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SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Emily Buss
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Jen Plumb

Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Devon Schechinger, Policy Analyst
Zoe Adams, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 08:06 AM.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes from February 23, 2026 The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. E. Buss
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 261 Electronic Information Privacy Act Amendments(Kyle, J.)

Rep. Jason Kyle presented the bill.

Jason Chipman, Director, Public Policy, Libertas Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass HB0261S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

2. 3rd Sub. H.B. 241 Charter School Amendments(Pierucci, C.)

Rep. Candice Pierucci presented the bill.

[H.B. 241.pdf](#)

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kory Holdaway, on behalf of the cities of Kearns and Magna, spoke in favor to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass HB0241S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3
Sen. E. Buss
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 1
Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 3
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

3. 3rd Sub. H.B. 325 Government Records Classification Amendments(*Shepherd, L.*)

Rep. Lisa Shepherd presented the bill with the assistance of Christopher Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer/Director, Utah Office of Data Privacy.

[HB 325 slides.pptx](#)

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass HB0325S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

4. H.B. 366 Judicial Cases Distribution Amendments(*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill with the assistance of Ryan Robinson, West Valley Prosecutor, Utah Statewide Association of Prosecutors and Public Attorneys.

[H.B. 366.pdf](#)

Adam Crayk, Attorney, Stowell Crayk, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ryan Richards, Attorney, Cowdell Law, spoke in favor of the bill.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, Utah Courts, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jake Summers, Deputy City Attorney, Orem City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Edward Montgomery, South Jordan City Prosecutor, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass HB0366 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM.