

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 415, Utah State Capitol

January 27, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Kelly Pettit, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

S.B. 80 Infrastructure Funding Amendments (*Sen. J. S. Adams*)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Richard Bay, General Manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservation District
Mr. Tage Flint, General Manager, Weber Conservation District
Mr. Sterling Brown, VP Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Zachary Frankel, Utah Rivers Council
Mr. Hans Ehrman, Emeritus U of U Professor
Mr. Matthew Weinstein, Voice of Utah Children
Ms. Jamie Butler, citizen
Mr. Steve Erickson, Great Basin Water Network
Ms. Lola Britton, League of Women Voters

Spoke to: Mr. Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Iwamoto and Sen. Knudson voting in opposition.

S.B. 72 School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act Amendments (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Kim Christy, Deputy Director, SITLA
Mr. Jim Tracy, Utah County Sheriff
Mr. Tim Donaldson, State Board of Education, USOE

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Vickers absent for the vote.

S.B. 75 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Ben Jensen, Attorney General's Office
Mr. Blake Bingham, Division of Water Resources
Mr. Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Shiozawa and Sen. Vickers absent for the vote.

S.B. 49 Statute of Limitations on Environmental Code Violations (*Sen. L. Escamilla*)

Sen. Escamilla explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Ashley Soltysiak, Heal Utah, Senior Policy Associate
Ms. Ingrid Griffie, Civic Engagement, Utah Mothers for Clean Air

Spoke to the bill: Mr. LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of
Special District
Mr. Bryce Bird, Director of Environmental Quality
Mr. Todd Bingham, President, Utah Manufactures Association

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Lee Peacock, Utah Petroleum Association

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to amend the bill as follows:

- I. *Page 1, Line 15:*
15 Code is {~~five~~} three years; and
2. *Page 2, Line 49:*
49 An action may be brought within {~~five~~} three years upon a statute in Title 19,
Environmental

The motion passed with Sen. Jenkins voting in opposition and Sen. Vickers absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass the bill out as amended. The motion failed with Sen. Iwamoto, Sen. Shiozawa, and Sen. Vickers voting in favor of the motion.

S.B. 66 Environmental Code Fines (*Sen. L. Escamilla*)

Sen. Escamilla explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Michael Shae, Policy Associate, Heal Utah
Ms. Ingrid Griffie, Civic Engagement, Utah Mothers for Clean Air

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Bryce Bird, Director of Environmental Quality

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Dave Jorgenson

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to go to the next item on the agenda.
The motion passed unanimously

S.B. 49 Statute of Limitations on Environment Code Violations (*Sen. L. Escamilla*)

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to amend S.B. 49 as follows:

- I. *Page 1, Line 15:*
15Code is ~~five~~ two years; and
2. *Page 2, Line 49:*
49 An action may be brought within ~~five~~ two years upon a statute in Title 19, Environmental

The motion passed with Sen. Christensen voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass the amended bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Dayton voting in opposition.

S.C.R. 4 Concurrent Resolution – Old Spanish Trail Designation (*Sen. Okerlund*)

Spoke for the bill: Mr. David Ogden, Mayor of Richfield City

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.