

## **Will Utah abolish the death penalty?**

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Today on the show: A renewed attempt at abolishing the death penalty emerges at the Utah Legislature. Rep. Gage Froerer, R-Huntsville, leads the charge with HB379, which would prohibit the state from seeking the death penalty for aggravated murder committed after May 7, 2018. Two years ago, Froerer supported the death penalty. House Speaker Greg Hughes, R-Draper, has also changed his mind on capital punishment and is a strong supporter of Froerer's bill.

On the other hand, Rep. Paul Ray, R-Clinton, continues to be strongly in favor of capital punishment. He views it as a deterrent for violent crime and a fitting form of justice for "monsters" who commit murder. And Marina Lowe, Legislative and Policy Counsel for the ACLU of Utah, talks about the numbers: how many people have been exonerated from death row?