



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Brady Brammer
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore

Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

Staff Present:

Taylor Calabrese, 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.

Acting Chair Escamilla called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2025 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. McKell

1. S.B. 109 Alienation of Affection Amendments(*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to replace SB0109 with SB0109S01. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore

Marlesse Jones, Director, Victim Services Commission, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass SB0109S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore

2. S.B. 161 Evaluations in Guardianship Amendments(*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

Jennifer Stout, resident, spoke for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass SB0161 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer

Chair Weiler assumed the chair.

3. S.B. 134 Appellate Court Amendments(*Wilson, C.*)

Sen. Chris Wilson presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to replace SB0134 with SB0134S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 9

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to amend SB0134S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 0.

Amendment 1

1. Line 25 through 31:

- 25 (1) four district court judges in the First Judicial District;
26 (2) 14 district court judges in the Second Judicial District;
27 (3) [32]33 district court judges in the Third Judicial District;
28 (4) {13}14 district court judges in the Fourth Judicial District;
29 (5) [seven]eight district court judges in the Fifth Judicial District;
30 (6) two district court judges in the Sixth Judicial District;
31 (7) three district court judges in the Seventh Judicial District; and



Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Teneille Brown, law professor, spoke against the bill.

Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute, spoke for the bill.

Diane Wanamacker, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, spoke against the bill.

Kim Cordova, President, Utah State Bar, spoke to the bill.

Linda Smith, retired law professor, spoke against the bill.

David Connors, retired judge, spoke to the bill.

Jacqueline Rosen, attorney, spoke against the bill.

Nate Alder, attorney, spoke against the bill.

Chase Thomas, Better Utah Institute, spoke against the bill.

Freyja Johnson, attorney, spoke against the bill.

Naomi Landry, resident, spoke against the bill.

Samuel Adams, resident, spoke against the bill.

Kim Brown, resident, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass SB0134S01 out favorably.

Sen. McKell's motion to pass SB0134S01 out favorably passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 1

Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. S. Pitcher

4. S.B. 136 Enforcement Activities Amendments(*Blouin, N.*)

Sen. Nate Blouin presented the bill.



MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to replace SB0136 with SB0136S02. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 5 - 2.

Yeas - 2

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. S. Pitcher

Melanie Monestere, Utah Republican Party, spoke against the bill.

Krista Cook, resident, spoke for the bill.

Holly Crowley, resident, spoke against the bill.

Ella Frandsen, resident, spoke for the bill.

Kristin Richey, Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Paul Gibbs, resident, spoke for the bill.

Tracy Glover, Kane County Sheriff and representing Utah Sheriffs Association and Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke against the bill.

Adam, resident, spoke for the bill.

Stephen Done, resident, spoke to the bill.

TJ Young, resident, spoke for the bill.

Andrew Frederick, resident, spoke against the bill.

En Canada, resident, spoke for the bill

Mike Smith, Utah County Sheriff, spoke against the bill.

Kaitlin Hannig, resident, spoke for the bill.

Maryanne Christensen, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke against the bill.

Jonathan Hymas, resident, spoke for the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke to the bill.

Jesse West, Salt Lake County Libertarian Party, spoke for the bill.

Melanie Mortensen, resident, spoke against the bill.

Jaime Booz, resident, spoke for the bill.

Magdeleine Bradford, resident, spoke for the bill.



Jackson Green, Declare Emergency, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass SB0136 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to hold SB0136.

The substitute motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 0.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman

Nays - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Absent - 0

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 9

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.