

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 30, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • 250 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

**Members Absent:**

President Wayne L. Niederhauser

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Gregg A. Girvan, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Weiler called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**1. S.B. 98 Excess Damages Claims (*Iwamoto, J.*)**

Sen. Jani Iwamoto presented the bill with the assistance of Sen. Howard Stephenson.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Chief Civil Deputy, Office of the Attorney General, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Steve Sullivan, Attorney, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Brian Nelson, Director, Division of Risk Management, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 98 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1-2.

Yeas:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Escamilla  
Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Sen. Thatcher

Abs:

Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

**2. S.B. 114 Election Law Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to replace S.B. 114 with 1st Substitute S.B. 114. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Escamilla  
Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

Sen. Bramble presented the bill with the assistance of James Evans, Chairman, Utah Republican Party.

Mr. Ricky Hatch, Legislative Chair, Utah Municipal Clerks Association, Legislative Chair, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Kory Holdaway, Board Member, Voterise, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Caleb Horbacker, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 114 Sub. 1 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Okerlund  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. Escamilla  
Pres. Niederhauser

**3. S.B. 76 Post-conviction DNA Testing Amendments (*Hillyard, L.*)**

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill.

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

Sen. Weiler resumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 76 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Escamilla  
Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

**4. S.B. 58 Uniform Voidable Transactions Act (*Hillyard, L.*)**

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved to pass S.B. 58 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Escamilla  
Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Escamilla  
Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

**5. S.B. 126 Collection Process Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)**

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill with the assistance of Darwin Bingham, attorney.

Mr. John Reidhead, Director, Division of Finance, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Richard Beckstead, Accounting Operations Manager, Division of Finance, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Weiler moved to pass S.B. 126 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. Davis  
Sen. Escamilla  
Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

Sen. Weiler resumed the chair.

**6. S.B. 68 Imputed Income Amendments (*Anderegg, J.*)**

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg presented the bill with the assistance of Dani Hartvigsen, attorney.

Ms. Madeline Blanchard, student, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. Escamilla  
Sen. Hillyard  
Sen. Thatcher  
Sen. Weiler

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. Davis  
Pres. Niederhauser  
Sen. Okerlund

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting 4:27 p.m.

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Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair