



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Kera Birkeland
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
Rep. Brady Brammer

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 8:06 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. T. Seegmiller

1 . H.B. 225 Administrative Garnishment Order Amendments (Miles, K.)

Rep. Miles presented the bill with the assistance of Cory Weeks, Utah State Division of Finance, and Janica Gines, Assistant Director, Utah State Division of Finance, and Jacob Franklin, Office of State Debt Collection.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to replace H.B. 225 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 225. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 225 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller

2 . H.B. 268 Utah Fit Premises Act Amendments (*Bennion, G.*)

Rep. Bennion presented the bill with the assistance of Francisca Blanc, Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator, Utah Housing Coalition.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Amanda Mendenhall, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke against the bill.

Shawn Janke, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to pass H.B. 268 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 3.

Yeas-6

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-3

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Snow

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to amend H.B. 268 with a verbal amendment. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 3 - 5 - 4.

Yeas-3

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. K. Lisonbee

Nays-5

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent-4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow

3 . H.B. 373 Conviction Reduction Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Teuscher presented the bill with the assistance of David Leavitt, Utah County Attorney.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

Ben Aldana, Public Defender Office, Utah County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Monica Diaz, Director, Utah Sentencing Commission, spoke to the bill.

William Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to replace H.B. 373 with 1st Substitute H.B. 373. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Snow

MOTION: Rep. Abbott moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 373 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-7

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

Nays-2

Rep. B. King
Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Snow

4 . S.B. 126 Sentencing Commission Requirements (*Thatcher, D.*)

Rep. Judkins presented the bill with the assistance of Monica Diaz, Director, Utah Sentencing Commission.

Committee discussion took place on the bill.

William Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to pass S.B. 126 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley 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. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.