



MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 26, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Derrin R. Owens, Chair
 Sen. Nate Blouin
 Sen. Keith Grover
 Sen. David P. Hinkins
 Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

Sen. Keven J. Stratton

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
 Cassie Sudekum, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 08:06 AM.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Hinkins
 Sen. D. Owens
 Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
 Sen. K. Grover
 Sen. S. Sandall
 Sen. J. Stevenson

1. 3rd Sub. H.B. 84 Dangerous Weapon Amendments(Brooks, W.)

Rep. Walt Brooks presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to amend HB0084S03 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2

1 . Line 271 through 279:

271 Section . is amended to read:

272 Openly carrying a dangerous weapon at an institution of higher
 273 education.

274 (1) (a) As used in this section~~(b)~~:

(i)"Institution of higher education" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53H-1-101.

(ii){-on}On or about school premises" means:

275 ~~{(a)}(A)~~ in ~~{a public}~~~~[or private]~~an institution of higher education; or

276 ~~{(b)}(B)~~ on the grounds of a ~~{public}~~~~[or private]~~an institution of higher education.

(b)Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5, 76-11-101, and 76-11-201 apply to this section.

277 (2) An actor commits openly carrying a dangerous weapon at an institution of higher
 278 education if~~[the actor]~~:

279 ~~[(a)is not an individual listed in Subsection (4);]~~

2 . Line 288 through 294:

288 premises at the time the actor carries the dangerous weapon.

289 (3) ~~[(a)A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor if the dangerous weapon~~
 290 ~~carried by the actor is not a firearm.]~~

291 ~~[(b)]~~ A violation of Subsection (2) is a class [A]~~{B}~~(C) misdemeanor~~[if the dangerous~~
 292 ~~weapon carried by the actor is a firearm].~~

- 293 (4) This section does not apply if:
294 (a) the actor is an individual exempt from certain weapons laws as described in Section

Yeas - 4
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to pass HB0084S03 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 1
Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 111 Wildlife Amendments(*Bolinder, B.*)

Rep. Bridger Bolinder presented the bill with the assistance of Justin Shannon, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Matt Anderson, Director, Utah Sportsmen's Caucus, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to pass HB0111S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 1
Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

3. H.B. 412 Energy Development Planning Amendments(*Owens, D.*)

Rep. Doug Owens presented the bill.

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

Kasey Lindstrom, Utah Project Manager, Wildlands Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to pass HB0412 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

4. 2nd Sub. H.B. 247 Great Salt Lake Related Amendments(*Snider, C.*)

Rep. Raymond Ward presented the bill.

[HB 247 Handout](#)



Tim Hawkes, Chair, Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, spoke to the bill.

Brian Somers, President, Utah Mining Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke in favor.

Terry Camp, Vice President of Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Liam Mountain La Malfa, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Carmen Valdez, HEAL Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elisabeth Currit Thompson, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to pass HB0247S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 09:03 AM.

NOTE: 01st Substitute H.B. 0076 was not discussed in the meeting.