



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 27, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair
Rep. Paul A. Cutler, Vice Chair
Rep. Leah Hansen
Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. David Shallenberger

Rep. Troy Shelley

Members Absent:

Rep. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Colin W. Jack

Staff Present:

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst
Calvin Cruz, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

1. H.B. 584 State Employee Leave Amendments(*Peterson, T.*)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Public Employee Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass HB0584 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. D. Shallenberger

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 5

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley

2. S.B. 275 State-Endorsed Digital Identity Program Amendments(*Cullimore, K. A.*)

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to approve the minutes from February 26, 2026. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 5

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. D. Shallenberger

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill Christopher Bramwell, Director, Utah Office of Data Privacy.

Max Sims, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Timothy Ruff, Partner, Digital Trust Venture Partners, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeremy Smith, Utah Blockchain Coalition, spoke in favor to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to replace SB0275 with SB0275S01. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to amend SB0275S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 4.

Amendment 1

1. Line 132 through 142:

132 department;
133 (ii)custodial parent of an unemancipated minor;
134 (iii)legal guardian of a minor appointed under Section 75-5-202; or
135 (iv)legal guardian of an incapacitated {person}individual appointed under Section 75-5-301.
136 (4)(a)"Digital identity" means an electronic record that:
137 (i)an individual may use to assert an individual's identity or identity attributes; and
138 (ii)can be mathematically verified.
139 (b)"Digital identity" does not include an electronic record that only relies on shared
140 authentication information to verify an individual's identity, including a username,
141 password, personal identification number, or one-time code.
142 (5)"Digital wallet" means an application, hardware device, software, or service that

2. Line 336 through 345:

336 (3)(a)If an individual is unable to apply for a state-endorsed digital identity due to the
337 individual's youth or incapacitation, the application may be made on behalf of that
338 individual by the individual's digital guardian.
339 (b)A digital guardian applying on behalf of a minor or incapacitated {person}individual shall
340 provide:
341 (i)identification, as required by the department; and
342 (ii)the consent of the incapacitated {person}individual, as required by the department.
343 (4)The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
344 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing:
345 (a)the form and manner of an application under this section;

3. Line 347 through 353:

347 (c)procedures for denial, correction, reissuance, and compromise recovery consistent
348 with this part.
349 (5)An individual is not required to apply for or obtain a state-endorsed digital identity.
350 (6)To apply for or receive a state-endorsed digital identity, an applicant shall:
351 (a)have lawful presence in the United States;
352 (b)be a resident of Utah; and
353 (c)successfully complete the department's identity proofing process established under

4. Line 490 through 496:



490 (c)process an individual's identity attributes in a secure manner;
491 (d)process only the minimum identity attributes reasonably necessary to achieve a
492 specified purpose defined by the relying party requesting the presentation; and
493 (e)accept a presentation of a state-endorsed digital identity by a digital guardian.
494 (2)A verifier may only process an individual's identity attributes from a state digital
495 identity if:
496 (a)authorized by the holder;

5. Line 517 through 523:

517 (c)process an individual's identity attributes in a secure manner;
518 (d)process only the minimum identity attributes reasonably necessary to achieve a
519 specified purpose; and
520 (e)accept a presentation of a state-endorsed digital identity by a digital guardian.
521 (2)A relying party may only process an individual's identity attributes from a state digital
522 identity if:
523 (a)authorized by the holder;

Yeas - 5

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass SB0275S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Owens

3. 1st Sub. S.B. 256 Identity Protection Modifications(Cullimore, K. A.)

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill.

Caden Rosenbaum, Libertas Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Vice Chair Cutler assumed the chair.

David McGarry, Research Director, Tax Payers Protection Alliance, spoke to the bill.

Chair Hawkins resumed the chair.

Bryce Chinault, Abundance Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shelley moved to pass SB0256S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 3.



Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Owens

4. S.B. 277 Utah Homes Investment Program Amendments(*Stratton, K.*)

Sen. Stratton presented the bill with assistance from Cameron Diehl, League of Cities and Towns, Jackson Last, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Banking Association, Steve Waldrip, Senior Advisor of Housing Strategy and Innovation, Governors Office.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to replace SB0277 with SB0277S01. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Shallenberger

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass SB0277S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Shallenberger

5. S.B. 204 Physical Therapy Payment Amendments(*McKell, M.*)

Sen. McKell presented the bill with assistance from Howard Quackenbush, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Erik Cooney, National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kim Frost, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass SB0204 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 3

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack

6. 1st Sub. S.B. 232 Regulatory Impacts on Families(*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore presented the bill.



MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass SB0232S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Shallenberger

7. S.J.R. 8 S.J.R. 8 Joint Resolution to Initiate a Law School at Utah Valley University(Brammer, B.)

Sen. Brammer presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to amend SJR008 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1

1. Line 48 through 54:

48 Bar Association accreditation;
49 WHEREAS, collaboration with the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Utah System
50 of Higher Education would ensure alignment with statewide higher education priorities; and
51 WHEREAS, a comprehensive feasibility study would provide the Legislature and the Utah Board of Higher
Education with
52 information necessary to evaluate this proposal:
53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah directs
54 Utah Valley University, in consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to conduct a

2. Line 80 through 85:

80 expense categories;
81 (11)capital investment requirements and potential funding sources;
82 (12)timelines for program development, accreditation process, and student enrollment;
(13)efficiencies, benefits, and viability of a Law school at Utah Valley University or at another institution or as a
shared school with multiple universities within the Utah System of Higher Education; and
83 ((13))(14)any other considerations necessary for legislative evaluation of this proposal.
84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Utah Valley University shall submit a written
85 report of findings and recommendations to the Education Interim Committee and the

3. Line 86 through 89:

86 Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee no later than November 30, 2026.
87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study shall consider how a law
88 school at Utah Valley University would complement existing legal education in Utah
89 and serve populations not currently reached by traditional law school programs BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED
that Utah Valley University shall pay all costs related to the feasibility study using only funds the Legislature
appropriates from non-tax based funds.



Yeas - 6

Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Shallenberger

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass SJR008 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Shallenberger

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Rep. L. Hansen
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Shelley

Nays - 2

Rep. G. Miller
Rep. D. Owens

Absent - 5

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. C. Jack
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. D. Shallenberger

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.