



MINUTES

SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 20, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Todd D. Weiler, Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Michael S. Kennedy
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Shandra Mutchie, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Weiler called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 2021 meeting The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

1. S.B. 65 Asset Forfeiture Amendments (Weiler, T.)

MOTION: Chair Weiler moved to replace S.B. 65 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 65. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Weiler presented the bill with the assistance of Steve Mecham, Zion's Bank

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 65 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. S.B. 74 Alimony Modifications (Weiler, T.)

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to replace S.B. 74 with 1st Substitute S.B. 74. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Weiler presented the bill

Ms. Shauna Ehniger, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 74 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Cullimore

3. S.B. 85 Protective Order and Stalking Injunction Expungement (*Weiler, T.*)

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to replace S.B. 85 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 85. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

Rachel Boe, graduate student, University of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

William Carlson, Chief Policy Advisor, Office of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 85 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Cullimore

4. H.B. 20 Extension of the Utah Council on Victims of Crime (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Lisonbee presented the bill.

Dan Strong, director, Utah Sentencing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass H.B. 20 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. T. Weiler

5. S.B. 95 Limitations on Employer Liability (*Owens, D.*)

Sen. Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Dan Walker, Vice President, Human Resources, Clyde Companies Inc.

Brook Millard, Utah Association of Justice, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jay Larson, resident, commented on the bill.

Leah Hansen, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Stevenson

6. S.J.R. 2 Joint Resolution Urging Congress to Propose the Keep Nine Amendment to the United States Constitution (*Wilson, C.*)

Chair Weiler resumed the chair.

Sen. Wilson presented the bill.

Leah Hansen, resident, spoke against the bill.

Ms. Gail Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Cullimore moved to pass S.J.R. 2 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 1

Sen. D. Kitchen

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Stevenson

7. S.B. 87 Court Fee Waiver Amendments (*Iwamoto, J.*)

Sen. Iwamoto presented the bill with the assistance of Linda Smith, professor (retired), University of Utah

Mr. Frank Picgnelli, Utah Bar Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Keri Gardner, Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gabriella Archeleta, Public Director, YMCA Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 87 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

8. S.B. 96 Correctional Officer Eligibility Amendments (Iwamoto, J.)

Sen. Iwamoto presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 96 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

Sen. Thatcher assumed the chair.

9. S.B. 86 District and Juvenile Court Judge Amendments (Weiler, T.)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass S.B. 86 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

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to adjourn. 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

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.