



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 19, 2024 | 2:00 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. Brian S. King
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Abbott called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to approve the February 27, 2023 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. R. Shipp

1. H.B. 31 Agricultural Tourism Amendments (*Albrecht, C.*)

Rep. Carl Albrecht presented the bill with the assistance of Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau.

Craig Buttars, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tarah Holt, Cold Springs Trout Farm, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jenna Madsen, Sunder Creek Farms, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Riley, Rileys' U-Pick, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jennifer Clark, Clark Family Dairy, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to pass H.B. 31 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. B. King
Rep. R. Shipp

Rep. Hawkins assumed the chair.

2. H.B. 55 Employment Confidentiality Amendments (*Birkeland, K.*)

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill with the assistance of Kimberly Bernhardt, citizen.

Crystal Young, Apolitically Pink, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Head, Utah Association for Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mike Borys, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass H.B. 55 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. B. King
Rep. R. Shipp

3. H.B. 20 Parental Rights Amendments (*Birkeland, K.*)

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill.

Rep. Abbott resumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to replace H.B. 20 with 1st Substitute H.B. 20. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. B. King
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 20 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. B. King
Rep. R. Shipp

Rep. Hawkins resumed the chair.

4. H.B. 94 Civil Commitment Examiner Requirements (*Abbott, N.*)

Rep. Abbott presented the bill with the assistance of Leslie Miles, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass H.B. 94 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. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. B. King

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to saunter. 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. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. B. King

Chair Hawkins called the meeting back to order at 3:04 p.m.

5. H.B. 95 Liability of Relative Amendments (*Stoddard, A.*)

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to pass H.B. 95 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. B. King
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.