



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 23, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Chair
Rep. Tyler Clancy, Vice Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Tiara Auxier
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Jon Hawkins

Rep. Anthony E. Loubet

Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Staff Present:

Sarah Flanigan, Legislative Operations Manager
Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Jennifer Kunzler, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Lisonbee called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 82 Judgment Information Amendments (*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. MacPherson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to pass HB0082S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

2. H.B. 51 Adoption Amendments (*Hall, K.*)

[1st Sub HB0051 HJUD](#)

Rep. Hall presented the bill.

Valerie Majaral, resident, spoke to the bill.

Ashley Mitchell, Co-Founder, Utah Adoption Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tara Romney Barber, Adoption and Clinical Director, Children's Service Society, spoke in favor of the bill.

Martin Munoz, Kid's Camp Director, Voices for Utah Children, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terra Cooper, Chair, United Adoption, spoke in favor of the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke to the bill.

Ray Johnson, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to replace HB0051 with HB0051S02. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to pass HB0051S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

MOTION: Rep. Mauga moved to refer HB0086 to the HSTLAW The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

<u>Yea</u> s - 11	<u>Nay</u> s - 0	<u>Absent</u> - 0
Rep. N. Abbott		
Rep. C. Acton		
Rep. T. Auxier		
Rep. T. Clancy		
Rep. S. Gricius		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. K. Lisonbee		
Rep. A. Loubet		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. J. Thompson		

3. H.B. 86 Restricted Person Amendments(*Mauga, V.*)

Vice Chair Clancy assumed the chair.

4. H.B. 20 Correctional Facility Capacity Amendments(*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Lisonbee presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to replace HB0020 with HB0020S01. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

<u>Yea</u> s - 11	<u>Nay</u> s - 0	<u>Absent</u> - 0
Rep. N. Abbott		
Rep. C. Acton		
Rep. T. Auxier		
Rep. T. Clancy		
Rep. S. Gricius		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. K. Lisonbee		
Rep. A. Loubet		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. J. Thompson		

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to pass HB0020S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

<u>Yea</u> s - 11	<u>Nay</u> s - 0	<u>Absent</u> - 0
Rep. N. Abbott		
Rep. C. Acton		
Rep. T. Auxier		
Rep. T. Clancy		
Rep. S. Gricius		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. K. Lisonbee		
Rep. A. Loubet		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. J. Thompson		

Chair Lisonbee resumed the chair.

5. H.B. 186 Judicial Conduct Commission Amendments(*Teuscher, J.*)

[HB186:Judicial Conduct Commission Amendments](#)

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill.

Alex Peterson, Executive Director, Judicial Conduct Commission, presented.

Jacey Skinner, Lobbyist, Utah State Bar Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

John Gadd, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to replace HB0186 with HB0186S01. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass HB0186S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Mauga moved to adjourn at 03:10 PM. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.