



# MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 22, 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. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Gwynn called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. R. Wilcox

**1. H.B. 538 Protection of State Official or Employee Personal Information (*Birkeland, K.*)**

Rep. Kera Birkeland presented the bill with the assistance of Tanner Jensen, Director, Statewide Information and Analysis Center, and Alan Fuller, State Chief Information Officer.

Rep. Wilcox assumed the chair.

Michael Judd, Salt Lake Tribune and the Media Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hall moved to replace H.B. 538 with 1st Substitute H.B. 538. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:**

Rep. Hall moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 538 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**2. H.B. 165 Federal Law Enforcement Amendments (Lee, T.)**

Rep. Lee presented the bill with the assistance of Mike Smith, Utah County Sheriff and representing the Utah Sheriffs Association.

Adam Crayk, immigration lawyer, spoke to the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Jess Anderson, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:**

Rep. Burton moved to replace H.B. 165 with 1st Substitute H.B. 165. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:**

Rep. Burton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 165 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

### **3. 2nd Sub. S.B. 167 Court Transcript Fee Amendments (Weiler, T.)**

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill with the assistance of Vickie Larsen, President, Utah Court Recorders Association.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hall moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 167 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. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

### **4. S.B. 205 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Amendments (Cullimore, K. A.)**

Sen. Kirk Cullimore presented the bill with the assistance of Emily Bell McCormick and Mary Catherine Perry, The Policy Project. A slideshow was presented.

[Slideshow](#)

Caroline Ashton, RLC Family Foundation, spoke in support of the bill.

Rob Campbell, RLC Family Foundation, spoke in support of the bill.

Laurieann Thorpe, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Utah, answered questions from the committee and spoke in support of the bill.

Adam Ashton, RLC Family Foundation, spoke in support of the bill.

Jackie Warren, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Burton moved to pass S.B. 205 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson

**5. 1st Sub. S.B. 212 Substance Use Treatment in Correctional Facilities (*Plumb, J.*)**

Sen. Jen Plumb presented the bill.

Elizabeth Klc, Director, Utah Substance Abuse and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in support of the bill.

Katherine Carlson, Medical Director, Project Reality, spoke in support of the bill.

Matt Dumont, Chief Deputy, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 212 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. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**6. H.B. 119 School Employee Firearm Possession Amendments (*Jimenez, T.*)**

Rep. Tim Jimenez presented the bill with the assistance of Carlos Jimenez, teacher.

Nicholeen Peck spoke in support of the bill.

Brian Peterson, teacher, spoke in support of the bill.

Neca Allgood, Gun Violence Prevention Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Stan Holmes, retired teacher, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Burton moved to replace H.B. 119 with 1st Substitute H.B. 119. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Burton moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 119 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 119

1. Page 2, Lines 30 through 37:  
30 (1) As used in this section:  
31 (a) "Annual classroom response training" means a training for a teacher:  
32 (i) that held at least once a year and is administered, at no cost, by a county sheriff, the  
33 department, or a local law enforcement agency for a teacher; and  
34 (ii) where the teacher is trained:  
35 (A) on how to defend a classroom{-, including a live action practice in defending} against  
36 active threats emphasizing the teacher's role in stationary defense; and  
37 (B) on the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a school setting.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Burton moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 119 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 2  
1st Sub. H.B. 119

1. Page 2, Lines 30 through 33:  
30 (1) As used in this section:  
31 (a) "Annual classroom response training" means a training for a teacher:  
32 (i) that held at least once a year and is administered, at no cost{-, by a county sheriff, the  
33 department, or a local law enforcement agency for a teacher} to a teacher, by the individual identified by the  
county sheriff as described in Section 53-22-103; and  
2. Page 2, Lines 38 through 45:  
38 (b) "Annual firearms training" means a training that is held at least once a year and  
39 that:  
40 (i) is at least four hours in length;  
41 (ii) includes practicing and demonstrating firearms proficiency at a firearms range  
42 using the firearm the teacher carries for self-defense and defense of others; and  
43 (iii) is offered:  
44 (A) at no cost to a teacher, by {a county sheriff, the department, or a local law  
45 enforcement agency} the individual identified by the county sheriff as described in Section 53-22-103;  
3. Page 3, Line 76 through Page 4, Line 88:  
76 (4) (a) The state security chief shall:

- 77 (i) track each teacher that participates in the program by collecting a photograph, name,  
78 and contact information for each teacher;  
79 (ii) make the information described in Subsection (4)(a) readily available to each law  
80 enforcement agency in the state;  
81 (iii) reimburse each teacher participating in the program up to \$500 for installing a  
82 biometric gun safe in the teacher's classroom or office; and  
83 (iv) provide { ~~reasonable reimbursement~~ } a reimbursement of up to \$500 to a county sheriff { ~~or local law~~  
84 ~~agency that provides a teacher with~~ } for each teacher that is provided annual classroom response training { ~~or~~  
85 } and annual firearms  
86 training.  
86 (b) The state security chief shall categorize the information described in Subsection  
87 (4)(a)(i) by school.  
(c) The state security chief shall discontinue providing reimbursements under Subsections (4)(a)(iii) and (iv) when any funds appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose have been depleted.  
88 (5) A school employee participating in the program:

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Burton moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 119 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 3 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 3

Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**7. S.B. 186 State Commemorative Period Amendments (McCay, D.)**

Rep. Dan McCay presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to pass S.B. 186 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. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard 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. Hayes  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Whyte

Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.