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.

Rep. M. Wheatley

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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 - 7Nays - 0Absent - 5Rep. N. AbbottRep. C. ActonRep. T. ClancyRep. K. BirkelandRep. J. HawkinsRep. K. LisonbeeRep. B. KingRep. A. Loubet

Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. R. Shipp

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

- 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7Nays - 0Absent - 5Rep. N. AbbottRep. C. ActonRep. T. ClancyRep. K. BirkelandRep. J. HawkinsRep. K. Lisonbee

Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Lisonbet
Rep. J. Rohner
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 <u>Nays - 0</u>

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

**HB 272 Presentation** 

### Om's Law

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. N. Abbott

Rep. K. Lisonbee Rep. J. Rohner

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

MOTION:

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

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. N. Abbott Rep. C. Acton

Rep. K. Lisonbee Rep. J. Rohner

Rep. K. Birkeland

Rep. T. Clancy

Rep. J. Hawkins

Rep. B. King

Rep. A. Loubet

Rep. R. Shipp

Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. M. Wheatley

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

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee

Rep. J. Rohner

Rep. N. Abbott

**MOTION:** 

Yeas - 10

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

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

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