



# MINUTES

## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson

Rep. Ashlee Matthews  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Reese Boardman, 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 Christofferson called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

**1. H.B. 309 Driver License Amendments (Peterson, T.)**

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Chair, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to replace H.B. 309 with 1st Substitute H.B. 309. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 309 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Matthews moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. D. Welton

**2. H.B. 345 Driving Penalty Amendments (Spendlove, R.)**

Rep. Spendlove presented the bill.

Leah Hansen, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sheri Mattle, Safety Commission, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Spatafore, Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chase Clyde, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sam Knight, Utah Defense Attorney Association, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Abbott moved to amend H.B. 345 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 2 - 0.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 345

1. Page 4, Lines 102 through 113:

102 (a) A violation of Subsection (2) or (3) is a class C misdemeanor and the minimum

103 penalty is:

104 (i) for a first offense:

105 (A) \$1,000; and

106 (B) {no less than 50} 10 hours of compensatory service;

107 (ii) for a second offense within five years of a previous conviction or bail forfeiture:

108 (A) \$2,000; and

109 (B) {no less than 200 hours and up to 400} 20 hours of compensatory service; and

110 (iii) for a third or subsequent offense within five years of a previous conviction or bail

111 forfeiture:

112 (A) \$3,000; and

113 (B) {no less than 200 hours and up to 400} 40 hours of compensatory service.

Yeas - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 2

Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Welton

Absent - 0

**MOTION:** Rep. Abbott moved to pass H.B. 345 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

**3. H.B. 383 Vehicle Registration Modifications (*Brooks, W.*)**

Rep. Brooks presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Welton moved to pass H.B. 383 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

**MOTION:** Rep. Welton moved to place H.B. 383 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

**4. H.B. 351 Driving by Minors Amendments (*Birkeland, K.*)**

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill.

Sheri Mattle, Safety Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in opposition to bill.

Sandra Mays, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Michael Rapich, Colonel, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to replace H.B. 351 with 1st Substitute H.B. 351. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. S. Pulsipher

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 351 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 5 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 5

Absent - 0

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist

**5. H.B. 231 Motor Vehicle Insurance Modifications (*Abbott, N.*)**

Rep. Abbott presented the bill with assistance from Steve Sullivan, Utah Association for Justice.

Ryan Andrus, General Counsel, WCF Insurance, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to replace H.B. 231 with 1st Substitute H.B. 231. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. K. Christofferson
- Rep. A. Defay
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Rep. K. Peterson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. J. Stenquist
- Rep. R. Ward
- Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 231 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. K. Christofferson
- Rep. A. Defay
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Rep. K. Peterson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. J. Stenquist
- Rep. R. Ward
- Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 231 on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. Ward withdrew the motion to place 1st Substitute H.B. 231 on the Consent Calendar.

**6. H.B. 395 DUI Offense Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

Rep. Eliason presented the bill with assistance from Ryan Robinson, West Valley City, Chief Prosecutor; Will Carlson, Deputy District Attorney, Salt Lake City; Michael Rapich, Colonel, Utah Highway Patrol ; and Diane Pete, citizen.

Steve Burton, Defense Attorney Association, spoke against the bill.

Sandra Mays, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelley Bush, Mayor, Kearns Metro Township, spoke in favor of the bill.

Greg Frei, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Adam Crayk, Partner, Stowell, Crayk & Bown, PLLC, spoke to the bill.

Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, spoke to the bill.

Art Brown, President, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, spoke in favor of the bill.

Glendon Mitchell, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Matthews moved to replace H.B. 395 with 1st Substitute H.B. 395. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. K. Christofferson
- Rep. A. Defay
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Rep. K. Peterson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. J. Stenquist
- Rep. R. Ward
- Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Ivory moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 395. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Nays - 1

Absent - 1

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. K. Christofferson
- Rep. A. Defay
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. K. Peterson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. R. Ward
- Rep. D. Welton

- Rep. A. Matthews

- Rep. J. Stenquist

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

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Rep. N. Abbott
- Rep. K. Christofferson
- Rep. A. Defay
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Rep. K. Peterson
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. R. Ward
- Rep. D. Welton

- Rep. J. Stenquist

Chair Christofferson adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: H.B. 0367 was not discussed in the meeting.