



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 3, 2025 | 8:10 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Nelson T. Abbott, Chair
Rep. Tyler Clancy, Vice Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Tiara Auxier
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, 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.

Chair Abbott called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Loubet moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee

1. 2nd Sub. H.B. 335 Political Advertising Amendments (Hayes, S.)

Rep. Hayes presented the bill.

Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk Office, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to amend 2nd Substitute H.B. 335 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 412 through 414:

- 412 (B)any other medium used for communicating with the general public.
413 (ii)"Advertisement" includes {[a news story, commentary, an editorial, or](#)}a marketing
414 campaign disseminated on a medium described in Subsection (1)(a)(i).

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 335 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee

2. H.B. 540 Municipal Incorporation Modifications (*Kohler, M.*)

Rep. Kohler presented the bill.

Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to replace H.B. 540 with 1st Substitute H.B. 540. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet

MOTION: Rep. Auxier moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 540 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 1

Rep. N. Abbott

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee

3. S.J.R. 8 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence on Admissibility of Evidence of Crimes or Other Acts (*Brammer, B.*)

Sen. Brammer along with Paul Cassell, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, presented the bill.

Mark Moffat, Defense Bar, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ryan McBride, Utah County Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Matt Hansen, Davis County Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tony Graf, Davis County Attorney's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jeff Gray, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to pass S.J.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga

Nays - 1

Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 3

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Thompson

4. 2nd Sub. S.B. 171 Indigent Defense Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler along with Matt Barraza, Executive Director, Utah Indigent Defense Commission presented the bill.

Pam Vickrey, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tom Ross, Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gricius moved to replace 2nd Substitute S.B. 171 with 3rd Substitute S.B. 171. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 1

Rep. T. Clancy

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION:

Rep. Gricius moved to pass 3rd Substitute S.B. 171 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0Absent - 2

Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Thompson

5. S.B. 191 Protective Orders Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

Michael Jarman, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rep. Clancy assumed the chair.

MOTION:

Rep. Clancy moved to pass S.B. 191 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

6. 2nd Sub. S.B. 208 Parent-time and Custody Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

Michael Jarman, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Gricius moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 208 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Thompson

7. S.B. 304 Government Attorney Amendments (Weiler, T.)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

Michael Jarman, resident, spoke to the bill.

Brett Robinson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in favor to the bill.

Mark Moffat, Defense Bar, provided comment to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to amend S.B. 304 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 3.

Amendment 1

1. Line 8 through 10:

8 →changes the effective date of 2024 General Session S.B. 273, Amendments Relating to
9 District Attorney In County of the First Class, from July 1, 2025, to {~~July~~October 1, {~~2026~~2025.
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2. Line 20 through 21:

20 Attorney In County of the First Class, contained in Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 538, is
21 changed from July 1, 2025, to {~~July~~October 1, {~~2026~~2025.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet

Nays - 2

Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 3

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. J. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass S.B. 304 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. J. Thompson

8. S.J.R. 3 Joint Resolution Dissolving Salt Lake County Justice Court (*Cullimore, K. A.*)

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass S.J.R. 3 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Thompson

9. S.B. 286 Criminal Plea Withdrawal Amendments (*Pitcher, S.*)

Rep. Hawkins along with Mark Moffat, Defense Bar, presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass S.B. 286 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0Absent - 2

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to place S.B. 286 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0Absent - 2

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Lisonbee

10. 1st Sub. S.B. 296 Judicial Amendments (Wilson, C.)

Sen. Wilson along with Sen. Brammer presented the bill.

Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Jarman, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lynn Carroll, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 296 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 2

Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller

Absent - 2

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Lisonbee

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. T. Auxier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. J. Thompson

Nays - 0Absent - 2

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. K. Lisonbee

Chair Clancy adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.