



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul A. Cutler
Rep. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Matt MacPherson
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Doug Welton

Members Absent:

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Staff Present:

Kirsi Jarvis, Policy Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 8:09 AM.

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

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

1. H.B. 114 Adult-oriented Performance and Material Amendments(Jack, C.)

Rep. Colin Jack presented the bill with the assistance of Daniel Strong, Director, Utah Sentencing Commission, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Whiting, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Alexis Ence, President, Washington County Republican Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Haylee Caplin, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to replace HB0114 with HB0114S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0114S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 405 State Purchasing Reserve Funding(Ivory, K.)

Rep. Ken Ivory had a handout distributed and presented the bill with the assistance of Kent Beers, Former Director, State Purchasing and Chair, NASPO Value Point Purchasing Cooperative.

[HB 405 1st sub State Purchasing Reserve Funding](#)

[HB 405 1st Sub State Purchasing Reserve Funding Handout](#)

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0405S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci

3. H.B. 443 Amendments to Procedure to Fill A Legislative Vacancy(Stoddard, A.)

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

Michelle Quist, Chair, Forward Party of Utah, spoke to the bill.

Phillip Boileau, Communications Director, Forward Party of Utah, spoke to the bill.

Helen Moser, League of Women Voters, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hayes moved to pass HB0443 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 2

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Pierucci

4. H.B. 384 Department of Government Operations Revisions(Thurston, N.)

Rep. Norman Thurston presented the bill with the assistance of Marvin Dodge, Executive Director, Department of Government Operations.

Michael Mower, Senior Advisor of Community Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs, Governor's Office, was invited to answer questions from the Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to replace HB0384 with HB0384S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to pass HB0384S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to place HB0384S01 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:43 AM