



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 2, 2026 | 8:40 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. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Verona Mauga

Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Members Absent:

Rep. Jon Hawkins

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 8:46 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. J. Thompson

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 231 Restaurant Tax Repeal Amendments(Thurston, N.)

[HB 231 Restaurant Tax Repeal Amendments Handout](#)

Rep. Norman Thurston presented the bill.

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

Melva Sine, President, Utah Restaurant Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Billy Hesterman, President, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brandy Grace, CEO, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Adam Snow, County Commissioner, Washington County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Celina Sinclair, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Joselyn Scudder, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Katharine Wang, Executive Director, Park City Film, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mollie Halterman, Mayor, Parowan, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Wendi Hassan, Director, Cache Valley Center for the Arts, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to replace HB0231S01 with HB0231S02. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 6
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 1
Rep. N. Abbott

Absent - 4
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to pass HB0231S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 5
Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet

Nays - 3
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 3
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Thompson

2. 1st Sub. S.B. 270 State Court Amendments(Cullimore, K. A.)

Sen. Kirk Cullimore presented the bill.

Chair Lisonbee assumed the chair.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, spoke to the bill.

Zoe Newmann, Project Manager, Utah Housing Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to pass SB0270S01 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. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Rep. J. Hawkins

3. 3rd Sub. S.B. 74 Motor Vehicle Civil Action Amendments(Musselman, C.R.)

Sen. Calvin Musselman presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to pass SB0074S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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
Rep. J. Thompson

Rep. J. Hawkins

4. H.B. 604 Local Government Official Amendments(*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. Matt MacPherson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to pass HB0604 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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
Rep. J. Thompson

Rep. J. Hawkins

5. H.B. 593 Bail Amendments(*MacPherson, M.*)

Rep. Matt MacPherson presented the bill.

Richard Mauro, Executive Director, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Carl Hollan, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke to the bill.

Steve Burton, Director, Defense Attorney Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to replace HB0593 with HB0593S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to amend HB0593S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 245 through 253:

245 (b)A magistrate or judge may not release an individual arrested for or charged with an
 246 offense on the individual's own recognizance if the magistrate or judge finds that:
 247 (i)there is substantial evidence to support the offense; and
 248 (ii)~~based on information reasonably available to the magistrate or judge, {within three years before the day~~
~~on which the individual was arrested for the }~~
 249 {~~offense.~~}the individual was, within three years before the day on which the individual was arrested for the
offense:
 250 (A){~~arrested~~charged for a misdemeanor or felony offense that was not a traffic offense at
 251 least five times; and
 252 (B)convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense that was not a traffic offense at
 253 least one time.

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. Clancy moved to pass HB0593S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 1

Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
 Rep. J. Thompson

6. 1st Sub. S.B. 184 Post-Conviction Offense Amendments(Pitcher, S.)

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher with assistance from Adam Crayk, Attorney, presented the bill.

Due to lack of time, the committee will consider actions on the bill at the next meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy 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 Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

NOTE: H.B. 0576 was not discussed in the meeting.