

2-12-21

House Judiciary Committee

Bill: HB 260, Criminal Justice Modifications

Sponsor: Rep. Lisonbee

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends provisions related to sentencing, probation, parole, and court-ordered restitution, fines, fees, and other costs.

Discussion: The sponsor asked that 1st substitute HB 260 be adopted. The sponsor said the substitute bill cleans up statutory language to eliminate conflicting language. The bill makes the restitution framework more easily understood. The bill clarifies that restitution is part of a criminal case. The co-presenter said this bill eliminates the multitrack system so every defendant is equal when trying to obtain restitution. This bill eliminates the two order requirements, stops the overlapping of the criminal and civil time period for paying restitution, and allows an opportunity for remittance with the victim's consent. The Director of the Utah Sentencing Commission said this bill adds clarity to restitution. The Utah Office for Victims of Crime supports this bill. The Department of Administrative Services supports this bill. The 1st substitute was adopted.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st substitute HB260 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation

Bill: HB 101, Protected Persons Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Stoddard

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: provides a process for surrendering a firearm after an individual becomes a restricted person.

Discussion: Rep. Stoddard spoke to the 2nd substitute. He said the bill is designed to inform people when they are restricted from having a firearm. The Statewide Association of Prosecutors, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime, Allies with Families voiced strong support for this bill. The Western National Gun Rifle Association and the Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers voiced opposition this bill. The 2nd substitute HB 101 was adopted. The sponsor said the concerns by those who have opposed this bill have been addressed in the 2nd substitute.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 1

N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 101 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation