MINUTES
HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 30, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:
Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair
Rep. Paul A. Cutler, Vice Chair
Rep. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Leah Hansen
Rep. Colin W. Jack
Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. David Shallenberger
Rep. Troy Shelley

Staff Present:
Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst
Calvin Cruz, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2026. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 7	Nays - 0	Absent - 3
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. L. Hansen		Rep. D. Owens
Rep. J. Hawkins		Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. C. Jack		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. T. Shelley		

1. HB0243 - Gambling Revisions

Rep. Elison presented the bill with the assistance of Daniel Burton, Chief Deputy Attorney General and General Counsel, Office of the Attorney General.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to amend HB0243 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1 . Line 157 through 163:

or [~~Article VI, Section 27, of the Utah Constitution~~]Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 27.

(17)"Proposition bet" means a gambling bet on an individual action, statistic, occurrence, or non-occurrence{~~ during an athletic event~~}.

[~~(17)~~](18) "Skill-based game" means a game, played on a machine or device, the outcome of which is based, in whole or in part, on the skill of the player, regardless of whether a degree of chance is involved.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. C. Jack		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. T. Shelley		

MOTION: Rep. Jack moved to pass HB0243 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. C. Jack		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. T. Shelley		

2. HB0250 - Utah Retirement Plan Exchange

Rep. Elison presented the bill with the assistance of Nathan Glassey, Director of Federal and State Legislative Affairs, American Retirement Association, and Marlo Oaks, State Treasurer.

2a. Retirement Savings Handout

Vice Chair Cutler assumed the chair.

Chair Hawkins resumed the chair.

Rep. Thompson spoke in favor of the bill.

Ken Richey, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Eric Thorne, Senior Vice President, National Benefit Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shelley moved to hold HB0250.

MOTION: Rep. Shelley withdrew the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass HB0250 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 6	Nays - 1	Absent - 3
Rep. P. Cutler	Rep. L. Hansen	Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. J. Hawkins		Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. T. Shelley		

3. H.B. 352 Higher Education Alignment*(Peterson, K.)*

Rep. Peterson presented the bill with the assistance of Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner of Higher Education.

Sydney O'Shay, Chapter President - Utah State University, American Federation of Teachers, spoke to the bill.

Sean Crossland, Utah Vice President of Higher Education, American Federation of Teachers, spoke to the bill.

Brianne Kramer, Chapter President - Southern Utah University, American Federation of Teachers, spoke in favor of the bill.

Avery Edenfield, American Federation of Teachers, spoke to the bill.

Nicole Allen, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Joe Lasure, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shallenberger moved to pass HB0352 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

4. S.B. 29 Child Care Advisory Committee Amendments*(Kwan, K.)*

Sen. Kwan presented the bill with assistance from Rebecca Banner, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services.

MOTION: Rep. Fiefia moved to pass SB0029 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

5. HB0265 - Non-nicotine Inhalation Product Amendments

Rep. Thompson presented the bill with the assistance of Christal Dent, Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services.

Vice Chair Cutler assumed the chair.

Chair Hawkins resumed the chair.

Walter Plumb, Drug Safe Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jen Brown, Drug Safe Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mercedes Frandsen, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to replace HB0265 with HB0265S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to amend HB0265S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1 . Line 9 through 15:

registered;
→establishes civil penalties for selling an unregistered non-nicotine inhalation product or non-nicotine inhalation substance;
→creates the criminal offense of illegal distribution of a cannabinoid inhalation product or cannabinoid inhalation substance;
→clarifies that a cannabinoid product does not include an electronic cigarette; and
→defines terms.

2 . Line 729 through 742:

Section . is enacted to read:
Unlawful sale of a cannabinoid inhalation product or cannabinoid inhalation substance.
(1)As used in this section:
(a)"Cannabinoid inhalation product" means an electronic cigarette that contains a cannabinoid.
(b)"Cannabinoid inhalation substance" means a substance containing a cannabinoid that is used or intended for use in an electronic cigarette.
{~~(b)~~}(c)"Compensatory service" means service or unpaid work performed by an employee, in lieu of the payment of a fine or imprisonment.
{~~(c)~~}(d)"Employee" means an employee or an owner of a retailer.
(2)An actor commits unlawful sale of a cannabinoid inhalation product or cannabinoid inhalation substance if the actor:
(a)is an employee; and
(b)intentionally or knowingly sells or gives a cannabinoid inhalation product or cannabinoid inhalation substance in the course of business to an individual.
(3)A violation of Subsection (2) is:
(a)on a first violation:

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved to pass HB0265S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

6. HB0309 - Juneteenth Observance Amendments

Rep. Hollins presented the bill.

Cort Ashton, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to replace HB0309 with HB0309S01. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9	Nays - 0	Absent - 1
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to pass HB0309S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 9	Nays - 0	Absent - 1
Rep. P. Cutler		Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. G. Miller		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

MOTION: Rep. Owens moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 8	Nays - 1	Absent - 1
Rep. P. Cutler	Rep. G. Miller	Rep. C. Jack
Rep. D. Fiefia		
Rep. L. Hansen		
Rep. J. Hawkins		
Rep. V. Mauga		
Rep. D. Owens		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. T. Shelley		

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.