



MINUTES

HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 7, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair
Rep. Kim F. Coleman, Vice Chair
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Rep. Mark A. Strong

Members Absent:

Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Policy Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Coleman called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Potter moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. M. Strong

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. L. Perry
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

1 . H.B. 101 Distracted Driver Amendments (Moss, C.)

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss presented the bill and provided a handout. Rep. Dan Johnson, District 4, assisted. She invited the following to participate in the presentation and answer questions from the committee:

Michael Rapich, Colonel, Utah Highway Patrol, expressed the need for the law and gave examples of distracted driving.

Gary Giles, Chief, Orem Police Department, and President, Utah Chiefs of Police Association, discussed the percentage of citations due to distracted driving in Orem.

Jay Torgersen, Division Chief, Unified Fire Authority, discussed the number of people he has seen who were injured or killed due to distracted drivers.

Dan Peterson, Fire Chief, Unified Fire Authority, discussed the need for the law.

Public comments follow:

Michael Sonntag, American Property Casualty Insurance Association and Bear River Insurance, spoke for the bill.

George Chapman, resident, spoke against the bill.

Janet Hemming, resident, spoke for the bill.

Jay Brummett, Utah State Government Liaison, American Radio Relay League, spoke against the bill.

Greg Douglass, Vice President, American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) of Utah, spoke for the bill.

Will Carlson, Chief Policy Adviser, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office and speaking on behalf of the Statewide Association of Public Attorneys and Prosecutors, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Potter moved to pass H.B. 101 out favorably.

The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-6

Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays-2

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. M. Strong

Absent-3

Rep. P. Ray
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. P. Ray
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.