



# MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 23, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Katy Hall  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Trevor Lee  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Lisa Shepherd

**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 8:10 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hall moved to approve the minutes for the February 19, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**1. H.B. 295 Overdose Amendments(Moss, C.)**

[HB 295 Bill Summary](#)

Rep. Moss presented the bill with the assistance of Evan Done, Advocacy and Public Policy Director, Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA).

Carl Hollan, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors and Public Attorneys, spoke in support of the bill.

Brett Robinson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Mark Moffat, Utah Defense Attorney Association, spoke in support of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to replace HB0295 with HB0295S01. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass HB0295S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

Vice Chair Strong assumed the chair.

**2. 1st Sub. H.B. 338 First Responder Health Amendments(*Wilcox, R.*)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Whyte moved to pass HB0338S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**3. H.J.R. 26 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence to Address Machine-Generated Evidence(*Ballard, M.G.*)**

Chair Wilcox resumed the chair.

Rep. Ballard presented the resolution with the assistance of Stewart Young, Deputy Criminal Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, and Walter Bockholt, Children's International Rescue Foundation.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, spoke to the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Strong moved to pass HJR026 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 1

Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**4. S.B. 63 Assault Modifications(*Brammer, B.*)**

Sen. Brammer presented the bill.

Daniel Strong, representing the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) and the Sentencing Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass SB0063 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to place SB0063 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

### **5. H.B. 553 Dog Attack Amendments(*Thompson, J.*)**

Rep. Thompson presented the bill with the assistance of Jake Lee, lawyer.

Dave Kallas, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass HB0553 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 1

Rep. R. Wilcox

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

### **6. 1st Sub. S.B. 125 Theft Amendments(*Musselman, C.R.*)**

Sen. Musselman presented the bill.

Mark Moffat spoke in support of the bill.

Carl Hollan spoke in support of the bill.

Daniel Strong spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Strong moved to pass SB0125S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:**

Rep. Strong moved to place SB0125S01 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**7. S.B. 166 Line-of-Duty Death Benefit Amendments(Owens, D.R.)**

Sen. Owens presented the bill.

**MOTION:**

Rep. Stoddard moved to pass SB0166 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:**

Rep. Strong moved to place SB0166 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

**MOTION:**

Rep. Stoddard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. L. Shepherd

Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.