



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 2, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair  
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Paul A. Cutler  
Rep. Doug Fiefia  
Rep. Sahara Hayes  
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet  
Rep. Matt MacPherson

Rep. A. Cory Maloy  
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Doug Welton

**Staff Present:**

Kirsi Jarvis, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, 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 Burton called the meeting to order at 04:16 PM.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. D. Welton

**1. 2nd Sub. S.B. 176 Landscaping Procurement Amendments(Pitcher, S.)**

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher presented the bill with the assistance of Andy Marr, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to amend SB0176S02 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 34 through 40:

34 (f)"State government grounds" means the real property, whether fenced or unfenced, on  
35 which a state government facility is located.  
36 (2)Subject to Subsection (3), when a procurement unit procures new landscape  
37 maintenance equipment to replace end-of-life, two-stroke gasoline-powered landscape maintenance  
38 equipment to be used primarily on state government grounds, the procurement unit shall  
39 procure landscape maintenance equipment that is electric-powered if the state  
40 government grounds:

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. C. Pierucci

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to pass SB0176S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 2

Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. C. Pierucci

**2. 2nd Sub. S.B. 221 Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments(*Harper, W.*)**

Sen. Wayne Harper presented the bill.

Karson Eilers, Policy Director, Utah League of Cities of Towns, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Maloy moved to hold SB0221S02. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 1

Rep. S. Hayes

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Welton

**3. 2nd Sub. S.B. 229 State Employee Benefits Amendments(*Fillmore, L.*)**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore had handouts distributed and presented the bill with the assistance of John Barrand, Chief Human Resources Officer, Department of Government Offices, Executive Branch.

[SB229 Total Rewards Enhancement Summary](#)

[SB229 Total Rewards Rebalance Recommendation](#)

Dan Schoenfeld, state employee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Public Employees Association, had a handout distributed and spoke in opposition to the bill.

[SB229 UPEA's Handout](#)

Royce Webb, state employee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Amy Leach, state employee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Lisa Ipsen, state employee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jackson Smith, state employee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ashley Carter, state employee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marisa Egbert, state employee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to pass SB0229S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen

Nays - 3

Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Fiefia moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:11 PM.