



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 5, 2026 | 3:40 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 4:11 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lee moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Whyte

Vice Chair Strong assumed the chair.

**1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 42 School Cybersecurity Amendments(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to pass HB0042S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Whyte

**2. 1st Sub. H.B. 43 School Security Amendments(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to pass HB0043S01 out favorably. 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. A. Stoddard

Rep. M. Strong

Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

Chair Wilcox resumed the chair.

### **3. H.B. 188 Juvenile Justice Amendments(*Peck, N.*)**

Rep. Nicholeen Peck presented the bill to the committee.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to replace HB0188 with HB0188S01. 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

**MOTION:** Rep. Strong moved to hold HB0188S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn

Rep. M. Ballard

Rep. K. Hall

Rep. T. Lee

Rep. S. Hollins

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. L. Shepherd

Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. M. Strong

Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

### **4. 1st Sub. H.B. 134 Offender Transfer Amendments(*Acton, C.K.*)**

Rep. Cheryl Acton presented the bill to the committee. Joshua Draper, Deputy Chief, Adult Parole and Probation, Department of Corrections, was invited to answer questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass HB0134S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. T. Lee

**5. H.B. 289 Child Sexual Abuse Material Amendments(Defay, A.)**

Rep. Ariel Defay presented the bill to the committee.

Daniel Strong, Chair, Sentencing Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

Steven Burton, Utah Association of Defense Attorneys, spoke to the bill.

Seth Stewart spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to amend HB0289 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

**Amendment 1**

1. Line 1168 through 1175:

1168 administrative units in the judicial branch;  
1169 (iv) any state-funded institution of higher education or public education; or  
1170 (v) any political subdivision of the state, but, if a political subdivision has adopted an  
1171 ordinance or a policy relating to information practices ~~{}~~ pursuant to ~~{in accordance}~~\_  
1172 ~~{with}~~ Section 63G-2-701, this chapter shall apply to the political subdivision to the  
1173 extent specified in Section 63G-2-701 or as specified in any other section of this  
1174 chapter that specifically refers to political subdivisions.  
1175 (b) "Governmental entity" also means:

2. Line 1206 through 1217:

1206 charged in connection with the incident; or  
1207 (vi) the identity of the public safety personnel, except undercover personnel, or  
1208 prosecuting attorney involved in responding to the initial incident.  
1209 (b) ~~{}~~ Initial contact reports do ~~{ "initial contact report" does }~~ not include follow-up or  
1210 investigative reports prepared after the initial contact report. However, if the  
1211 information specified in Subsection (16)(a) appears in follow-up or investigative  
1212 reports, it may only be treated confidentially if it is private, controlled, protected, or  
1211 information specified in Subsection (16)(a) appears in follow-up or investigative  
1212 reports, it may only be treated confidentially if it is private, controlled, protected, or  
1213 exempt from disclosure under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).  
1214 (c) ~~{}~~ Initial contact reports do ~~{ "initial contact report" does }~~ not include accident reports, as  
1215 that term is described in Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 4, Accident Responsibilities.  
1216 (17) "Legislative body" means the Legislature.  
1217 (18) "Notice of compliance" means a statement confirming that a governmental entity has

3. Line 1850 through 1857:

1850 Unlawful activity regarding obscene material depicting the sexual  
1851 abuse of a minor.  
1852 (1)Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-5b-103 apply to this section.  
1853 (2)Under circumstances not amounting to an offense under Section 76-5b-201 or {—}  
1854 {76-5b-201.2}76-5b-201.1, an actor commits unlawful activity regarding obscene material depicting  
1855 the sexual abuse of a minor if the actor intentionally or knowingly:  
1856 (a)produces obscene child sexual abuse material;  
1857 (b)distributes obscene child sexual abuse material;

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn

Rep. M. Ballard

Rep. K. Hall

Rep. T. Lee

Rep. S. Hollins

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. L. Shepherd

Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. M. Strong

Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass HB0289 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn

Rep. M. Ballard

Rep. K. Hall

Rep. T. Lee

Rep. S. Hollins

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. L. Shepherd

Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. M. Strong

Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

Vice Chair Strong assumed the chair.

## **6. H.B. 44 School Security Personnel Standards(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Whyte moved to replace HB0044 with HB0044S05. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn

Rep. M. Ballard

Rep. K. Hall

Rep. T. Lee

Rep. S. Hollins

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. L. Shepherd

Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. M. Strong

Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

**MOTION:** Rep. Whyte moved to pass HB0044S05 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. T. Lee

**7. S.C.R. 2 Concurrent Resolution Concerning Remembrances of the 9/11 Attacks(Fillmore, L.)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the resolution to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass SCRO02 out favorably. 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. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Wilcox moved to adjourn.

Chair Strong adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.