



# MINUTES

## HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 5, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner

Rep. Colin W. Jack

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Paul A. Cutler  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Staff Present:**

Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, 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 Strong called the meeting to order at 3:57 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**1. H.B. 238 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Amendments (*Brammer, B.*)**

Rep. Brammer introduced the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in support of the bill.

Dalaine England, Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

Nate Mutter, Co-Chair, Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke in support of the bill.

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

Zach Boyd, BYU teacher, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to replace H.B. 238 with 1st Substitute H.B. 238. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6  
Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 238 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6  
Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Wheatley

## **2. H.C.R. 3 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Child Pornography (*Brammer, B.*)**

Rep. Brammer introduced the resolution.

Nicholeen Peck spoke in support of the resolution.

Sheri Mattle spoke in support of the bill.

Mary Ann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in support of the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Defay moved to amend H.C.R. 3 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

### Amendment 1 H.C.R. 3

1. Page 1, Lines 1 through 5:
  - 1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING CHILD
  - 2 {~~PORNOGRAPHY~~} SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL
  - 3 2024 GENERAL SESSION
  - 4 STATE OF UTAH
  - 5 Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer

Yeas - 7  
Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.C.R. 3 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**3. S.J.R. 12 Joint Resolution Supporting a National Hockey League Franchise in Utah (McCay, D.)**

Rep. Hawkins introduced the resolution assisted by Mike Maughan, Smith Entertainment Group.

Dalaine England spoke to the resolution.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Commissioner, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to pass S.J.R. 12 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**4. H.B. 123 Vaccine Disclosure Amendments (Lee, T.)**

[Covid-19 Incentive Program](#)

Rep. Lee introduced the bill and distributed the handout, "Covid-19 Vaccine Provider Incentive Program ."

Rep. Stenquist assumed the chair.

Paul Gibbs, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nicholeen Peck spoke in support of the bill.

Mary Ann Christensen, spoke in support of the resolution.

Kristen Chevrier, Your Health Freedom, Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Dave Davis, Utah Retail Merchants Association, spoke to the bill.

Jake Parker, Salt Lake County Libertarian Party, spoke in support of the bill.

Carrie Butler, Utah Public Health Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Mary Ann Martindale, CEO, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, spoke in support of the bill.

Dalaine England spoke in support of the bill.

Neil Schultz, Davis County, spoke in support of the bill.

Amelia Powers Gardner spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Garner moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Strong

Absent - 3

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**5. H.B. 148 Artificial Pornographic Images Amendments (*Defay, A.*)**

Rep. Defay introduced the bill.

Nicholeen Peck spoke to the bill.

Nate Mutter spoke in support of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to pass H.B. 148 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**6. H.B. 155 Discharge of Fireworks Amendments (*Shipp, R.P.*)**

Rep. Shipp introduced the bill.

Kevin Ward, Fire Chief, Layton City, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Riley Pilgrim, Assistant Fire Chief, Unified Fire Authority, Salt Lake County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tony Allred, Division Chief, Salt Lake City over Fire Prevention, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ted Black, Utah State Fire Marshall, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Lynn Schofield, Provo City Fire Marshall, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nicholeen Peck spoke in support of the bill.

Mary Ann Christensen spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Garner moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 4.



Yeas - 4

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Strong

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**7. S.B. 122 Youth Apprenticeship Governance Structure Amendments (*Millner, A.*)**

Sen. Millner introduced the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to pass S.B. 122 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Chair Stenquist adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.