



# House of Representatives *State of Utah*

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Mr. Speaker:

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 197**, LIMIT ON CHILD WELFARE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RULINGS, by Representative M. Thompson, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Line 27 through Page 2, Line 34:*

- 27        (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), no agency may recommend or rule on the  
28 custody, placement, including foster placement, or other disposition alternative for a  
29 minor, or  
30 the termination of parental rights, based on the fact that a parent or guardian of the minor  
31 lawfully does one or more of the following:  
32        (a) legally possesses or uses a firearm or other weapon;  
33        (b) espouses particular religious beliefs. ~~[[or engages in particular religious~~  
34 practices]] ; or  
35        (c) schools the minor or other minors outside the public education system or is  
36 otherwise sympathetic to schooling a minor outside the public education system.

2. *Page 2, Lines 40 through 47:*

- 40        (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), no court may rule on the custody,  
41 placement,  
42 including foster placement, or other disposition alternative for a minor, or the termination  
43 of  
44 parental rights, based on the fact that a parent or guardian of the minor lawfully does one  
45 or  
46 more of the following:  
47        (a) legally possesses or uses a firearm or other weapon;  
48        (b) espouses particular religious beliefs. ~~[[or engages in particular religious~~  
49 practices]] ; or

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46           (c) schools the minor or other minors outside the public education system or is  
47           otherwise sympathetic to schooling a minor outside the public education system.

Respectfully,

Mike Thompson  
Committee Chair

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