



UTAH STATE

LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 20, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton
Rep. Katy Hall
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Trevor Lee
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

Members Absent:

Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Managing Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary
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.

Chair Wilcox called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chair Wilcox invited committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

1. H.B. 25 Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force Sunset Extension (Romero, A.)

Rep. Angela Romero introduced the bill.

Moroni Denali, representing Navajo Nation, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to pass H.B. 25 out favorably.

The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

2. H.B. 18 Online Dating Safety Amendments (Romero, A.)

Rep. Romero introduced the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gwynn moved to pass H.B. 18 out favorably.

Will Carlson, Chief Policy Advisor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, answered questions from the committee.

Rep. Gwynn's motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION:

Rep. Burton moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

Rep. Gwynn assumed the chair.

3. H.B. 57 Law Enforcement Investigation Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill with the assistance of Jeffrey Mann, Assistant Solicitor General, Attorney General Office.

Renaë Cowley, representing Google, spoke to the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.B. 57 out favorably.

The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

Rep. Wilcox resumed the chair.

4. H.B. 27 Drug Possession Penalty Amendments (*Bennion, G.*)

Rep. Bennion presented the bill with the assistance of Will Carlson.

Daniel Strong, Director, Sentencing Commission, spoke for the bill.

Mark Moffat, criminal defense lawyer, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass H.B. 27 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 5 - 1.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 5

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

5. H.B. 29 Mental Health Support and Law Enforcement Co-response (*Stoddard, A.*)

Rep. Stoddard presented the bill.

Andrew Riggle, Disability Law Center, spoke for the bill.

Darin Adams, Chief of Police, Cedar City, spoke for the bill.

Rena Rogers, Mental Health America of Utah, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to replace H.B. 29 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 29. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
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Rep. V. Peterson
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Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 29 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
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**6. H.B. 156 Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry and Child Abuse Offender Registry Administration
Amendments (Stoddard, A.)**

H.B. 156 was not heard.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
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Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.