



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 18, 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. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Doug Welton

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 Burton called the meeting to order at 08:05 AM.

1. H.B. 493 Pricing Protection Amendments(Pierucci, C.)

Rep. Candice Pierucci had a handout distributed and presented the bill, with the assistance of Travis Waller, Director, Division of Regulatory Services, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

[HB493 Pricing Protection Amendments](#)

Miland Kofford, Manager, Weights and Measures Program, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass HB0493 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton
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

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

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

Rep. Ashlee Matthews had a handout distributed and presented the bill, with the assistance of Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost.

[HB453 Unspent Funds Amendments](#)

Kory Holdaway, Utah Private Child Care Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Garbe, Vice President of Public Policy, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tammer Attallah, First Vice Chair, Utah Behavioral Health Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennifer Stout, Voices for Utah Children, spoke in favor of the bill.

Teena Horlacher, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to replace HB0453 with HB0453S01. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton
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 - 1

Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass HB0453S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 1.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 4

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Pierucci

3. H.B. 508 State Facilities Modifications(Brooks, W.)

Rep. Walt Brooks presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to replace HB0508 with HB0508S02. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to pass HB0508S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

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

This bill was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Hayes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 9:24 AM.