



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.

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

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. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Gwynn

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

MOTION: Rep. Strong moved to hold HB0188S01. 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

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.