



MINUTES

SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 12, 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 Brammer called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

1. S.B. 257 Domestic Relations Amendments(*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to replace SB0257 with SB0257S02. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Pitcher

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

Russ Rampton, Digital Services Supervisor, Utah County Marriage License Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Aaron Davidson, Utah County Clerk, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass SB0257S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell

2. S.B. 283 Court Fees and Administration Amendments(*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill with the assistance of Michael Drechsel, Assistant State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass SB0283 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell

Chair Weiler assumed the chair.

3. S.B. 93 Corrections Amendments(Owens, D.R.)

[SB 93 UDC Handout](#)

Sen. Derrin Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Jared Garcia, Executive Director, Department of Corrections. A handout was provided.

Virginia Robertson Rollins, resident, spoke to the bill.

Nadine Salyer, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to amend SB0093 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1

1. Line 549 through 569:

549 17-63-706; and
550 (f) sixth, to any other amount owed by the defendant.
551 (3) When the office collects money from a defendant for a criminal accounts receivable, a
552 civil accounts receivable, ~~{or}~~ a civil judgment of restitution, or past due monthly supervision fees under
553 Subsection 64-14-204(6), the office shall disburse the
554 money in the following order of priority:
555 ~~{(a)}~~~~{(b)}~~ first, to any past due amount owed to the department for the monthly supervision fee
556 under Subsection 64-14-204(6);~~{(b)}~~~~{(a)}~~ second, and except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), to restitution owed by the
557 defendant in accordance with Subsection (4);
558 ~~{(e)}~~~~{(b)}~~~~{(c)}~~ third, to the cost of obtaining a DNA specimen from the defendant in accordance
559 with Subsection (4)(b);
560 ~~{(d)}~~~~{(e)}~~~~{(d)}~~ fourth, to any criminal fine or surcharge owed by the defendant;
561 ~~{(e)}~~~~{(d)}~~~~{(e)}~~ fifth, to the cost owed by the defendant for a reward described in Section
562 77-32b-104;
563 ~~{(f)}~~~~{(e)}~~~~{(f)}~~ sixth, to the cost owed by the defendant for medical care, treatment,
564 hospitalization and related transportation paid by a county correctional facility under
565 Section 17-63-706; and
566 ~~{(g)}~~~~{(f)}~~~~{(g)}~~ seventh, to any other amount owed by the defendant.
567 (4) (a) If a defendant owes restitution to more than one person or government agency at



568 the same time, the court, or the office, shall disburse a payment for restitution in the
569 following order of priority:

Yeas - 7

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. McKell

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass SB0093 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Pitcher

4. S.B. 143 Utah Exemptions Act Amendments(*Plumb, J.*)

Sen. Jen Plumb presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass SB0143 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 3 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. C. Musselman

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Cullimore

5. S.B. 205 Law Enforcement Artificial Intelligence Amendments(*Pitcher, S.*)

Sen. Pitcher presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to replace SB0205 with SB0205S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Cullimore

Nate Mutter, Chair, Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke to the bill.

Steve Burton, Director, Utah Defense Attorney Association, spoke in support of the bill.



MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to pass SB0205S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
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6. H.B. 181 Uniform Estate Planning Amendments(Abbott, N.)

Rep. Nelson Abbott presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to pass HB0181 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. K. Cullimore

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to place HB0181 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. K. Cullimore

7. S.B. 270 State Collections and Housing Court Amendments(Cullimore, K. A.)

Sen. Cullimore presented the bill.

Michael Drechsel spoke to the bill.

Steve Waldrip, Senior Advisor for Housing Strategy and Innovation, Governor's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Shawn Janke, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Seth Stewart spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Cullimore moved to pass SB0270 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. M. McKell

8. 2nd Sub. H.B. 24 Criminal Penalty Amendments(*Wilcox, R.*)

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

Dan Strong, Sentencing Commission and the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke to the bill.

Audrey Barron, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to pass HB0024S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. C. Musselman
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell

Sen. Brammer resumed the chair.

9. 1st Sub. H.B. 274 Sentencing Amendments(*Schultz, M.*)

House Speaker Mike Schultz presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to replace HB0274S01 with HB0274S02. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 4

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. S. Pitcher

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

Craig Black, Chief, North Salt Lake Police Department and representing the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Seth Stewart spoke in opposition to the bill.

Wendy Parmley, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Michael Mc Ainsh, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Steve Burton spoke in support of the bill.



Carl Hollan, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, spoke in support of the bill.

Nadine Salyer spoke to the bill.

Tracy Glover, Kane County Sheriff and President, Utah Sheriffs Association, spoke in support of the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass HB0274S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. T. Weiler

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. T. Weiler

Acting Chair Brammer adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

NOTE: S.B. 0262 was not discussed in the meeting.