



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 29, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul A. Cutler
Rep. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Matt MacPherson

Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Doug Welton

Staff Present:

Kirsi Jarvis, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Welton

1. H.B. 223 Electronic Signature Collection Amendments*(Teuscher, J.)*

Rep. Jordan Teuscher had a handout distributed and presented the bill.

[HB223: Electronic Signature Collection Amendments](#)

Kristin Richey, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, resident, spoke to the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, spoke to the bill.

Kenna Stringham, Elections Coordinator, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass HB0223 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to hold HB0223. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 2 - 8 - 2.

Yeas - 2
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 8
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 2
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Romero

Rep. Stoddard's motion to pass HB0223 out favorably passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 7
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 3
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Romero

2. H.B. 288 Voting Registration Amendments(Lee, T.)

Rep. Trevor Lee presented the bill.

Helen Moser, League of Women Voters, spoke in favor to the vote.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to amend HB0288 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1

1. Line 36 through 57:

36 (3)(a)An applicant may receive a voter registration form when purchasing a hunting or
37 fishing license at a Division of Wildlife Resources office in accordance with this
38 Subsection (3).
39 {(b)Each Division of Wildlife Resources office shall provide to each applicant, either as}_
40 {part of an existing form or on a separate form, the following text in substantially the}_
41 {following form:}_
42 {"REGISTERING TO VOTE"}_
43 {If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like a form to}_
44 {register or preregister to vote? Yes _____ No _____}_
45 {IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO}_
46 {HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RECEIVE A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM AT}_
47 {THIS TIME.}_
48 {If you would like help in filling out the voter registration form, contact the Office}_
49 {of the Lieutenant Governor, State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, or}_
50 {by phone at [insert the phone number of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor]."}_
51 {(c)Unless an applicant declines a voter registration form, the Division of Wildlife}_
52 {Resources office shall:}_
53 {(i)provide the applicant with a voter registration form and voter registration}_
54 {information; and}_
(b)A Division of Wildlife Resources office shall:
(i)provide voter registration forms and voter registration information to the public; and
55 (ii)direct any questions about voter registration to the Office of the Lieutenant
56 Governor or a county clerk.
57 (4)The Division of Wildlife Resources shall provide a link to the state's online voter

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0288 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Romero

3. H.B. 104 State Holiday Amendments(*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, resident, spoke to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass HB0104 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Welton

4. H.B. 311 Amendments to Election Law(*Burton, J.*)

Vice Chair Petersen assumed the chair.

Rep. Jefferson Burton presented the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Helen Moser, League of Women Voters, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cathy Campbell, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0311 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Hayes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
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Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 03:38 PM.