

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
20 House Building, Utah State Capitol Complex  
February 2, 2016

**Members Present:** Rep. LaVar Christensen, Chair  
Rep. Merrill Nelson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Fred C. Cox  
Rep. Bruce Cutler  
Rep. Brian M. Greene  
Rep. Craig Hall  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Curtis Oda  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Rep. Kevin J. Stratton  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Staff Present:** Mr. Gregg Girvan, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Glenda VanWagenen, Committee Secretary

**NOTE:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

Vice Chair Nelson assumed the Chair at 2:20 p.m.

Rep. Snow moved to approve the minutes from January 28, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

**1st Sub. H.B. 79      Nonpatient Cause of Action (K. McIff)**

Rep. McIff explained the bill to the committee. He was assisted by Rep. Kennedy, Physicians Representative, Steven Hester, Medical Malpractice Attorney, Alan Mortensen, Utah Association for Justice, and Mark Brinton, Utah Medical Association.

Spoke for the bill:      David Davis, Utah Retail Merchants Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to adopt 1st Sub. H.B. 79. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hall and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cox moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. King and Rep. Wheatley voting against. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

**H.B. 128      Alimony Amendments (K. Stratton)**

Rep. Stratton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill:      Dani Hartvigser, Coalition for Preservation of Family Values  
                                    Laura Bunker, United Family International  
                                    Stuart Rostrum

**MOTION:**      Rep. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow and Rep. Wheatley absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**      Rep. Oda moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

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Rep. LaVar Christensen, Chair