

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
20 House Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
March 11, 2015

Members Present: Rep. LaVar Christensen, Chair
Rep. Merrill Nelson, Vice Chair
Rep. Fred C. Cox
Rep. Bruce Cutler
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Kevin J. Stratton
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present: Mr. Gregg Girvan, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Black, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Vice Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2nd Sub. S.B. 297 Protections for Religious Expression and Beliefs about Marriage, Family, or Sexuality (Sen. J. S. Adams)

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Robin Wilson, Professor of Law, University of Illinois, and Rep. L. Christensen.

Spoke for the bill: Bill Duncan, Sutherland Institute
Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum
Michael Erickson, representing himself
Laura Bunker, United Families International

Spoke against the bill: Troy Williams, Executive Director, Equality Utah

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

LaVar Christensen, Chair