



MINUTES

HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 12, 2024 | 4:00 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. Stephen L. Whyte

Members Absent:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Managing Policy Analyst
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 Gwynn called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

1. H.B. 327 Limitations on the Use of Polygraphs (Romero, A.)

Rep. Angela Romero presented the bill.

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

Jeff Buhman, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in support of the bill.

Marlesse Jones, Victim Services Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

Jeff Buhman answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to amend H.B. 327 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Amendment 1
H.B. 327

1. Page 2, Line 36:

36 (1) "Child" means ~~[a person]~~ an individual who is younger than 18 years ~~[of age]~~ ~~{-child}~~ old,

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to pass H.B. 327 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 7
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 1
Rep. T. Lee

Absent - 4
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. R. Wilcox

2. H.B. 143 Shooting Range Requirements (Owens, D.)

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to replace H.B. 143 with 1st Substitute H.B. 143. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 143 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. R. Wilcox

3. H.B. 469 Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Amendments (Wilcox, R.)

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill with the assistance of Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources.

Kerry Gibson, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Nate Mutter spoke in support of the bill.

Tyra Taylor, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Cody Stromberg, Utah Peace Officers Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Sean Spencer, Sergeant, Division of Wildlife Services and speaking on behalf of Utah Conservation Officers Association, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to replace H.B. 469 with 1st Substitute H.B. 469. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 469 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 469

1 . Page 28, Lines 840 through 844:
840 (f) an administrative rule enacted by an advisory board within any of the department's
841 divisions.
842 (3) The division shall { ~~work cooperatively~~ } coordinate with county sheriffs, police, and other law
843 enforcement officers within a law enforcement jurisdiction the division operates to enforce this
844 part.

Yeas - 8
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 469 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

4. S.B. 158 Youth Service Organizations (Grover, K.)

Sen. Keith Grover presented the bill.

Avremi Zippel, Chair, Crime Victims Council, spoke in support of the bill.

Elizabeth Garbe, Vice President of Public Policy, United Way of Salt Lake, speaks in support of the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in support of the bill.

Marlesse Jones spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to pass S.B. 158 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2024. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

5. H.B. 338 Mentally Ill Offenders Amendments (*Abbott, N.*)

Rep. Nelson Abbott presented the bill.

Mark Moffat, criminal defense attorney, spoke in support of the bill.

Jeff Buhman spoke in support of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Lee moved to pass H.B. 338 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Burton

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

Chair Gwynn adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.