



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 9, 2026 | 3:40 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Rep. Jason B. Kyle, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Hoang Nguyen
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Calvin Roberts

Rep. Jake Sawyer
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

Members Absent:

Speaker Mike Schultz
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Staff Present:

Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst
Alyssa Castor, Administrative Assistant

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

Cochair Kyle called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Matthews moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

1. H.B. 387 Kratom Modifications(Dailey-Provost, J.)

Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost presented the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Brandon Forsyth, Director, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, answered questions from the committee.

Public comment was heard from:

Amber Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food;

Joel Badger, owner, Grow Kratom;

Dalton Locke, founder, Diversified Botanics, who also answered questions from the committee;

Lora Romney, resident, Davis County;

Walter Plumb, President, Drug Safe Utah;

Sen. Evan Vickers, who also answered questions from the committee;

Melody Woolf, resident, Michigan;
Matt Salmon, chairman, American Kratom Association;
Sheldon Bradshaw, attorney, Virginia;
Brandon McLaren, Vice President, DBZ Enterprises, LLC;
Misty Brown, resident, Colorado;
Steven Hill, massage therapist, Lindon;
Jessica Gerding, dietary supplement manufacturer, Florida;
Christopher Deaney, resident, New Jersey;
Shannon Hareld, resident, Massachusetts; and
Chad Potts, resident, Salt Lake City.

MOTION: Rep. Nguyen moved to pass H.B. 387 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Sawyer

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. Dunnigan raised a point of order.

Chair Maloy assumed the chair.

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 374 Speech, Language, and Hearing Occupations Licensing Amendments(*Ballard, M.G.*)

[2 - 1st Substitute H.B. 374 Bill Summary](#)

Sen. Vickers, Rep. Ballard, and Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review, presented the bill.

Public comment was heard from:

Lee Robinson, President, Utah Speech and Hearing Association;
Kristin Norris, speech-language pathologist, Jordan School District;
Kate Johnson, audiologist, University of Utah Hospital; and
Bryan Allen, International Hearing Society.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 374 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

3. H.B. 240 Carbon Dioxide System Amendments(Nguyen, H.)

Rep. Ngyuen and Tony Allred, member, Fire Marshals Association of Utah, presented the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Ronald Longley, contractor, CO2 Monitoring LLC, spoke in favor of the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Shelby Willis, Vice President, Utah State Fire Chiefs Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to amend H.B. 240 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Amendment 1

1. Line 137 through 145:

137 Section . is enacted to read:

138 Carbon dioxide system licensing and certification required for certain
139 activities -- Licensing and certification procedures.

140 (1)(A) On or after January 1, 2027, a person may not engage in the business of servicing a carbon dioxide
system unless

141 the person is currently licensed by the state fire marshal.

142 (2)(a)(E) On or after January 1, 2027, except as provided by Subsection (2)(b), an individual may not service
a carbon

143 dioxide system unless the individual is currently certified by the state fire marshal.

144 (b) Subsection (2)(a) does not apply to:

145 (i) a fire officer; or

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Matthews moved to favorably recommend H.B. 240 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 1

Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Wilcox

4. H.B. 245 Construction Wage Standard Act(Clancy, T.)

[3 - H.B. 245 Handout](#)

Rep. Tyler Clancy presented the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Public comment was heard from:

Gavin Gilbert, Director of Government Affairs, Associated General Contractors of Utah, who also answered questions from the committee;

Kevin Conner, labor economist;

Jason Nancino, owner, Denali Energy, LLC, who also answered questions from the committee;

Bronson Thackeray, owner, BRPI Mechanical;

Collin Armstrong, business owner, Salt Lake City; and

Eben Wright, resident, Cache Valley.

MOTION: Rep. Matthews moved to replace H.B. 245 with 1st Substitute H.B. 245. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 245 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts

Nays - 5

Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

5. H.B. 259 Parental Access to Children's Medical Records Amendments(*Petersen, M.*)

Rep. Michael Petersen presented the bill.

Vice Chair Kyle assumed the chair.

Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to replace H.B. 259 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 259. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Chair Maloy assumed the chair.

MOTION: Cochair Kyle moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 259 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 1

Rep. H. Nguyen

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

6. H.B. 41 Construction and Fire Codes Amendments(Peterson, T.)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill and answered questions from the committee.

Public comment was heard from:

Jared Tingey, Legal Director, League of Cities and Towns;

Ross Ford, Executive Director, Utah Homebuilders Association;

Clint Smith, member, Utah State Fire Chiefs Association; and

Riley Pilgrim, President, Utah State Fire Chiefs Association.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to replace H.B. 41 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 41. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Kyle

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 41 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Kyle

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Nguyen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.



Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.