



MINUTES

JUDICIARY INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Kristina King, Policy Analyst
Jacqueline Carlton, Associate General Counsel
Christopher Williams, Associate General Counsel
Amy Hawkes, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Lisonbee called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

1 . Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Snow
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. S. Waldrip

2 . Calls for Legislative Action (Follow up)

Jacqueline Carlton, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, followed up on the appellate court cases added to the committee study list during the June meeting and answered committee questions.

[2a Calls for Legislative Action Case Summaries](#)

3 . Draft Legislation: Uniform Electronic Wills Act

Rep. Snow followed up on H.B. 6001, "Uniform Electronic Wills Act," and answered committee questions.

[3a H.B. 6001 Uniform Electronic Wills Act \(V.L. Snow\)](#)

Sen. Hillyard commented on the Uniform Electronic Wills Act and answered committee questions.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to favorably recommend H.B. 6001 "Uniform Electronic Wills Act," for consideration by the House and Senate during the sixth special session. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. S. Pitcher

4 . Justice Court Reform

Rep. Stoddard introduced justice court reform to the committee.

Micheal Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, Legislative Liaison, Administrative Office of the Courts introduced Judge Paul Farr, who will be presenting on the Justice Court Reform Task Force, and Jim Peters, Justice Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, who will be answering committee questions.

Judge Paul Farr, Chair of the Justice Court Reform Task Force and Third District Justice Court Judge, presented information on the Justice Court Reform Task Force and answered committee questions.

[5a Justice Court Reform Task Force Presentation](#)

Sen. Weiler and Sen. Hillyard gave some personal history and experience with Justice Courts.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to allow the Justice Court Reform Task Force to make a report to the committee every sixth months. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. B. King

5 . Criminal Restitution Recodification

Amanda Montague, Deputy Division Director, Utah Attorney General's Office and Will Hains, Assistant Solicitor General, Utah Attorney General's Office presented information on proposed restitution legislation and answered committee questions.

[6a Proposed Restitution Legislation](#)

Monica Diaz, Director of Utah Sentencing Association, gave support to the proposed restitution legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to open a committee bill file addressing criminal restitution recodification. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. E. Hutchings

6 . Juvenile Court Recodification

Rep. Snow introduced juvenile court recodification.

Ericka Evans, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, gave some context on recodification in general.

[7a Juvenile Code Recodification](#)

Jacqueline Carlton, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel went over what the juvenile court recodification would look like.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to convert the open Juvenile Court Recodification bill, that is currently under Rep. Snow's name, to a committee bill file. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. B. King

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
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Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. B. King

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.