

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Energy and Public Utilities Minutes
February 9, 2021
134th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Energy and Public Utilities was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 10:05 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were approved.

The Chair called up S.B. 8 for its third hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Dorothy Baunach, Digital C - Interested Party (Written Testimony)
James Kinnick, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Horton Hobbs IV, Chamber of Greater Springfield - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Michael McLean, Ohio Business Roundtable - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Louis Berroteran, Mayors Association of Portage, Stark, and Summit Counties (Written Testimony Only)
Tom Humphries, Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Scott Williams, Ohio Realtors - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jay Smith, Ohio Library Council - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Michael Harlow, Shepherding the Next Generation - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Williams Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Greg Walker, The College Board - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Lisa Gray, Ohio Excels - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Marc Armstrong, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)
Greg Lawson, The Buckeye Institute - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)
Chris Henney, Ohio AgriBusiness Association - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Bryan Mauk, PCs for People - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jason Warner, Greater Ohio Policy Center - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)
Joe Savarise, Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Senator Williams moved to amend with AM0070 (Program grant priority for affordable tier two broadband service; unserved area definition change). Senator Brenner moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 9-2.

Senator McColley moved that S.B. 8 be favorably reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 11-0.

The Chair called up S.B. 44 for its first hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Senators Cirino and Rulli, Ohio Senate - Sponsors (Written Testimony)

The Chair called up S.B. 10 for its first hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Micah Derry, Americans for Prosperity - Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Thomas Hays, Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Greg Lawson, The Buckeye Institute - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Leo Almeida, The Nature Conservancy - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Kevin Murray, Individual Energy Users - Ohio - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Miranda Leppla, Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Jason Smith, AARP - Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

The Chair moved that a substitute bill (I_134_0312-2) be accepted by the committee. The motion was agreed to without objection.

Senator Williams moved to amend with AM0031 (Renewable energy standards). Senator McColley moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Williams moved to amend with AM 0073 (Consumer representative on PUCO). Senator McColley moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 9-2.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM0032 (Re-establishment of energy efficiency requirements). Senator McColley moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM0033 (Legacy generation resource cost recovery mechanism repeal R.C. 4928.01 and 4928.148 (repealed); Section 7). Senator McColley moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM0060 (Customer refunds for improper utility charge). Senator McColley moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 9-2.

Senator McColley moved that S.B. 10 be favorably reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 11-0.

The committee adjourned at approximately 10:57 a.m.

Bob Peterson, Chair