



# MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 21, 2022 | 2:10 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair  
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Vice Chair  
Rep. Joel Ferry  
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Marsha Judkins  
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Kelly B. Miles

**Staff Present:**

John Feinauer, Managing Policy Analyst  
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Wilcox called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. and invited committee members to introduce themselves.

**1. H.B. 126 Division of Juvenile Justice Services Rulemaking Amendments (Romero, A.)**

Rep. Romero presented the bill with the assistance of Brett Peterson, Division of Juvenile Justice Services Director, who spoke in support of the bill.

Levy Woodruff, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to replace H.B. 126 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 126. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Miles

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 126 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Miles

Chair Wilcox invited additional committee members to introduce themselves.

**2. H.B. 59 Rape Crisis Center Amendments (Romero, A.)**

Rep. Romero presented the bill with the assistance of Ned Searle, Domestic and Sexual Abuse Director for the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and Liliana Olvera-Arbon, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Steve Burton, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, commented on the bill.

Sonia Martinez-Ortiz, Rape Recovery Center, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Judkins moved to pass H.B. 59 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Miles

### **3. H.B. 97 Identity Theft Reporting System Amendments (*Burton, J.*)**

Rep. Burton presented the bill with the assistance of Daniel Burton, Office of the Attorney General.

**MOTION:** Rep. Judkins moved to pass H.B. 97 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Miles

### **4. H.B. 112 Animal Fighting Penalties (*Judkins, M.*)**

Rep. Judkins presented the bill with the assistance of Sundays Hunt, Humane Society of Utah.

Rachel Heatley, Humane Society of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Karl Carpenter, Salt Lake County Animal Services, spoke in support of the bill.

Kara Cope, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Leighann Lassiter, Humane Society of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Lavar Christensen, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to amend H.B. 112 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 112

1. Page 3, Line 87 through Page 4, Line 97:

87 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (4) or (6), [a-person] an actor is guilty of cruelty  
88 to an animal if the [person] actor, without legal privilege to do so, intentionally, knowingly,  
89 recklessly, or with criminal negligence:

90 (a) fails to provide necessary food, water, care, or shelter for an animal in the person's  
91 custody;  
92 (b) abandons an animal in the person's custody; or  
93 (c) injures an animal ; ~~or~~  
94 ~~—(d) causes any animal[, not including a dog or game fowl,] to fight with another animal~~  
95 ~~[of like kind] for amusement or gain[; or].~~  
96 [(e) causes any animal, including a dog or game fowl, to fight with a different kind of  
97 animal or creature for amusement or gain.]

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Miles

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass H.B. 112 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Miles

## **5. H.B. 175 Protection of Animals Amendments (Romero, A.)**

### [Protection of Animal Amendments](#)

Rep. Romero presented the bill with the assistance of Rachel Heatley and Abigail Benesh, Humane Society of Utah. Marissa Hernandez, Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering, read several letters from supporters of the bill. A handout was provided.

Inguinn Tersten, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Jessica Gonzales, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Jackie Warren, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Christina Grossnickle, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Kristina Pulsipher, Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering, spoke in support of the bill.

Sonia Salari, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass H.B. 175 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte

**6. H.C.R. 2 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Discussion about Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse  
(Stoddard, A.)**

Rep. Stoddard presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to pass H.C.R. 2 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte

**7. H.B. 139 Traffic Violation Amendments (Teuscher, J.)**

Rep. Jordan Teuscher presented the bill to the committee.

Rep. Burton assumed the chair.

Rep. Wilcox resumed the chair.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, commented on the bill.

Justin Lee, Utah League of Cities and Towns, commented on the bill.

Michael Drechsel answered questions previously asked by committee members regarding the bill.

Steven Garside, Layton Assistant City Manager, expressed concerns with the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ferry moved to replace H.B. 139 with 1st Substitute H.B. 139. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 139.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Ferry moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 139 out favorably.

The substitute motion passed with a vote of 5 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 3

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte

Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.