

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE  
Room 25, House Office Building  
January 25, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Paul Ray, Chair  
Rep. Evan J. Vickers, Vice Chair  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove  
Rep. Dean Sanpei  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Linda Black, House Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**H.B. 241 Foster Care and Kinship Placement Amendments** *(Rep. C. Watkins)*

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum  
Ms. Charri Brummer, Deputy Director, DCFS  
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Public Affairs, Sutherland Institute  
Spoke to the bill: Mr. Rick Schwermer, Administrative Office of the Courts

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

**H.B. 202 Child Protection Amendments** *(Rep. C. Watkins)*

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Charri Brummer, Deputy Director, DCFS  
Mr. Brent Platt, DCFS  
Ms. Kathryn Perkins, parent  
Ms. Lynne Skowronski, parent

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 18:*

18 parent's or guardian's proper use of prescribed medication; and

2. *Page 1, Lines 20 through 22:*

20 is due to a parent's or guardian's proper use of prescribed medication {~~;~~  
-} and {~~and~~}

21 {~~states that an employee of the Division of Child and Family Services who~~  
violates

22 these provisions is subject to discipline.}

3. *Page 2, Lines 45 through 46:*

45 {~~(3) An employee of the division who violates these provisions is subject to~~  
discipline.

~~46 up to and including termination from employment.~~}

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Menlove and Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

**H.B. 203 Parental Rights Revisions** (*Rep. C. Watkins*)

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cosgrove moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 14:*

12 ▶ provides that before ordering termination, the court {~~shall~~} may  
consider whether

13 terminating a parent's rights will cause a child to lose meaningful contact with other  
14 members of the child's ethnic group or race; and

2. *Page 2, Lines 55 through 57:*

55 (2) Prior to termination, the court {~~shall~~} may consider whether  
terminating a parent's rights

56 will cause the child to lose meaningful contact with other members of the child's ethnic

group  
57 or race.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sanpei moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Rep. Paul Ray, Chair