



# MINUTES

## HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton  
Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Brady Brammer  
Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Stephanie Pitcher  
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner  
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Staff Present:**

Jonathan Adams, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order 2:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pitcher moved to approve the minutes January 21, 2022, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Snow

**1. H.B. 93 Juror and Witness Fee Amendments (*Winder, M.*)**

Rep. Mike Winder presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Seegmiller moved to replace H.B. 93 with 1st Substitute H.B. 93. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Snow

**MOTION:** Rep. Wheatley moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 93 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. V. Snow

**2. H.B. 117 Victim Address Confidentiality Program (*Pitcher, S.*)**

Rep. Pitcher presented the bill with the assistance of Lestelle Greenwalt, and Darcy Goddard, Chief Policy Advisor, Civil Division, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

Susanne Mitchell, Associate Division Director, Victim Services, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wendy Isom, Victim Advocate Supervisor, Salt Lake City Police Department, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kaleigh Bronson-Cook, Awareness and Prevention Director, Canyon Creek Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Robert Van Dyke, Vice President, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Margaret Rose, Executive Director, YCC Family Crisis Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Reed Richards, Legislative Liaison, Utah Council on Victims of Crime, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ashlee Taylor, Executive Director, The Refuge Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ronni Bateman, Chair, Stop Abuse Campaign Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ryan Holtan, Section Director, Utah Human Trafficking and SECURE Strikeforce, Attorney General's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Darcy Goddard, Chief Policy Advisor, Civil Division, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rep. Lisonbee assumed the chair.

Rebecca Rockwell, Commissioner, Utah State Tax Commission, commented on the bill.

Heidi Nestel, Criminal Law Attorney, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Birkeland moved to replace H.B. 117 with 1st Substitute H.B. 117. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. J. Hawkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Birkeland moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 117 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. J. Hawkins

**3. H.B. 149 Power of Attorney Amendments (*Ballard, M.G.*)**

Rep. Melissa Ballard presented the bill with the assistance of Craig Hughes, Hughes Estate Group, and Danny Harris, Advocacy Director, AARP Utah.

**MOTION:** Rep. Brammer moved to pass H.B. 149 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Rep. J. Hawkins

**4. H.B. 122 Marriage Terminology Amendments (*Weight, E.*)**

Rep. Elizabeth Weight presented the bill.

Rep. Hawkins resumed the chair.

Stewart Ralphs, Executive Director, Family Law Section, Executive Committee, commented on the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to replace H.B. 122 with 1st Substitute H.B. 122. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 122 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. B. King  
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**5. H.J.R. 2 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence on Admissibility of Evidence of Crimes or Other Acts (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Stephen Handy presented the joint resolution with the assistance of Paul Cassell, .

Robert Van Dyke, Vice President, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, commented on the bill.

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

Richard Larson, Litigation Section Chief, Davis County Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heidi Nestel, Criminal Law Attorney, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, spoke in favor of the bill.

Adam Trupp, Assistant Director, Utah Indigent Defense Commission, spoke against the bill.

Dain Smoland, criminal defense attorney, spoke against the bill.

Troy Rollings, Davis County attorney, commented on the bill.

John Nielson, Assistant Solicitor General, Utah Attorney General's Office, commented on the bill.

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

Yeas - 10

- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. B. Brammer
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. S. Pitcher
- Rep. J. Rohner
- Rep. T. Seegmiller
- Rep. V. Snow
- Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. K. Lisonbee

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.