



# MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 | 8:00 a.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. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Mike Schultz  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

**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 8:04 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Miles moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 5

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**1. H.B. 65 Forensic Biological Evidence Preservation (King, Brian S.)**

Rep. Brian King presented the bill with the assistance of Jensie Anderson, Rocky Mountain Innocence Project. A handout was provided.

[Innocence Project](#)

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

Marc Moffitt, criminal defense lawyer, spoke in support of the bill.

Jeff Buhman, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in support of the bill.

Heather Fannen, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Nathaniel Erb, Innocence Project, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to replace H.B. 65 with 1st Substitute H.B. 65. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 65 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

## **2. H.B. 351 Domestic Violence Modifications (*Pierucci, C.*)**

Rep. Candace Pierucci presented the bill and provided a handout.

### [Analysis of Domestic Violence in Utah](#)

Jeff Buhman spoke in support of the bill.

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

Heather Fannon spoke in support of the bill.

Erin Jemison, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

Steve Burton, Utah Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, spoke in support of the bill.

Moroni Benally, Restoring Ancestral Winds, spoke in support of the bill.

Rep. Burton assumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to replace H.B. 351 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 351. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 351 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte

Rep. R. Wilcox

### **3. H.B. 133 Expanded Background Checks for Firearm Transfers (*King, Brian S.*)**

Rep. King presented the bill to the committee.

Ed Rutan, Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Claudia Fruin, Bulletproof Kids and American Academy of Pediatrics, spoke in support of the bill.

Sheri Mattle, Utah PTA, spoke in support of the bill.

Neca Allgood, sister of a homicide victim, spoke in support of the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ellen Brady, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Michelle Camp, DC Project, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jean Hill, Catholic Diocese, spoke in support of the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Dan Reid, National Rifle Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Villina Greenwell, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Victoria-Christine Dortzbach, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to pass H.B. 133 out favorably.

Rep. Romero's motion to pass H.B. 133 out favorably failed with a vote of 3 - 8 - 0.

Yeas - 3

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Absent - 0

#### **4. H.B. 340 Forensic DNA Privacy Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Greg Miller, son-in-law of a homicide victim.

Richard Englehart, Ancestry.com, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to table H.B. 340.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Schultz moved to adjourn. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.