



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 23, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Chair
Rep. Tyler Clancy, Vice Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Tiara Auxier
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Jon Hawkins

Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Jennifer Kunzler, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Clancy called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga

1. H.B. 547 Transnational Repression Amendments(Clancy, T.)

[1a. HB0547 Transnational Repression Amendments handout](#)

Rep. Gricius assumed the chair.

Rep. Clancy with assistance from Anna Kwok, Activist, and Kelley Currie, former US ambassador, presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to replace HB0547 with HB0547S01. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to pass HB0547S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to place HB0547S01 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

Vice Chair Clancy resumed the chair.

2. H.B. 487 Legislator Autonomy Amendments(*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. Matt MacPherson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to replace HB0487 with HB0487S01. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to pass HB0487S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. T. Auxier
- Rep. T. Clancy
- Rep. S. Gricius
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. A. Loubet
- Rep. V. Mauga
- Rep. G. Miller
- Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to place HB0487S01 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. T. Auxier
- Rep. T. Clancy
- Rep. S. Gricius
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. A. Loubet
- Rep. V. Mauga
- Rep. G. Miller
- Rep. J. Thompson

3. H.B. 555 Changes to Family Law Actions(Miller, T.)

Rep. Tracy Miller presented the bill.

Catherine Hutton, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Emily Martin Prisbrey, Utah Single Mothers Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Maria Sharon, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to amend HB0555 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1

1. Line 53 through 62:

53 including expert witness fees; and
 54 (b)enter specific findings as to the ability of the parties to pay the costs described in
 55 Subsection (2)(a).
 56 ~~[(2)](3)~~Except as provided in Subsection (4). ~~{fn}~~in an action to enforce an order of custody, parent-time, child
 support, alimony, or
 57 ~~division of property in a domestic case, the court [may award costs and attorney fees]~~
 58 shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs upon determining that the party [~~-~~
 59 ~~substantially~~ substantially prevailed upon the claim or defense.
 60 ~~[(3)](4)(a)~~ The court, in the court's discretion, may award no fees or limited fees against
 61 a party if the court finds the party is indigent or enters in the record the reason for not
 62 awarding fees.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass HB0555 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

4. H.B. 522 Parentage and Child Support Amendments(Watkins, C.)

Rep. Christine Watkins presented the bill.

Maria Sharon, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass HB0522 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 4 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 4

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

5. 1st Sub. S.B. 109 Alienation of Affection Amendments(Weiler, T.)

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to move to next agenda item.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to pass SB0109S01 out favorably. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 0.

<u>Yeas - 6</u> Rep. N. Abbott Rep. T. Clancy Rep. K. Lisonbee Rep. A. Loubet Rep. V. Mauga Rep. G. Miller	<u>Nays - 5</u> Rep. C. Acton Rep. T. Auxier Rep. S. Gricius Rep. J. Hawkins Rep. J. Thompson	<u>Absent - 0</u>
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Chair Lisonbee assumed the chair.

6. S.B. 59 Alimony Amendments(Fillmore, L.)

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Paul Cutler presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to move to next agenda item.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to replace SB0059 with SB0059S01. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 2.

<u>Yeas - 6</u> Rep. C. Acton Rep. T. Auxier Rep. S. Gricius Rep. J. Hawkins Rep. A. Loubet Rep. G. Miller	<u>Nays - 3</u> Rep. N. Abbott Rep. K. Lisonbee Rep. V. Mauga	<u>Absent - 2</u> Rep. T. Clancy Rep. J. Thompson
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MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass SB0059S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 4 - 2.

<u>Yeas - 5</u> Rep. C. Acton Rep. S. Gricius Rep. J. Hawkins Rep. A. Loubet Rep. G. Miller	<u>Nays - 4</u> Rep. N. Abbott Rep. T. Auxier Rep. K. Lisonbee Rep. V. Mauga	<u>Absent - 2</u> Rep. T. Clancy Rep. J. Thompson
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MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

<u>Yeas - 9</u> Rep. N. Abbott Rep. C. Acton Rep. T. Auxier Rep. S. Gricius Rep. J. Hawkins Rep. K. Lisonbee Rep. A. Loubet Rep. V. Mauga Rep. G. Miller	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 2</u> Rep. T. Clancy Rep. J. Thompson
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Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.