



LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ENERGY STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 6, 2026 | 3:40 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Colin W. Jack, Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Rosalba Dominguez
Rep. Nicholeen P. Peck
Rep. Troy Shelley
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider

Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson, Vice Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Carol S. Moss

Staff Present:

Samantha Merrell, 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 Jack called the meeting to order at 3:50 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 84 Higher Education Dangerous Weapon Amendments(*Brooks, W.*)

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

Brad Asay, President, American Federation of Teachers Utah, spoke to the bill.

Drew Wilcox, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bill Pedersen, Director, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Raelle Cunningham, Northwest Regional Director, Women for Gun Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass HB0084S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 3.



Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 1

Rep. R. Dominguez

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson

Rep. Brooks assumed the chair.

2. H.B. 419 Environmental Legal Action Amendments(*Jack, C.*)

Rep. Jack and Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass HB0419 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to place HB0419 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Jack assumed the chair.

3. H.B. 412 Energy Development Planning Amendments(*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill.

Chelsea Duke, Assistant Chief of Habitat, Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kasey Lindstrom, Utah Project Manager, Wildlands Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass HB0412 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Shelley moved to place HB0412 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Jack adjourned the meeting 4:22 PM.