



March 25, 2015

STUDY COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS
September 24, 2014 – March 11, 2015

State/National Issues

Acting Director: Kari Malkovich

September 24, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: *Special Invitation to the Governor's Gold Room*

Speakers: Rep. Greg Hughes (R) Dist. 51 (Salt Lake County)
Rep. Brian King (D) Dist. 28 (Salt Lake, Summit Counties)
Utah Governor Gary Herbert

Directors: Melanie Bowen and Kathryn Rowley

PROGRAM TOPIC: *National Congressional Race*

Speakers: **U.S. House District 1**
Donna McAleer (D) – U.S. congressional candidate
Rep. Rob Bishop (R) – U.S. Congressman
U.S. House District 2
Congressman Chris Stewart (R) – U.S. Congressman
Sen. Luz Robles (D) – Dist. 1, Salt Lake County; congressional candidate
U.S. House District 3
Leslie Jones – speaking for Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R) – U.S. Congressman
Brian Wonnacott (D) – U.S. congressional candidate
U.S. House District 4
Doug Owens (D) – Radio talk show host; congressional candidate
Mia Love (R) – Mayor of Saratoga Springs; congressional candidate
Extra Topic: “How judges are Chosen and Retained”
Joanne Stotinki – Exec. Dir., Utah Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

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January 21, 2015

PROGRAM TOPIC: *National Congressional Race*

Speakers: Sen. Luz (Robles) Escamilla (D) Dist. 1, Salt Lake County
Sen. Deidre Henderson (R) Dist. 7, Utah County
Kari Malkovich – President, WSLC
Ric Cantrell – Chief of Staff, Utah Senate

Business/Labor/Public Utilities & Technology/ Workforce Services/Community & Economic Development

Director: Suzanne Mulet

Chair: Brandy Farmer

January 28, 2015

PROGRAM TOPIC: *Minimum Wage Act Amendment & Cash Wage Obligation
For Tipped Employees Amendment*

Speakers: Rep. Justin Miller (D) Dist. 40 (Salt Lake County)
Sen. Todd Weiler (R) Dist. 23 (Davis, Salt Lake Counties)
Steve White – AFL-CIO, Legislative & Political Director
Melva Sine – Pres. & CEO, Utah Restaurant Association

March 4, 2015

PROGRAM TOPIC: *Contact Lens Consumer Protection*

Speakers: Brittany Griffith – Intern to Sen. Diedre Henderson
Sen. Deidre Henderson (R) Dist. 7 (Utah County)
Sponsor – *SB169 Contact Lens Consumer Protection Act Amendments*

Education

Director: Donna Murphy

February 18, 2015

PROGRAM TOPIC: *State School Board Election Process*

Speakers: Rep. Norm Thurston (R) Dist. 64, (Utah County)
Sponsor – *HB263 State School Board Powers Modifications*
HB297 State School Board Elections Amendments
Rep. Francis Gibson (R) Dist. 65, (Utah County)
Sponsor – *HB186 State School Board Membership and Election Amendments*
Rep. Kraig Powell – (R) Dist. 54, (Summit, Wasatch Counties)
Sponsor – *HB342 Amendments to State School Board Election Process*
Sen. Alvin Jackson, Jr. (R) – (Dist. 14, Utah County)
Sponsor – *SB104 Education Elections and Reporting Amendments*
Rep. Daniel McCay (R) – Dis. 41, (Salt Lake County) - *Bluffdale, Riverton, Herriman*
Sponsor – *HB305 State Board of Education Membership Amendment*
HJR16 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Governance of Public Education

Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment

Director: Gay Lynn Bennion

Co-Chairs: Amelia Powers and Donna Stevenson

February 11, 2015

PROGRAM TOPIC: *Federal Lands Transfer to the State of Utah*

Speakers: Rep. Ken Ivory (R) Dist. 47 (Salt Lake County)
John Ruple – Research Assoc. Professor, S.J. Quinney College of Law
Heather Bennett – President, Salt Lake City School Board; Founding member, For Kids and Lands

NOTE: Two Resolutions were presented to WSLC membership for consideration.

1. **“Resolution Supporting the Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Utah”**
1. **“Resolution in Opposition to 2012 HB148 Transfer of Public Lands Act”**
Both Resolutions failed to pass.

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PROGRAM TOPIC:

Speakers: Rep. Rebecca Edwards (R) Dist. 20 (Davis County) *Bountiful, NSL, W. Bountiful, Woods Cross*
Sponsor – *HB226 Air Quality Revisions*
Rep. Patrice Arent (D) Dist. 36 (Salt Lake County) *Millcreek, Holladay, SLC*
Sponsor – *HB110 Motor Vehicle Emissions Amendments*
Sen. Luz Escamilla (D) Dist. 1 (Salt Lake County)
Sponsor – *SB208 Air Quality Amendments*

Health & Human Services/Retirement & Independent Entities

Director: Kitty Kaplan
Chair: Marci Curran

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PROGRAM TOPIC: H&HS Bills on the 2015 Horizon

Speakers: Rep. Gage Froerer (R) Dist. 8 (Weber County)
Sponsor – *HB94 Investigational Drug and Device Access for Terminally Ill Patients*
Brandy Farmer - WSLC
Annette Maugham – Pres., Epilepsy Assoc. of Utah
Sen. Brian Shiozawa (R) Dist. 8 (Salt Lake County)
Sponsor – *SB19 Digital Health Services Commission*
HB28 Medicaid Management of Emergency Department Utilization
Rep. Edward Redd (R) Dist. 4 (Cache County)
Sponsor – *HB55 Repeal of Methamphetamine Housing Reconstruction and Rehabilitation*
HB101 Rural Residency Training Program Reauthorization
HB199 Pilot Program for Assistance for Children with Disabilities
and Complex Medical Condition

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PROGRAM TOPIC: Access to Health Care Legislation

Speakers: Sen. Brian Shiozawa (R) Dist. 8 (Salt Lake County)
Sponsor – *SB164 Access to Health Care Amendments*
Sen. Gene Davis (D) Dist. 3 (Salt Lake County)
Sponsor – *SB83 Medicaid Expansion Proposal*
Sen. Allen Christensen (R) Dist. 19 (Morgan, Summit, Weber Counties)
Sponsor – *SB153 Access to Health Care*
Rep. Robert Spendlove (R) Dist. 49 (Salt Lake County)

NOTE: “Resolution to Bring *SB164 Access to Health Care Amendments* to the House Floor for Debate and Vote” was presented to WSLC membership for consideration.
The Resolution passed.

**Judiciary/Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice/
Political Subdivisions, revenue & Taxation/
Transportation/Government Operations**

Director: Tibby Milne

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PROGRAM TOPIC 1: SB259 Medical Cannabis Amendments

Speakers: Connor Boyak – President, Libertas Institute (Utah Public Policy Think Tank)
Sen. Mark Madsen (R) Dist. 13 (Salt Lake, Utah Counties)
Sponsor – *SB259 Medical Cannabis Amendments*
Matt Fairbanks – Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
JoAnn Petrie – BYU Psychology Dept.; Substance Use Disorder Research/Counselor

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: Regulation of Electronic Cigarettes

Speakers: Michael Siler – Pres./Dir., Public Policy Advocacy Dir., Practical Strategic Solutions
Rep. Paul Ray (R) Dist. 13 (Davis County)
Sponsor - *HB415 Regulation of Electronic Cigarettes*
Paul Evans – Vape Shop Owner (*Vapor Crazyness*); representative, Utah Smoke Free Association
Darrel Schildknecht – Pres., Utah Smoke Free Association; Vape Shop Owner (*Vape Affliction*)

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