



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 5, 2026 | 3:40 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Rex P. Shipp, Vice Chair
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jill Koford
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Logan J. Monson

Rep. Doug Owens
Speaker Mike Schultz
Rep. David Shallenberger
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, 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 Albrecht called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. H.B. 168 H.B. 168 Hunting and Fishing Amendments(Shipp, R.P.)

MOTION: Rep. Kohler moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 5

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. Shipp presented the bill with assistance from Chad Bettridge, Major, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Dustin Shannon, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Matt Anderson, Utah Sportsman Caucus, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Kohler moved to amend HB0168 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Amendment 1

1 . Line 221 through 227:

221 services for compensation to [another]an individual for hunting protected wildlife on
222 public lands.
223 (6) (a) "Outfitting services" means, for hunting protected wildlife on public lands,
224 providing, either directly or through an individual compensated by the outfitter:
225 (i) transportation of people, equipment, supplies, or protected wildlife to or from a
226 location;
227 (ii) cooking for the participants who are hunting, including fishing;



Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Kohler moved to pass HB0168 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 154 1st Sub. H.B. 154 Water Loss Study Amendments(Owens, D.)

Rep. Owens presented the bill with assistance from Joel Williams, Director, Division of Water Resources,
Taz Burman, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to pass HB0154S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. C. Snider

3. S.B. 46 Water Wise Landscaping Amendments(Stratton, K.)

Sen. Stratton presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Koford moved to pass SB0046 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. D. Owens
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Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. C. Snider

4. H.B. 247 H.B. 247 Great Salt Lake Funding Amendments(*Ward, R.*)

Rep. Ward presented the bill.

[3a - HB0247 Great Salt Lake Funding Amendments Handout](#)

Tim Hawkes, Chairman, Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative Board, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alex Rampton, Youth Coalition for the Great Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ava Baskin, Youth Coalition for the Great Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Arthur moved to replace HB0247 with HB0247S01. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
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Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Arthur moved to pass HB0247S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Koford
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5. H.B. 348 Dedicated Water Amendments(*Koford, J.*)

Rep. Koford presented the bill with assistance from Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer/Director, Utah Division of Water Rights

Brian Steed, Commissioner, Great Salt Lake Commissioners Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jordan Neilson, Trout Unlimited, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brick Daniels, Great Salt Lake Rising, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alyssa May, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alissa Daily, Utah Association of REALTORS, spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Erickson, Great Basin Water Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

Warren Peterson, Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to replace HB0348 with HB0348S01. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
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MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass HB0348S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
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6. H.B. 410 Water Leasing Amendments(Koford, J.)

Rep. Koford presented the bill with assistance from Hannah Freeze, Deputy Commissioner, Great Salt Lake Commissioners Office.

Jordan Neilson, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jake Dreyfous, Managing Director, Grow the Flow spoke in favor of the bill.

Amber Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alyssa May, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Matt Anderson, Utah Coordinator, Property Environment Research Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Warren Peterson, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to replace HB0410 with HB0410S01. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
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Rep. J. Koford
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Rep. C. Watkins

Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass HB0410S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
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Rep. J. Koford
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Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.