



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair  
Sen. John D. Johnson  
Sen. Karen Kwan  
Sen. Derrin R. Owens  
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams

**Staff Present:**

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst  
Cassie Sudekum, 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 Millner called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

### 1. H.C.R. 14 Concurrent Resolution Supporting the Transfer of Federally Managed Lands(*Ward, R.*)

Rep. Raymond Ward presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass HCR014 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

### 2. 1st Sub. H.B. 408 Data Sharing Amendments(*Fiefia, D.*)

Rep. Doug Fiefia presented the bill with the assistance of Zach Boyd, Director, Office of Artificial Intelligence, Utah Department of Commerce.

Elita Thurber, resident, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion failed with a vote of 1 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 1

Sen. J. Johnson

Nays - 3

Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HB0408S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 1  
Sen. J. Johnson

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

### 3. 6th Sub. H.B. 44 School Security Personnel Standards(*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

[HB 44 Handout](#)

Sen. Kwan assumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to amend HB0044S06 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

#### Amendment 2

1. Line 878 through 886:

878 (2) (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b) and except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3),  
879 every campus within an LEA shall designate a school safety and security specialist  
880 from the employees of the relevant campus.  
881 (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), ~~The~~ the school safety and security specialist:  
882 ~~(A)~~ (A) may not be a principal or a teacher; and  
883 ~~(B)~~ (B) may be the school safety and security director at one campus within the LEA.  
(ii) A principal or teacher may be the school safety and security specialist if approved in accordance with  
Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3).  
884 (3) The school safety and security specialist shall:  
885 (a) report directly to the principal;  
886 (b) oversee school safety and security practices to ensure a safe and secure school

Yeas - 3  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to amend HB0044S06 with Amendment #3. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

#### Amendment 3

1. Line 1211 through 1218:

1211 (iv) guests.  
1212 (d) "Visitor management system" means a process or technology an LEA uses to track,  
1213 monitor, and manage visitors entering school facilities.  
1214 (2) An LEA that establishes visitor management protocols ~~shall ensure the~~ should consider protocols  
1215 that include:  
1216 (a) designated controlled access points that require all visitors to:  
1217 (i) enter the school building through a main entrance or other designated entry point  
1218 during school hours;

2. Line 1260 through 1267:

1260 (iii) digital badge printing;

- 1261 (iv)automated visitor tracking and reporting; and  
1262 (v)emergency notification capabilities.  
1263 (b)If an LEA implements an electronic visitor management system, the LEA ~~{shall}~~  
1264 ~~{ensure that}~~should consider that:  
1265 (i)the LEA maintains visitor data in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 2,  
1266 Government Records Access and Management Act;  
1267 (ii)the LEA protects personally identifiable information and uses such information

3. Line 1285 through 1290:

- 1285 procedures for individuals with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with  
1286 Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.  
1287 (5) If applicable, the school safety needs assessment an LEA conducts under Subsection  
1288 53G-8-701.5(1) ~~{shall include}~~should consider an evaluation of:  
1289 (a)the adequacy of current visitor management protocols;  
1290 (b)physical infrastructure supporting controlled access, including entry vestibules,

4. Line 1291 through 1297:

- 1291 secure reception areas, and electronic access control systems; and  
1292 (c)recommendations for improvements to visitor management protocols and  
1293 infrastructure.  
1294 (6)(a)An LEA that implements visitor management protocols ~~{shall}~~may include information  
1295 about the protocols in the school safety needs assessment conducted under Section  
1296 53G-8-701.5.  
1297 (b)The state security chief may:

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass HB0044S06 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**4. 1st Sub. H.B. 433 Professional Licensing Amendments(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

Kevin Greene, Americans for Prosperity Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to amend HB0433S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

**Amendment 1**

1. Line 99 through 105:

99 regarding a proposed or existing regulated occupation; and

- 100 (b)(i)review and respond to an inquiry from a person other than a legislator  
101 regarding a proposed or existing regulation subject to capacity and resource  
102 constraints, as determined by the office; and  
103 (ii)identify and provide notice to the legislators who represent the person that  
104 submits an inquiry to the office in accordance with Subsection (3)(b)(i).  
105 (4) publish on the office's website a submission form where an individual may provide

Yeas - 4

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. A. Millner

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass HB0433S01 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

Chair Millner resumed the chair.

## **5. 1st Sub. H.B. 528 Local School Board Reporting(Acton, C.K.)**

[HB 528 Handout](#)

Rep. Cheryl Acton presented the bill.

Aaron Smith, Director of Education Reform, Reason Foundation, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass HB0528S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

## **6. 1st Sub. H.B. 511 Procurement Amendments(Shallenberger, D.)**

Rep. David Shallenberger presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to amend HB0511S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

### Amendment 1

1. Line 238 through 244:

- 238 (b)The additional points described in Subsection (3)(a) shall be added to the resident  
239 supplier's final evaluation score.  
240 (c)The preference described in this Subsection (3):  
241 (i)is waived if the certification that the {bidder-}vendor qualifies as a resident supplier does

242 not appear on the bid or proposal; and  
243 (ii)does not apply if application of the preference might jeopardize the receipt of  
244 federal funds.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 1  
Sen. D. Owens

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

### **7. 3rd Sub. H.B. 572 Behavioral and Mental Health Amendments(*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to replace HB0572S03 with HB0572S04. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

#### [HB 572 Handout](#)

Adam Cohen, Commission Member, Utah Behavioral Health Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HB0572S04 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

### **8. 1st Sub. H.B. 582 Asbestos Amendments(*Peterson, T.*)**

Rep. Thomas Peterson presented the bill.

Bryce Bird, Director, Utah Division of Air Quality, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass HB0582S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**9. H.J.R. 4 Resolution Regarding Prison Security and Successful Inmate Reentry(*Ballard, M.G.*)**

Rep. Melissa Ballard presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HJR004 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 3  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 1  
Sen. J. Johnson

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 05:29 PM.