



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, February 13, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Rep. Rex P. Shipp, Vice Chair
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jill Koford
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Logan J. Monson
Rep. Doug Owens
Speaker Mike Schultz
Rep. David Shallenberger
Rep. Casey Snider

Members Absent:

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 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the minutes from February 11, 2026. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. C. Snider

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 326 1st Sub. H.B. 326 Animal Depredation Amendments(*Shipp, R.P.*)

Rep. Shipp presented the bill with assistance from Troy Forrest, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food.

Wade Garrett, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Brett Selman, Vice President, Utah Wool Growers, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Larson, President, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sierra Nelson, Executive Director, Utah Wool Growers, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Arthur moved to amend HB0326S01 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.



Amendment 1

1. Line 71 through 77:

71 [(6)"Depredating bird" means a Brewer's blackbird or starling;]
72 [(7)"Livestock" means cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, and swine;]
73 [(8)"Predatory animal" means any coyote; and]
74 (6)"Take" means {the same as that term is defined in Section 23A-1-101}to:
(a)hunt, pursue, harass, catch, capture, possess, gather, angle, seine, trap, or kill; or
(b)attempt an action described in Subsection (6)(a).
75 [(9))(7) "Wildlife" means [any form of animal life generally living in a state of nature,
76 except a predatory animal or a depredating animal or bird.]the same at that term is
77 defined in Section 23A-1-101.

2. Line 145 through 151:

145 [(8))(6) [The issuance of an aerial hunting]A permit or license issued under this section
146 does not authorize the [holder]permittee or licensee to use aircraft to [hunt, pursue,
147 shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect protected wildlife, as defined in Section
148 23A-1-101}take or locate wildlife other than a coyote, unless [also-]authorized by the Division of
149 Wildlife Resources under Section 23A-5-315.
150 (7)The department may suspend or revoke a permit or license issued under this section if
151 the department determines that the permittee or licensee:

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

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

MOTION: Rep. Arthur moved to pass HB0326S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

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Rep. C. Snider

2. S.B. 66 S.B. 66 Medical Cannabis Pharmacy License Amendments(Vickers, E.)

Sen. Vickers presented the bill with assistance from Brandon Forsyth, Director, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

MOTION: Rep. Koford moved to pass SB0066 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.



Yeas - 7

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Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

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MOTION: Rep. Koford moved to place SB0066 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

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MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. B. Bolinder
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Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.