



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 3, 2023 | 3:40 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott, Vice Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. James F. Cobb
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Rep. Brian S. King

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Shay Berger, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee

1. H.B. 246 Board of Pardons and Parole Amendments (Rohner, J.)

Rep. Rohner introduced the bill with Sergeant Jared Jensen, Sunset Police Department, Gary Jensen, Chief of Police for Logan City, and Shawna Scott-Bellacomo, mother.

Daniel Strong, Director of the Sentencing Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to replace H.B. 246 with 1st Substitute H.B. 246. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. King

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 246 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. King

2. H.B. 279 DNA Collection Amendments (*Chew, S.*)

Rep. Scott Chew introduced the bill.

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

Laurie Abraham, President of the Utah Funeral Directors Association, spoke against the bill.

Leah Hansen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to hold H.B. 279. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 1

Rep. T. Clancy

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. King

3. H.B. 311 Social Media Usage Amendments (*Teuscher, J.*)

Rep. Teuscher introduced the bill.

[Handout for HB311](#)

Carolyn Phippen, Executive Director of Freedom Front of Utah, spoke against the bill.

Emilie Daly, Utah Parents United, spoke to the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

Jonathan Harvey, conservative podcast host, spoke to the bill.

Ben Horsley, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jake Oaks, Liberty United, spoke against the bill.

Dan Burton, Utah Attorney General's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Carl Szabo, Vice President and General Counsel of NetChoice, spoke against the bill.

Caden Rosenbaum, Libertas Institute, spoke in against the bill.

Hannah Zoulek, high school student, spoke against the bill.

Dylan Hoffman, Executive Director for the Southwest at TechNet, spoke against the bill.

Delaine England, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Michelle Steel, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Tiffany Barker, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kouri Marshall, Director of State and Local Government Relations at the Chamber of Progress, spoke against the bill.

George Bekmezian, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Linda Zenger, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cobb moved to replace H.B. 311 with 1st Substitute H.B. 311. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. B. King

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 311 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. B. King

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Cobb
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. B. King