



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 8, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott, Vice Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

1. H.B. 209 Human Trafficking Civil Action Amendments (*Gricius, S.*)

Rep. Stephanie Gricius presented the bill.

Sheri Mattle, Safety Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to pass H.B. 209 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to place H.B. 209 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the February 2, 2024 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. C. Watkins

2. H.B. 272 Child Custody Proceedings Amendments (*Cutler, P.*)

[HB272S2 Om's Bill Presentation](#)

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Rep. Paul Cutler presented the bill.

Leah Moses, mother of Om, shared her own experiences and those of her son Om and spoke in favor of the bill.

Stewart Ralphs, family law attorney, further explained the bill.

David Corwin, university professor and doctor of psychiatry, presented additional information and spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristine Campbell, pediatrician, and on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Utah Chapter, presented additional information and spoke in favor of the bill.

Shaynie Hunter, mother and attorney, shared her experiences and spoke in favor of the bill.

Trey Hunter, son of Shaynie Hunter, shared his experiences and spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jackie Warren, mother and survivor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tatum Merrill, mother and survivor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Thurland Reay, Utah Executive Committee, on behalf of National Parents Organization, spoke against the bill.

Brittany Dangerfield (maiden name Wolferts), advocate, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ronni Bateman, domestic violence and child custody expert, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soraya Wainwright, survivor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melanie Boyd Wainwright, survivor and mother of Soraya, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ruth Stone, advocate, spoke in favor of the bill.

Will Kimball, father, spoke against the bill.

Jolene Larsen, advocate, spoke against the bill.

Erin Jemison, Director of Public Policy, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to replace H.B. 272 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 272. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. T. Clancy
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. A. Loubet
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. C. Watkins
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. J. Rohner

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 272 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. T. Clancy
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. A. Loubet
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. C. Watkins
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. J. Rohner

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. T. Clancy
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. A. Loubet
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. C. Watkins
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. J. Rohner

Chair Abbott adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

NOTE: H.B. 0432, H.B. 0323 were not discussed in the meeting.