



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 25, 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 8:25 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting. 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. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Thompson

1. S.B. 68 Disability Litigation Amendments(*Brammer, B.*)

Sen. Brady Brammer presented the bill.

Nate Crippes, Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to pass SB0068 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 2

Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Thompson

2. 1st Sub. S.J.R. 1 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence Concerning Crimes or Other Acts(*Brammer, B.*)

Sen. Brammer with assistance from Chris Ballard, General Counsel, Utah County Attorney's Office and Jeff Gray, Utah County Attorney, Utah County Attorney's Office, presented the bill.

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

Marlesse Jones, Director, Victim Services Commission (VSC), spoke in favor of the bill.

Rich Mauro, Executive Director, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association, spoke to the bill.

Felix Espinoza, Chair, Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to pass SJR001S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 1

Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 1

Rep. A. Loubet

Chair Lisonbee assumed the chair.

3. S.B. 161 Evaluations in Guardianship Amendments(Weiler, T.)

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill.

Tracy Olson, Attorney, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to pass SB0161 out favorably. 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

4. S.B. 71 Evidence Retention Amendments(Harper, W.)

Sen. Wayne Harper with assistance from Brady Cottam, Chief of Police, Taylorsville City, presented the bill.

Marlesse Jones, Director, VSC, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to pass SB0071 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

Vice Chair Clancy assumed the chair.

5. S.B. 213 Utah Payment of Wages Act Statute of Limitations(Stratton, K.)

Rep. Lisonbee and Sen. Keven Stratton with assistance from Mark Tolman, Legal Affairs Director, Utah State Society for Human Resource Management, presented the bill.

Anthony Tenney, Attorney, Scholnick Thorne Holland, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kent Streuling, Senior Vice President of Human Resources, America First Credit Union, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Davis, President, Utah Retail Merchants Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tracy Olson, Attorney, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to hold SB0213.

Rep. Abbott withdrew the motion to hold SB0213.

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to amend SB0213 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1 . Line 24 through 31:

- 24 employee may file an action in a court with jurisdiction under Title 78A, Judiciary and
- 25 Judicial Administration.
- 26 (2) [An]For one year after the day on which the wages were earned, an employee may file
- 27 an action for a wage claim in a court {without exhausting the administrative remedies
- 28 described in Section 34-28-9 and rules made by the commission under Section 34-28-9 }
- 29 if:
- 30 (a) the employee's wage claim is over \$10,000;
- 31 (b) (i) the employee's wage claim is less than or equal to \$10,000;

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to pass SB0213 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 1

Rep. T. Clancy

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

Chair Clancy adjourned the meeting at 9:59 AM.