

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
March 5, 2015**

Members Present: Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair
Rep. Brad Daw, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Fred Cox
Rep. Merrill Nelson
Rep. Lee Perry
Rep. Val Peterson

Members Absent: Rep. Keith Grover

Members Excused: Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present: Mr. Brian Bean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Kathy Gessel, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Daw called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Nelson and Rep. Perry absent for the vote.

H.B. 412 Revisions to Elections (Rep. D. McCay)

Rep. Daniel McCay explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Cox, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Daw voting in favor and Rep. Nelson and Rep. Perry absent for the vote.

H.B. 329 Western States Presidential Primary Amendments (Rep. J. Cox)

Rep. Jon Cox explained the bill.

Spoke to the bill: Mark Thomas, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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James Evans, Chairman, Utah Republican Party
Jennifer Morrell, Utah Clerks' Association
Matt Lyon, Former Executive Director of the Utah Democratic Party

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

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

1. *Page 5, Lines 123 through 124:*

123 (2) For the 2016 Western States Presidential Primary election only, a county clerk
 ~~{shall}~~ may
124 provide voting via the Internet, by a voter described in Subsection (1), that electronically

The motion passed with Rep. Perry and Rep. Peterson voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Rep. Draxler voting in opposition.

H.B. 410 State and Local Energy Efficiency Programs (Rep. J. Draxler)

Rep. Draxler explained the bill with the assistance of John Herrington, Energy Director, Division of Facilities and Construction Management. A handout, "Support H.B. 410, State and Local Energy Efficiency Programs," was distributed to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Perry absent for the vote.

H.B. 291 Procurement Changes (Rep. K. Stratton)

Rep. Keven Stratton explained the bill with the assistance of Scott Bean, Kids on the Move; and Kent Beers, Director, Division of Purchasing and General Services.

Spoke for the bill: Linda Hull, Utah Department of Transportation

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to replace H.B. 291 with 2nd Sub. H.B. 291. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass out 2nd Sub. H.B. 291 favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Peterson absent for the vote.

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Vice Chair Daw adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Rep. Jack Draxler, Chair