



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 13, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

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. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Doug Welton

Members Absent:

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair

Staff Present:

Kirsi Jarvis, Policy Analyst
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 Petersen called the meeting to order at 02:06 PM.

1. H.B. 511 Procurement Amendments (Shallenberger, D.)

This bill was not heard.

2. H.B. 453 Unspent Funding Amendments (Matthews, A.)

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Welton moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

3. H.B. 530 State Permitting Council(Kyle, J.)

Rep. Jason Kyle presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass HB0530 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

4. 1st Sub. H.B. 249 Federal Funds Modifications(*Roberts, C.*)

Rep. Calvin Roberts presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass HB0249S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

5. H.B. 446 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Amendments(*Acton, C.K.*)

Rep. Cheryl Acton presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to amend HB0446 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 302 through 308:

302 (j) for each adult described in Subsection (6)(i), a brief description of the adult's
303 employment or occupation, if the regulated officeholder believes the adult's presence
304 in the regulated officeholder's household may constitute a conflict of interest;
305 (k) ~~{for each unresolved tax lien}~~ for each tax lien unresolved for more than two years for which the
regulated officeholder is personally liable
306 or that encumbers real property in which the regulated officeholder holds an
307 ownership interest:
308 (i)whether the tax lien is a federal tax lien or state tax lien, including a tax lien

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0446 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. C. Pierucci

6. H.B. 504 Political Advertising Modifications(*Dominguez, R.*)

Rep. Rosalba Dominguez presented the bill.

[HB 504 Political Advertisement Presentation](#)

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

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to hold HB0504. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. A. Maloy

7. H.B. 302 Government Speech Neutrality Amendments(*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. Matt MacPhearson presented the bill.

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

Marina Lowe, Policy Director, Equality Utah, spoke to the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Fiefia moved to replace HB0302 with HB0302S01. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. J. Burton

MOTION: Rep. Fiefia moved to amend HB0302S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1

1. Line 91 through 98:

91 described in Subsection (5)(a) an exempt flag or another flag adopted by the city,
92 municipality, county, or political subdivision as described in Subsection (4)(b).
93 (6)This section does not apply to a private organization's ability to display a flag of the
94 organization authorized to use a public {school}facility at the location and during the time
95 in which the organization is authorized to use the public {school}facility.
96 ~~[(4)](7) (a) The state auditor shall:~~
97 (i) establish a process to receive and investigate alleged violations of this section;
98 (ii) provide notice to the relevant government entity of:

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. J. Burton

MOTION: Rep. Fiefia moved to pass HB0302S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 3

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. J. Burton

MOTION: Rep. Hayes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 11

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Burton

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM