

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2004
ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. James M. Evans, Chair
 Sen. Ron Allen
 Sen. Leonard Blackham
 Sen. Beverly Evans
 Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
 Sen. David L. Thomas

Members Excused: Sen. Paula Julander
 Sen. Peter Knudson

Staff Present: Mark Andrews, Policy Analyst
 Jeanne Wride, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Dr. Scott Williams, Utah Department of Health; Kelly Atkinson,
 Utah Health Care Association; David Gessal, Utah Hospitals and
 Health Systems.

Visitor List on File.

Sen. J. Evans called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

1. S.B. 29 ACCESS TO RURAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (Sen. L. Blackham)

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adopt the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Lines 19 through 20:

19 ▶ amends the definition of independent hospital to include a critical ~~[[care]]~~
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20 hospital.

2. Page 2, Lines 46 through 47:

46 (e) "Independent hospital" means a general acute hospital or a critical ~~[[care]]~~
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47 hospital that:

The motion passed with Sen. Kundson and Sen. Julander absent at the time of the vote.

Sen. Blackham presented the bill to the committee.

Kelly Atkinson, Utah Health Insurance Association, and David Gessal, Utah Hospitals and Health Systems, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Blackham moved to hold the bill.

The motion passed with Sen. Knudson and Sen. Julander absent at the time of the vote.

2. **S.B. 70 HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSING EXEMPTION (By Sen. J. Hickman)**

Sen. Blackham presented the bill to the committee.

Dr. Scott Williams, Utah Department of Health spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass S. B. 70 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed with Sen. Knudson and Sen. Julander absent at the time of the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with all present voting in favor.

Chair J. Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes reported by Jeanne Wride, Secretary

Sen. James Evans, Committee Chair