



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn  
Rep. Katy Hall  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Trevor Lee

Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Lisa Shepherd  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

**Staff Present:**

Lacey Johnson, Policy Analyst  
An Bradshaw, 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 Wilcox called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Rep. Gwynn assumed the chair.

**1. 1st Sub. H.B. 72 Criminal Use of Cryptocurrency Amendments(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Brady Brammer.

Stewart Young, Deputy Criminal Attorney General, Office of the Utah Attorney General (OAG), spoke in support of the bill.

Glen Minson, Chief Investigator, Department of Commerce, spoke in support of the bill.

Stewart Young was invited to answer questions from the committee.

Joe Hirabayashi, AARP, spoke in support of the bill.

Nate Mutter, Chief Investigator, OAG and representing the Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke in support of the bill.

Jackson Last, Deputy Chief, Utah Bankers Association, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to replace HB0072S01 with HB0072S02. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. V. Peterson

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to amend HB0072S02 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1

1. Line 361 through 372:

361 SUSPECT FRAUD, CALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BEFORE  
362 PROCEEDING."  
363 (5)After the completion of each transaction, the virtual currency kiosk operator shall  
364 provide an individual with ~~{both }~~~~a { physical and digital }~~ receipt in the language chosen by  
365 the customer~~{, unless the individual opts out of receiving one form of receipt}~~.  
366 (6)The receipt described in Subsection (5) shall contain:  
367 (a)the virtual currency kiosk operator's name and contact information, including a  
368 telephone number to answer questions and register complaints;  
369 (b)the relevant state ~~{and local }~~law enforcement or government agency for reporting  
370 fraud;  
371 (c)the type, value, date, and precise time of the transaction;  
372 (d)the transaction hash;

2. Line 562 through 567:

562 Section . is enacted to read:  
563 Cryptocurrency investigation reporting.  
564 (1)Each local law enforcement agency and the Division of Securities created in Section 61-1-18 shall report  
the following information to the  
565 commission on a quarterly basis:  
566 (a)the number of cases involving cryptocurrency opened during the reporting period;  
567 (b)the number of cryptocurrency traces conducted during the reporting period;

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. V. Peterson

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass HB0072S02 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. V. Peterson

Chair Wilcox resumed the chair.

## **2. H.B. 345 Victim Amendments(*Romero, A.*)**

Rep. Romero turned the time over to Marlesse Jones, Director, Victim Services Commission, to explain the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to replace HB0345 with HB0345S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass HB0345S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

## **3. H.B. 89 Use of Polygraph Amendments(*Romero, A.*)**

Rep. Romero turned the time over to Patty Johnston, former law enforcement officer, to explain the bill.

Nate Mutter spoke in support of the bill.

Liz Klc, Senior Policy Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke in support of the bill.

Carl Hollan, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to pass HB0089 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.



Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 1

Rep. M. Strong

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**4. H.B. 284 Murder Offense Amendments(*Maloy, A. Cory*)**

Rep. Cory Maloy presented the bill with the assistance of Christopher Ballard, General Counsel, Utah County Attorney's Office.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass HB0284 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to approve the minutes for the February 5, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**5. H.B. 301 Drug Recodification(*Gwynn, M.*)**

Rep. Gwynn presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Whyte moved to replace HB0301 with HB0301S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Whyte moved to pass HB0301S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

## **6. H.B. 153 Law Enforcement Officer Employment Amendments(Gwynn, M.)**

Rep. Gwynn presented the bill to the committee.

Brad Bishop, Chief of the Payson Police Department and President of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Nate Mutter spoke in support of the bill.

Scott Stephenson, Executive Director, Fraternal Order of Police, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to amend HB0153 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

### Amendment 1

1. Line 66 through 77:

66 (b)Before an employee who is a law enforcement officer, as that term is defined in  
67 Section 53-13-103, to which Subsection 10-3-1105(1)(a) applies may be discharged,  
68 suspended without pay for more than two days, or involuntarily transferred to a  
69 position with less remuneration **due to disciplinary reasons**, the law enforcement officer's employing agency  
70 shall, at a minimum:

71 (i)notify the law enforcement officer of the allegations of wrongdoing that the  
72 employing agency believes may support a disciplinary action of discharge.

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72 employing agency believes may support a disciplinary action of discharge,  
73 suspension of more than two days without pay, or involuntary transfer to a  
74 position with less remuneration **due to disciplinary reasons**;

75 (ii)give the law enforcement officer no less than two business days after the day on  
76 which the notification described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) is provided to submit a  
77 written reply to the agency head or the agency head's designated representative;

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to pass HB0153 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**7. 1st Sub. H.B. 137 Violent Crime Clearance Rate Amendments(Clancy, T.)**

Rep. Clancy presented the bill to the committee.

Dan Strong spoke in support of the bill.

Darcie Housley, mother of murder victim Brian Housley, spoke in support of the bill.

Marlesse Jones spoke in support of the bill.

Brad Bishop spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to pass HB0137S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**8. H.B. 354 Rescue Tracking Equipment Offense Amendments(Hawkins, J.)**

[HB 354 Rescue Tracking Equipment Offense Amendments](#)

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill and provided a handout.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass HB0354 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Vice Chair Strong assumed the chair.

### **9. 2nd Sub. H.B. 221 Coercion Amendments(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill to the committee.

Nate Mutter spoke in support of the bill.

Marlesse Jones spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to amend HB0221S02 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

#### Amendment 1

1 . Line 780:

780 ~~[(4)](7)~~ An interactive computer service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 230, is not subject to  
781 liability under this section related to content provided by a user of the interactive  
782 computer service.

(8)This section does not apply if:

(a)an actor and another individual are discussing an agreement regarding the mutual deletion or removal of intimate images of the individual in the actor's possession or control and intimate images of the actor in the individual's possession or control;

(b)the actor received the intimate images from the individual described in Subsection (8)(a) with the individual's consent;

(c)the actor is not threatening to distribute the intimate images of the individual; and

(d)there is no agreement for the exchange of any goods, services, or other consideration, or any other action by the actor or individual, except for the mutual deletion or removal of the intimate images.



Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:**

Rep. Ballard moved to pass HB0221S02 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:**

Rep. Hall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. A. Stoddard

Chair Strong adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

NOTE: 01st Substitute H.B. 0133 was not discussed in the meeting.