



LEGISLATURE

# MINUTES

## HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

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](http://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 - 11Nays - 0Absent - 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. Gricius moved to pass HB0051S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11Nays - 0Absent - 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. Mauga moved to refer HB0086 to the HSTLAW The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11Nays - 0Absent - 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.

Yeas - 11Nays - 0Absent - 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.

Yeas - 11Nays - 0Absent - 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.