



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 1, 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 at 2:07 p.m.

1 . H.B. 64 Factual Innocence Payments Amendments (*Wheatley, M.*)

Rep. Wheatley presented the bill with the assistance of David Hawkins, private citizen.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Tom Ross, Interim Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to replace H.B. 64 with 1st Substitute H.B. 64. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. V. Snow

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 64 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. V. Snow

2 . H.B. 172 Facility of Payment to Minor Amendments (Waldrip, S.)

Rep. Waldrip presented the bill with the assistance of Steve Sullivan, attorney, Utah Association for Justice.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to pass H.B. 172 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. V. Snow

3 . H.B. 103 Retaliation and Obstruction of Justice Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Hall presented the bill with the assistance of Craig Peterson, Assistant Attorney General, Utah.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Mark Moffat, criminal defense attorney, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to replace H.B. 103 with 1st Substitute H.B. 103. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Snow

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 103 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Snow

4 . H.B. 147 Revenge Porn Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Hall presented the bill.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Pam Vickrey, Executive Director, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys, spoke to the bill.

Ryan Holtan, attorney, Utah Attorney General's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marina Lowe, Legislative and Policy Council, ACLU Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to replace H.B. 147 with 1st Substitute H.B. 147. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 4 - 2.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-4

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Lisonbee

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 147 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller

5 . H.B. 159 Higher Education Speech (Teuscher, J.)

[Higher Education Speech Handout](#)

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill with the assistance of Joe Cohn.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, Utah Board of Higher Education, spoke to the bill.

Seodam Kwak, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah Clark, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jacob Hibbard, Grassroots Engagement Director, Americans for Prosperity Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Zachary Young, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jan Eyring, private citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to replace H.B. 159 with 1st Substitute H.B. 159. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 159 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King

6 . H.B. 239 Online Impersonation Prohibition (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Chair Lisonbee announced that HB239 is awaiting a substitute that is not yet ready and will be heard at a later meeting. At the request of Chair Lisonbee, Betty Young, private citizen, spoke in favor of the HB239.

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

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.