



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Derrin R. Owens, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Sen. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
Cassie Sudekum, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 02:09 PM.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026, and February 9, 2026, meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

1. S.R. 4 Resolution Encouraging the Integration of Agriculture into Residential Development(Sandall, S.)

Sen. Sandall presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass SR0004 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

2. H.B. 64 School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments(Albrecht, C.)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Michelle McConkie, Director, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and Leland Pollock, Chair, Garfield County Commission.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to amend HB0064 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 3 through 10:

- 3 {~~—~~}
- 4 {Committee Note:}
- 5 {~~The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee recommended~~}
- 6 {this bill.}
- 7 {~~Legislative Vote: 14 voting for 0 voting against 5 absent~~}
- 8

9 This bill addresses the preservation of a culturally or scientifically significant site on school
10 and institutional trust lands.

2. Line 11 through 17:

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12 This Bill:
13 →defines terms;
14 →creates a process for a qualified county to nominate a culturally or scientifically significant site
15 located on school and institutional trust lands (trust lands) for potential preservation;
16 →establishes requirements for the nomination of a proposed culturally or scientifically
17 significant site;

3. Line 55 through 59:

55 (c)approved and listed by the administration under Section 53C-4-404.
56 (3)"Nomination" means the process for nominating a proposed culturally or scientifically
57 significant site described in Subsection 53C-4-402(1).
58 (4)"Qualified county" means a county:
(a)of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, as described in Section 17-60-104; and
(b)that has trust lands located within the county's
59 jurisdictional boundaries.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Hinkins assumed the chair.

Kim Christy, Director, Utah Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass HB0064 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

3. H.B. 238 Utah Energy Generation and Transmission Planning(Albrecht, C.)

[HB 238](#)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Jerry Fenn, Chair, Utah Public Service Commission, and Jon Cox.

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to replace HB0238 with HB0238S03. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Dan Dugan, Chair, Utah Renewable Communities, spoke in favor of the bill.

Thom Carter, Vice President of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nathaniel Johnson, Executive Director, Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gay Lynn Bennion, Mayor, Cottonwood Heights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dylan Munn, resident, spoke to the bill.

Nathan Hole, resident, Davis County, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to pass HB0238S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Owens resumed the chair.

4. H.B. 101 Firearm Background Check Amendments(Maloy, A. Cory)

Rep. A. Cory Maloy presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to amend HB0101 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1

1. Line 71 through 82:

71 residence in this state as required under this Subsection (1).

72 (2) (a) A criminal history background check is required for the sale of a firearm by a
73 licensed firearm dealer in the state.

74 (b) Subsection (2)(a) does not apply to the sale or transfer{~~of a firearm to~~} of:

75 (i) [~~-~~]a firearm to a Federal Firearms Licensee[.]; or

76 (ii) a NFA firearm to an individual (who)if the individual has received an approved application for the sale or
transfer of

77 {an}the NFA firearm from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
78 within thirty days after the day on which the application was approved by the
79 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the NFA firearm.

80 (3) (a) An individual purchasing a firearm from a dealer shall consent in writing to a
81 criminal background check, on a form provided by the bureau.

82 (b) The form shall contain the following information:

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

Clark Aposhian, Chairman, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass HB0101 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 1

Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

5. 1st Sub. H.B. 60 Water Rights Amendments(*Shallenberger, D.*)

Rep. David Shallenberger presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Utah Division of Water Rights.

Brian Steed, Commissioner, Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

Herbert Ley, resident, Millcreek, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Alta Fairbourne, Water Advocate, Utah Rivers Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sarah Schear, pediatrician, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jarom Gillins, resident, Utah County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brian Moench, doctor, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Caroline Joyce, doctor, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Conner Peterson, Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), spoke in favor of the bill.

Pamela Cassidy, resident, Millcreek, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Steve Erickson, Great Basin Water Network, spoke to the bill.

Warren Peterson, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Travis Padilla, resident, West Point, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Erina Horikawa, doctor, Salt Lake City, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass HB0060S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 5
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 1
Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 1
Sen. K. Grover

6. 1st Sub. H.B. 30 Wildlife Management Area Amendments(Shallenberger, D.)

Rep. Shallenberger presented the bill with the assistance of Chelsea Duke, Assistant Chief of Habitat, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to pass HB0030S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall

7. H.B. 93 Goshen Bay Waterfowl Management Area(Welton, D.)

Rep. Doug Welton presented the bill with the assistance of Sam Brager, Deputy Director, Utah Lake Authority.

Chelsea Duke, Assistant Chief of Habitat, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Matt Anderson, Director, Utah Sportsmen's Caucus, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to pass HB0093 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall

8. 1st Sub. H.B. 37 Used Oil Management Act Amendments(Chew, S.)

[HB 238](#)

Rep. Scott Chew presented the bill with the assistance of Ted Sonnenburg, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to amend HB0037S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 38 through 45:

38 (c)Beginning on July 1, 2027, the division shall establish a fee upon the first sale of
39 lubricating oil in Utah by a lubricating oil vendor, in accordance with Title 63J,
40 Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act.
41 {(d)The division shall notify the commission at least 90 days before a fee change }
42 {described in this Subsection (1) goes into effect.}

(d)A fee change described in Subsection (1)(c) is effective:
(i)on the first day of a calendar quarter; and
(ii)no sooner than 90 days after the day on which the division notifies the commission of the fee change.

43 (2) [The]A lubricating oil vendor shall collect the fee described in Subsection (1) at the
44 time the lubricating oil is sold.
45 [(2)](3) A fee under this section may not be collected on sales of lubricating oil:

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to pass HB0037S01 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall

9. H.B. 63 Livestock Watering Amendments(Chew, S.)

Rep. Chew presented the bill with the assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer and Director, Utah Division of Water Rights.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Conner Peterson, Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, UDAF, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass HB0063 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Sen. K. Grover

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 04:13 PM.