



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 13, 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. Anthony E. Loubet  
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner

Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Abbott moved to approve the February 9, 2024 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**1. H.B. 376 Jail Photo Amendments (Stratton, K.)**

Rep. Keven Stratton presented the bill.

Jeff Buhman, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Moffat, Utah Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, spoke to the bill.

Shauna Scott-Bellacomo, advocate, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Clancy moved to replace H.B. 376 with 1st Substitute H.B. 376. 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. J. Rohner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**MOTION:** Rep. Clancy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 376 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 1

Rep. B. King

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**2. H.B. 356 Bail Amendments (*Shipp, R.P.*)**

Rep. Shipp presented the bill.

Rep. Abbott assumed the chair.

Rep. Hawkins resumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shipp moved to pass H.B. 356 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. J. Rohner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**MOTION:** Rep. Shipp moved to place H.B. 356 on the Consent Calendar. 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. J. Rohner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**3. H.B. 337 Amendments to Mandatory Courses for Family Law Actions (*Elison, J.*)**

Rep. Joseph Elison presented the bill with the assistance of Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator.

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

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Acton moved to pass H.B. 337 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. J. Rohner  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**4. H.B. 146 Human Trafficking Amendments (*Gricius, S.*)**

Rep. Stephanie Gricius presented the bill with the assistance of Daniel Burton, General Counsel, Utah Attorney General Office.

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

Tom Ross, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Loubet moved to amend H.B. 146 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 146

1. Page , Line 28 through Page 2, Line 41:
- 28 (2) The state human trafficking intervention coordinator shall:
- 29 (a) provide support and resources to state and local prosecutors on human trafficking
- 30 prosecutions throughout the state;
- 31 (b) coordinate support for victims of human trafficking throughout the state;
- 32 {(c) assist in the creation of the human trafficking and exploitation educational program}
- 33 {established in Section 53B-16-112;}
- 34 {(d)} (c) promote awareness among the general public about human trafficking, victim



- 35 remedies and services, and trafficking prevention;
- 36 ~~{(e)}~~ (d) promote training on human trafficking prevention and victim services for state and
- 37 local employees who have recurring contact with victims or perpetrators of human trafficking;
- 38 ~~{(f)}~~ (e) present annually at professional development conferences throughout the state
- 39 directed toward primary and secondary school teachers, administrators, and support staff
- 40 regarding human trafficking awareness and prevention; and
- 41 ~~{(g)}~~ (f) conduct other appropriate activities related to human trafficking.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. K. Lisonbee

**MOTION:** Rep. Loubet moved to pass H.B. 146 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. K. Lisonbee

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

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. T. Clancy
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. B. King
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Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.