



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 5, 2026 | 3:40 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. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Verona Mauga

Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Members Absent:

Rep. Jon Hawkins

Staff Present:

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 4:12 PM.

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 123 Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registration Amendments(Acton, C.K.)

Rep. Acton presented the bill.

Meghann Mills, Statewide Association of Prosecutors (SWAP), spoke in favor of the bill.

Marlesse Jones, Director, Victims Services Commission (VSC), spoke in favor of the bill.

Felix Espinoza, Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to amend HB0123S01 with Amendment 1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1

1. Line 126 through 134:

126 to register:

127 (a) [~~and is on an external jurisdiction's sex, kidnap, and child abuse registry, or an~~
128 ~~equivalent registry, is required to register on the registry]~~for the time period required
129 ~~by the external jurisdiction if the offender:~~

130 ~~(i) [~~is on, or required to be on,~~ the external jurisdiction's sex, kidnap,~~

~~and child abuse registry, or an equivalent registry; or~~

~~(ii) would otherwise be on the external jurisdiction's sex, kidnap, and child abuse registry, or an equivalent registry, if the individual still resided in the external jurisdiction; or~~

131 ~~(b) for the applicable time period required under Subsection (1) if the offender is not on, or required to be on,~~

132 ~~the external jurisdiction's sex, kidnap, and child abuse registry, or an equivalent~~

133 ~~registry.~~

134 (3) (a) If the sentencing court at any time after an offender is convicted of an offense

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to pass HB0123S01 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

2. H.B. 207 Competency Amendments(Abbott, N.)

Rep. Abbott presented the bill.

Mark Moffat, Defense Lawyers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeremy Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Health and Human Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to replace HB0207 with HB0207S01. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to pass HB0207S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

3. H.B. 307 Attorney Fees Amendments(Loubet, A.)

Rep. Loubet presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to replace HB0307 with HB0307S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to pass HB0307S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

4. 2nd Sub. H.B. 102 Victim Privacy Amendments(Hayes, S.)

Rep. Sahara Hayes presented the bill.

Meghann Mills, SWAP, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brett Robinson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marlesse Jones, VSC, spoke in favor of the bill.

Christopher Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Data Privacy, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass HB0102S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

Rep. Abbott assumed the chair.

5. H.B. 23 Service Animal Amendments(Lisonbee, K.)

Rep. Lisonbee presented the bill.

Nate Crippes, Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to replace HB0023 with HB0023S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to pass HB0023S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

Chair Lisonbee assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 1

Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM.