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HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ENERGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Colin W. Jack, Chair
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson, Vice Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Rosalba Dominguez
Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Nicholeen P. Peck
Rep. Troy Shelley

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Samantha Merrell, Policy Analyst
Jennifer Kunzler, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 180 Dangerous Weapons at Daycares and Schools (Stoddard, A.)

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Chair, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kathy Adams, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to hold HB0180S02. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

2. H.B. 413 Surplus Interconnection Service Amendments(Watkins, C.)

Rep. Watkins with assistance from Josh Brown, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and Jon Cox, Principal, Utah Public Affairs, presented the bill.

Dylan Munn, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to hold HB0413. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

3. H.B. 437 Environmental Permitting Amendments(Shallenberger, D.)

Rep. David Shallenberger with assistance from Tim Davis, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (OGM), presented the bill.

Mick Thomas, Director, OGM, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to pass HB0437 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

4. 2nd Sub. S.B. 135 Nuclear Reprocessing Amendments(Owens, D.R.)

Sen. Derrin Owens with assistance from Tim Davis, Director, DEQ, presented the bill.

Emy Lesofski, Director, Office of Energy Development (OED), spoke in favor of the bill.

Nathan Hole, resident, spoke to the bill.

Carmen Valdez, Senior Policy Associate, Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah), spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to pass SB0135S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 2

Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Moss

Absent - 4

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.