

2/6/2026 ApprovedVSC Legislative Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tyler Kotter, Tracey Tabet, Chief Sol Oberg, Danica Baird, Doug Fawson, Chyleen Richey, Alissa Black, Liz Klc, Erin Jemison, Jennifer Campbell, Kaye Lynn Wootton, Dominique Kiahtipes, Rep. Ken Ivory

Staff Present: Marlesse D. Jones, Katie Fox, Rachelle Hill

Guest: Heidi Nestel, Vickie Bushman, Max Pierce, David Simpson, Reg Garff, Matt Gwyther, Felix Espinoza, Stew Young, Sandi Johnson, Beatriz Herrera, Tonya Myrup, Kristy Pike, Kim Wolf, Laura Ferris, Deborah Wood, Amanda Martin, Jill Walker, Kathleen, Bud Powell, Makenna Ard

1/23/2026 Minute and 1/30/2026 Liz Klc Motioned to approve Doug Fawson Seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition, no abstain

Victim Rights: None

Consent List Week 4 Chyleen Richey motioned to adopt as written Chief Sol Oberg seconded the motion. Roll call vote all in favor, no opposition or abstains.

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Description	Position
HB0038S1	County Government Amendments	Rep. James Dunnigan	Sub 1 adds definition of "finance officer" The original bill was voted beyond scope Removes class A misd for General County Gov Personnel Management chapter.	Beyond Scope
HB0038S2	County Government Amendments	Rep. James Dunnigan	Sub 2 tightens language	Beyond Scope
HB0040S1	Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act Amendments	Rep. Thomas Peterson	No changes in criminal penalties, repeal and reenacts provisions related to criminal penalties on construction licensing and citations.	Beyond Scope
HB0043S1	School Security Amendments	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	Sub 1 technical changes	Beyond Scope

<u>HB0044S1</u>	School Security Personnel Standards	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	FYI Bill. Sub 1 amends 53-22-107, 53-25-701 and 53G-8-701.6	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0044S2</u>	School Security Personnel Standards	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	FYI Bill. Sub 2 adds that if a school guardian uses deadly force, the guardian shall be subject to investigation by the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction over the school's location. Adds school employees participating in the Educator-Protector Program under Section 53-22-107 at the same school to the list of individuals to whom information or records detailing a school guardian's participation in the program may be disclosed. Adds that if an armed school security guard uses deadly force, the guardian shall be subject to investigation by the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction over the school's location; and if the involved party is a special function officer employed by a law enforcement agency follow the same protocol established for officer-involved shootings under Section 76-2-408.	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0044S3</u>	School Security Personnel Standards	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	FYI Bill. Sub 3 adds that the state security chief may evaluate visitor management protocols as part of the school safety needs assessment described in Section 53G-8-701.5; collect and maintain data on visitor management protocol implementation and effectiveness and develop recommended best practices for LEAs that choose to implement visitor management protocols	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0057S1</u>	Motor Vehicle Division Amendments	Rep. Kay Christofferson	Sub 1 omits the allowance of those currently with a special interest vehicle license plate to continue to use the license plate	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0058S1</u>	Insurance Code Modifications	Rep. James Dunnigan	Sub 1 amends provisions relating to a captive insurance company that is organized as a risk retention group; amends provisions relating to the actions the commissioner may take against a licensee; amends provisions relating to who is required to complete continuing education requirements	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0072S1</u>	Criminal Use of Cryptocurrency Amendments	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	Sub 1 omits the requirement of prosecuting agencies to certify at least one employee as a digital asset specialist; establishes consumer protection requirements for virtual currency kiosks, including graduated transaction	Beyond Scope

			limits , disclosure requirements, fraud prevention warnings, annual location reporting, and recordkeeping requirements	
HB0111S1	Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Bridger Bolinder	Sub 1 addresses rulemaking and penalties related to reporting hunt information	Beyond Scope
HB0123S1	Sex , Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registration Amendments	Rep. Cheryl Acton	Sub 1 changes bill name	Support
HB0169S1	Boating Insurance Amendments	Rep. Colin Jack	Sub 1 changes effective date to "Effective upon governor's approval"	Beyond Scope
HB0173S1	Disabled Parking Permit Amendments	Rep. Trevor Lee	Sub 1 keeps the expectant mother parking placard but adds clearer definitions, required placard markings, a formal physician-certified application process, a \$15 fee, clarified enforcement provisions, corrected statutory cross-references, and moves the effective date to July 1, 2026.	Beyond Scope
HB0185S1	Carbon Credit Amendments	Rep. Troy Shelley	Sub 1 makes a lot of changes	Beyond Scope
HB0205S1	Substance Use Intervention Amendments	Rep. Tyler Clancy	1st sub: removes the OOOPP grant piece and amends provisions related to the operation of a syringe exchange program, including to prohibit the distribution of drug paraphernalia other than syringes	Beyond Scope
HB0253S1	Marijuana Use or Possession Penalty Amendments	Rep. Grant Miller	Sub 1 requires a prosecuting attorney to offer a plea in abeyance for a first offense for use or possession of 14 grams or less of marijuana; provides requirements for a plea in abeyance agreement for a first offense for use or possession of 14 grams or less of marijuana	Beyond Scope
HB0287S1	Immigrant Driving Amendments	Rep. Trevor Lee	Sub 1 repeals provisions allowing the driver license examination for knowledge of the state traffic laws to be offered in languages other than English; creates a rebuttable presumption of fault for purposes of an insurance claim if an unlawfully present individual is involved in a motor vehicle accident.	Beyond Scope

<u>HB0287S2</u>	Immigrant Driving Amendments	Rep. Trevor Lee	Sub 2 provides that a motor vehicle insurance provider may offer insurance coverage to an individual who does not have a driver license; omits the requirement of law enforcement to report to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security if an individual who is unlawfully present in the United states is involved in a motor vehicle accident	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0326S1</u>	Animal Depredation Amendments	Rep. Rex Shipp	Sub 1 specifies that "Take" is defined as the same as that term is defined in Section 23A-1-101; adds that an individual may kill or destroy a feral swine if the feral swine presents an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to an individual	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0374S1</u>	Speech, Language, and Hearing Occupations Licensing Amendments	Rep. Melissa Ballard	Sub 1 omits the requirement that a speech-language pathologist receiving training for invasive procedures	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0381S1</u>	Electric Bike Amendments	Rep. Paul Cutler	Sub 1 clarifies that the definition of motorcycle includes a motorcycle being powered by an electric or combustion engine; requires that an individual under 16 yrs old must wear a helmet while operating certain devices on a highway; omits the subjection of electric bikes to impound for violations	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0381S2</u>	Electric Bike Amendments	Rep. Paul Cutler	Sub 2 increases the age an individual must wear a helmet while operating certain devices on a highway to 21 years old; allows a peace officer to hold an individual's electric vehicle and release it to a parent if the peace officer observes a violation and the individual is under 18 years old.	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0432</u>	Egg Amendments	Rep. Rex Shipp	No changes in criminal penalties. Clarifies unlawful acts of egg distribution (Class B misd and penalties described in 4-2-304)	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0444</u>	State Land Access Road Amendments	Rep. Troy Shelley	No changes in criminal penalty. Clarifies class B misd. related to Improper discharging of a dangerous weapon from, upon, or across a highway other than a class D road	<u>Beyond Scope</u>

<u>HB0446</u>	Conflict of Interest Disclosure Amendments	Rep. Cheryl Acton	No changes in criminal penalty. Expand class B misd. related to failure to disclose conflict of interest for elected and appointed officeholders. adds the following to the list of conflict of interest disclosures for elected and appointed officeholders and certain other public officials: any unresolved federal or state tax liens; and felony and misdemeanor criminal convictions, subject to certain exceptions	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0447</u>	Tobacco Amendments	Rep. Jefferson Burton	Creates a class B misd. for failing to comply with the licensing, bonding, and tax collection requirements	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0051S2</u>	School Safety Modifications	Sen. Derrin Owens	Original bill and sub 1 are both beyond scope.	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0070S1</u>	Natural Disaster Amendments	Sen. Jen Plumb	Sub 1 omits the amendments to the offense of aggravated cruelty to an animal to include restraining a personal animal outside during a natural disaster; clarifies that a county, city, or town has immunity regarding an emergency operations plan	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0087S2</u>	Naloxone Amendments	Sen. Jen Plumb	Sub 2 changes the term opioid to opiate	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0134S3</u>	Court Amendments	Sen. Chris Wilson	Sub 3 makes changes reflect increases in the number of judges and justices in various courts and modifications to the recruitment process for judicial vacancies	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0139S1</u>	Notary Amendments	Sen. Calvin Musselman	voted beyond scope on original bill	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0151S1</u>	Public Safety Funding Amendments	Sen. Wayne Harper	Sub 1 changes effective date from May 6 to July 1, 2026.	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0165S1</u>	Economic Mobility Initiative	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore	For JJOC. Sub 1 adds that the technical assistance provider shall, for each grant, ensure a minimum of 20 percent of funds go to rural, frontier, or tribal communities	Beyond Scope

<u>SB0183S1</u>	Surveillance Camera Amendments	Sen. Stephanie Pitcher	Sub 1 excludes trail cameras	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0191S1</u>	Tow Yard Amendments	Sen. Don Ipson	Sub 1 does not have any criminal related changes. Adds that "Before a towing entity may add a tow truck motor carrier to a towing rotation in a first or second class county, the tow truck motor carrier shall be certified by the department as described in Section 72-9-602 for a minimum of three consecutive years". And change effect date to July 1, 2026	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0194S1</u>	Election Modifications	Sen. Michael McKell	Sub 1 adds the requirement of an incumbent county clerk who is running for reelection to contract with another county clerk to provide certain services in relation to verifying candidate signatures for the race	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0195S1</u>	Workforce Development	Sen. Ann Milner	Sub 1: technical changes	Beyond Scope
<u>SB0210</u>	Nicotine Amendments	Sen. Jen Plumb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates Utah's regulation of tobacco, nicotine, and electronic cigarette products by increasing state licensing fees from \$30 (issuance) and \$20 (renewal) to \$250 per license, and by shortening license terms from three years to one year across cigarette, tobacco, nicotine, and electronic cigarette licenses. • Repeals certain local health department inspection provisions related to electronic cigarette retailers while preserving authority for inspections, embargo of non-compliant products, and public reporting, and clarifies enforcement coordination among local health departments, the Attorney General, and the State Tax Commission. • Redirects and expands the use of license fees, fines, and penalties to fund disposal of confiscated electronic cigarette products, additional law enforcement, youth prevention and cessation programs, and school-based prevention initiatives. • Increase civil penalties and mandating license suspensions for repeated violations involving unlisted products, and escalates criminal penalties for offenses involving minors by elevating many violations from class C misdemeanors to class B or class A misdemeanors for repeat conduct. 	Beyond Scope

<u>SB0215</u>	Eviction Record Amendments	Sen. Stephanie Pitcher	modifies the time period required before an automatic expungement of an eviction takes place	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>SB0218</u>	Constable Modifications	Sen. Kirk Cullimore	Creates a class A misd if an individual who commits an act of unlawful conduct under Section 58-91-501 or who fails to comply with a citation issued under this section (constable unlawful conduct)	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>SB0229</u>	State Employee Benefits Amendments	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore	FYI for staff. beginning 2027, provides that each agency shall provide the agency's employees paid time off in lieu of annual leave and sick leave	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>SB0242</u>	Transportation Amendments	Sen. Wayne Harper	No changes in criminal penalty. Clarifies infraction related to transportation violation on roadway divided into marked lanes	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>SJR010</u>	Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules Regarding Jury Selection	Sen. Michael McKell	Amends Rule 17.5 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure to address an exception for jury selection in a felony case; Amends Rule 18 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure to address jury selection in a felony case	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0042S1</u>	School Cybersecurity Amendments	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	Sub 1 is almost a different bill. Prohibits certain devices in schools; directs the State Board of Education to make rules establishing minimum cybersecurity standards for LEAs in collaboration with the Utah Education and Telehealth Network; establishes a phased implementation timeline for LEA compliance; requires coordination among the Utah Cyber Center, the State Board of Education, and the Utah Education and Telehealth Network; establishes reporting requirements for cybersecurity incidents	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0407</u>	Public Education Information System	Rep. Matt MacPherson	Requires the State Board of Education to implement a single statewide student information system for all LEAs by 2031, allows LEAs to maintain their own systems only if they meet strict integration and compliance standards, establishes enforcement and audit mechanisms, and ties statewide SIS usage to student data reporting, accountability, and funding calculations	<u>Beyond Scope</u>

<u>HB0424</u>	Judicial Nomination Amendments	Rep. Jason Kyle	Contingent on passage of a proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the governor to request a list of nominees from a judicial nominating commission when the governor is filling a judicial vacancy; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •removes the authority of the chief justice of the Supreme Court to fill a judicial vacancy if the governor fails to fill the vacancy; •authorizes the governor to appoint any qualified candidate even if the candidate is not nominated by the judicial nominating commission; •addresses the time period during which a judicial nominating commission may accept an application from an individual seeking nomination to fill a judicial vacancy; •removes the time constraint on the governor to make a judicial appointment 	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0430</u>	Adult Probation and Parole Reimbursement Amendments	Rep. Casey Snider	requires the UDC to enter into a MOU with a local government agency to reimburse the local government agency when a court orders the local government agency to supervise an offender on probation who has committed a felony	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0450</u>	Data Privacy Amendments	Rep. David Shallenberger	GRAMA and data privacy. No changes in criminal penalties. Technical clarification related to class B misd. related of failure to disclose conflict of interest	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0452</u>	Concealed Firearm Carry Access on Publicly Supported Entities	Rep. Candice Pierucci	prohibits a private entity that receives a certain amount of public funds from restricting a concealed carry permit holder from carrying a concealed firearm on property owned, leased, or operated by the entity in certain circumstances; allows a private entity receiving public funds to use the online verification system already established by the Bureau of Criminal Identification for private sales of firearms to validate concealed carry permits	Beyond Scope
<u>HB0454</u>	Public Assistance Fraud Amendments	Rep. Ryan Wilcox	creates the offense of public assistance fraud by a person facilitating an inaccurate public assistance application; adds the newly created offense to the list of predicate offenses for a pattern of unlawful activity	Beyond Scope

<u>HB0455</u>	Peace Officer and Dispatcher Standards Amendments	Rep. Matt MacPherson	allows the director of POST, in the director's discretion and under certain circumstances, to allow a peace officer applicant who has an expunged or dismissed disqualifying criminal offense to be admitted to a certified academy and to take a peace officer/dispatcher certification examination	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0464</u>	Teen Driving Amendments	Rep. Nicholeen Peck	No changes in criminal penalties. Clarifies infraction related to teen driving.	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HB0471</u>	Social Services Amendments	Rep. Logan Monson	Requires the dept. to check CCJJ jail and prison records for medicaid eligibility?	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>HJR019</u>	Joint Rules Resolution - Requests for Legislation	Rep. Clinton Okerlund	FYI for staff. Limits a senator to 10 requests for legislation; limits a representative to six requests for legislation	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>SB0027S1</u>	Assault or Threat of Violence Amendments	Sen. Don Ipson	Sub 1 expands to military service member and families.	<u>Support</u>
<u>SB0030S1</u>	Human Trafficking, Exploitation, and Smuggling Amendments	Sen. Calvin Musselman	Sub 1 adds new offenses: Knowingly benefiting from forced labor: Second degree felony Recklessly benefiting from forced labor: Third degree felony Second degree felony if it's a second or subsequent conviction	<u>Support</u>
<u>SB0201</u>	Shelter Animal Euthanasia Amendments	Sen. Keith Grover	provides that an animal shelter may euthanize an animal only if no reasonable alternatives to euthanasia are available and clarifies notification is not required if: (a)any of the organization's current directors, officers, or employees have been convicted of a crime related to animal cruelty or neglect; (b)any of the organization's current directors, officers, or employees have pending charges related to animal cruelty or neglect; or (c)the organization is constrained by court order that prevents the organization from taking in or keeping animals	<u>Beyond Scope</u>
<u>SB0201S1</u>	Shelter Animal Euthanasia Amendments	Sen. Keith Grover	Sub 1 includes provisions allowing euthanasia for dogs determined to be dangerous or vicious under state or local law; allows the timeframes for notification and collection to run concurrently with the holding period required by Section 11-46-103 or any applicable local ordinance.	<u>Beyond Scope</u>

SB0224	Vital Records Access Amendments	Sen. Jen Plumb	FYI for JJOC. allows a liaison for a homeless youth or child to obtain the minor's vital records on behalf of the homeless youth or child	Beyond Scope
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Review/Discussion/Updates on HB34, HB89, HB105, HB135, HB175, HB200, HB303, HB 235S1 and HB235S2 there were no new motions made. Position remained as previously voted. HB366 was discussed, there was no motion made so it was left blank.

List of bills with new or updated votes.

Bill #	Motion	Tom Ross/Liz Klic	Chylen Richey	Jared Garcia/Doug Fawson	Commissioner Beau Mason/Tyler Kotter	Igor Limansky	Liliana Olvera-Arbon/Danica Baird	Jen Campbell/Erin Jemison	Kim Benally	Tracey Tabet/Heather Stewart	Derek Brown/Kay Lynn Wootton	Alissa Black	Dominique Kiahtipes	Greg Skordas	Sol Oberg	Ken Ivory	SUP	OPP	ABS	RESULT
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Minutes	Approved	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x						Pass
Consent	Approved	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x						Pass
HB289	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x						Pass
HB88S2	Hold	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x						Pass
HB103	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x						Pass
HB103S1	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x					Pass
HB110S1	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x					Pass
HB110S2	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x					Pass
HB113S1	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x					Pass
HB213S1	Support in	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x					Pass

	Concept																				
HB345S1	Priority Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x			x	x					Pass
HB459	Support in Concept	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x			x	x					Pass
HJR016	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x			x	x					Pass
SB99S1	Support	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x			x	x					Pass
SB141	Support	x	x	x			x	x		x	x	x			x	x					Pass