



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 22, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher

Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Kristina King, Policy Analyst
Jordan Gage, Committee Secretary

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.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. V. Snow

1 . H.B. 60 Conceal Carry Firearms Amendments (Brooks, W.)

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Chair, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brett Webster, private citizen, spoke to the bill.

Connor Boyack, Lobbyist, Libertas Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, private citizen, spoke to the bill.

Eric Martino, concealed carry instructor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Joe Rummel, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Brinton, Director of Government Affairs, Utah Medical Association, spoke against the bill.

Leif Ernst, Utah Firearms Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dan Reid, Western Regional Director, National Rifle Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jim Pigg, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

Ed Rutan, Gun Violence Prevention Center, spoke against the bill.

Branden Seghi, private citizen, spoke to the bill.

Noel Gardner, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

Austin Hein, Director of Political Operations, National Association for Gun Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Benee Larsen, Prevention Director, NAMI Utah, spoke against the bill.

Tory Peters, Co-State Director, March for Our Lives Utah, spoke against the bill.

Jeff Bailey, Senior Policy Analyst, Lobbyist, National Association for Gun Rights, spoke in favor of the bill.

Curt Oda, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mitch Vilos, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to pass H.B. 60 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 3 - 1.

Yeas-8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow

Nays-3

Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent-1

Rep. J. Hawkins

2 . H.B. 143 Driver License Suspension Amendments (Maloy, A.C.)

Rep. Maloy presented the bill with the assistance of Molly Davis, Policy Analyst, Libertas Institute.

Mark Moffat, criminal defense attorney, spoke in favor of the bill.

Will Carlson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke to the bill.

Victoria Ashby, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke against the bill.

Charlotte Wakefield, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jason Groth, Smart Justice Attorney, ACLU of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Gwilliam, Chief of Police, Lone Peak Police Department, spoke against the bill.

Craig Chambers, President, Utah Municipal Prosecutors Association, spoke against the bill.

Kevin Greene, Americans for Prosperity Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Ferguson, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

James Swink, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

Steven Garside, private citizen, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to pass H.B. 143 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-1

Rep. K. Lisonbee

Absent-1

Rep. J. Hawkins

Chair Lisonbee, at the request of Rep. Wheatley, announced that HB64 would not be considered at this meeting.

3 . H.B. 129 Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence (Snow, V. L.)

Rep. Snow presented the bill with the assistance of Derrik Tollefson, Department Head, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, Utah State University.

Gabby Saunders, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to replace H.B. 129 with 1st Substitute H.B. 129. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Hawkins

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 129 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-11

Rep. N. Abbott
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Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. J. Hawkins

4 . H.C.R. 4 Concurrent Resolution Condemning the Treatment of the Uighur Ethnic Community by the Chinese Government (*Brammer, B.*)

Rep. Brammer presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to pass H.C.R. 4 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. S. Pitcher

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

Yeas-10

Rep. N. Abbott
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Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. S. Pitcher

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.