr. Bennett provide information on the LeRay McAllister Conservation Program to every legislator so that they can become more knowledgeable of the benefits of the program.

The committee discussed the source of funding for the LeRay McAllister Conservation Program, the grant application process, and matching funds.

5. Veterans' Reintegration Task Force Report

Rep. Paul Ray presented a report to the committee on the goals and work completed by the Veterans' Reintegration Task Force during its first year. Rep. Ray explained that the purpose of the task force is to help simplify the process for accessing services for returning veterans. Rep. Ray presented "Reauthorization of Veterans' Reintegration Task Force" (2013FL-0413/002), which would reauthorize the task force for the 2013 interim and allow the task force to continue its work.

Rep. Edwards inquired about which budget the funding for the task force would come from.

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved that the committee adopt draft legislation "Reauthorization of Veterans Reintegration Task Force" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Mayne, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Webb were absent for the vote.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Mayne, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Webb were absent for the vote.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.