

**House Judiciary Committee**  
02/05/2026

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**Bill: 1st substitute HB 123 - Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registration**

**Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Acton

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill amends provisions related to registration on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry.

Discussion: The Committee adopted House Amendment 1, which adds the phrase “or required to be on” to clarify that the requirement applies to offenders who must be registered on the external jurisdiction sex, kidnap, and child abuse registry. The sponsor stated that the Bill makes clear that an individual who has committed an offense in another jurisdiction that, if it had been committed in Utah, would require them to be registered on the state’s Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry is also required to register in Utah. The Statewide Association of Prosecutors and the Victims Services Commission spoke in support of the Bill, while the Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws spoke in opposition.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1st substitute HB 123, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**

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**Bill: 1st substitute HB 307 - Attorney Fees Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Loubet

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill addresses attorney fees.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 1<sup>st</sup> substitute which expands and clarifies the circumstances under which a court may award attorney fees against the party who requested a trial de novo. The Committee adopted the substitute. The sponsor stated that the Bill clarifies the meaning of “bad faith” throughout the Utah Code as it relates to attorney fees and amends the requirements for awarding reasonable attorney fees in a civil action. There was no Committee or public comment.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1st substitute HB 307 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**

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