Chair Weiler called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes from February 16, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0
Absent-2
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher

1. S.B. 138 Violence, Disorder, and Looting Enforcement Protection Act (Hinkins, D.)


SB138 presentation materials

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to amend S.B. 138 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 1
S.B. 0138

1. Page 3, Line 89 through Page 4, Line 91:
89 background check under Section 53G-11-402 (k):
90 (for grossly negligent conduct in which an employee acting within the scope of employment fails to protect private property or individuals during a riot or violent assembly.)
Yeas-7                              Nays-0                              Absent-0
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

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

Marina Lowe, American Civil Liberties Union Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kathryn Balmforth, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Will Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Moses Tauteoli, Chairman, Pacific Islander Republican Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Burton, Director, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to amend S.B. 138 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 2
S.B. 0138

1. Page 9, Lines 259 through 260:
259   76-1-601. [; otherwise it is a class B misdemeanor.]
라디에르 (d) the defendant intentionally obstructed traffic.]
260   { (d) the defendant intentionally obstructed traffic.}

Yeas-7                              Nays-0                              Absent-0
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to amend S.B. 138 with Amendment #3. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 3
S.B. 0138

1. Page 9, Lines 268 through 272:
268   of five years after the date of sentencing on the conviction( )
269   { (a) be employed by, or hold any position with, the state or any political subdivision of
270   the state[; and]}
271   { (b) collect or receive any assistance or benefits provided by or managed through the }
272   { state Department of Workforce Services. }
MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass S.B. 138 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 2 - 0.

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 95 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 162 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 155 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

HB155 presentation materials
Sherri Wittwer, Mental Health Advocate, Disability Law Center, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 155 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

**Yeas-5**  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

**Nays-0**

**Absent-2**  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. J. Stevenson

5 . H.B. 208 Water Quality Act Amendments *(Ray, P.)*

**MOTION:** Sen. Kitchen moved to pass H.B. 208 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

**Yeas-4**  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

**Nays-0**

**Absent-3**  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Stevenson

6 . 2nd Sub. H.B. 239 Online Impersonation Prohibition *(Lisonbee, K.)*


Mark Moffat, Criminal Defense Policy Analyst, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 239 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

**Yeas-4**  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. T. Weiler

**Nays-0**

**Absent-3**  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Stevenson


7 . 1st Sub. H.B. 159 Higher Education Speech *(Teuscher, J.)*

Rep. Jordan Teuscher explained the bill with the assistance of Joe Cohn, Legislative and Policy Director, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

**HB159 presentation materials**

Janet Eyring, Professor, Cal State Fullerton, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah Clark, Former President, Utah Valley University Turning Point USA, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 159 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.
8 . S.B. 156 Criminal Offense Amendments (Davis, G.)

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to replace S.B. 156 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 156. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Sen. Gene Davis explained the bill.

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


Sen. Gene Davis explained the bill.

Rep. Keven Stratton explained the bill with the assistance of David Leavitt, Utah County Attorney.

9 . 1st Sub. H.B. 186 Criminal Nonsupport Amendments (Stratton, K.)

MOTION: Sen. Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 186 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Mike O'Brien, Media Attorney, Utah Media Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sheryl Worsley, Region 3 Director, RTDNA, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nate Carlisle, Investigative Producer and Reporter, FOX13, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Marc Sternfield, News Director, FOX13, spoke in opposition to the bill.
Zachary Bess, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 228 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

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**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

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