



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 20 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, Vice Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Mr. Steve Benard, Session Secretary
Mr. Joseph T. Wade, Policy Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Lisonbee called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1 . H.B. 308 Abuse of Process and Demand Letters Amendments (Thurston, N.)

Rep. Norman K. Thurston explained the bill with the assistance of Ms. Cathy Dupont, Administrative Office of the Courts, and Mr. Frank Pignanelli representing the Utah State Bar.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to go to the next item on the agenda and recommend that the Judiciary Interim Committee study H.B. 308. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-8

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. V. Snow

2 . H.B. 422 Marriage Code Revisions (Handy, S.)

Rep. Stephen G. Handy explained the bill with the assistance of Mr. Lynn Taylor, Weber County Clerk-Auditor's office.

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to report a favorable recommendation on H.B. 422. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Rep. King moved to approve the minutes of the February 27 and March 1, 2019, meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-9

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. S. Pitcher

3 . H.B. 399 Prohibition of the Practice of Conversion Therapy upon Minors (Hall, C.)

At the last meeting, the sponsor explained the bill and committee members asked questions. Chair Lisonbee opened public comment.

Dr. Christy Cane spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Taryn Hiatt, Utah Chapter for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, spoke in favor of the bill.

Caleb spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Jerry Buie, licensed clinical social worker and professor at the University of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Julia spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Christina Zidow, licensed clinical social worker, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Erin Brewer spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Arturo Fuentes spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Stephen Done spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Nan Klein, Utah Psychological Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Jeff Robinson, marriage and family therapist, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Erika Munson, Mormons Building Bridges, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Jeff Bennion spoke in favor of the substitute version of the bill, which substitute version was not identified.

Mr. Jeremy Christensen, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Human Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Geoffrey Heath, Board of Directors, Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rep. Lisonbee read a statement from Mr. Ron Gordon of the Governor's office, which is supportive of substitute #4.

Ms. Jody Hansen spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Joan Landes spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Debra Oaks Coe, LGBT suicide prevention workgroup, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Laura Haynes, National Task Force for Therapy Equality, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Jen Specchiale spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Curtis Brown spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Laura Wright spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Michael Erickson spoke in opposition to some substitutes of the bill.

Ms. Taylor Stringam spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Merrilee Boyack, Utah Chapter of Family Watch International, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Dominic Hussein spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Thomas Johnson, author, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Nicole Chaves spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Kimberly Farley spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Natalie Cline, representing various organizations, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Dorothy Winters spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Nicholeen Peck, President Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Jessica Taylor spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Cherilyn Bacon Eager spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to replace H.B. 399 with 4th Substitute H.B. 399.

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to replace H.B. 399 with 5th Substitute H.B. 399.

Rep. Hall explained the 5th substitute with assistance from Mr. Clifford Rosky, professor at University of Utah.

Rep. Brammer made a point of order.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to end debate. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-1

Rep. B. King

Absent-0

Rep. Hall's motion to replace H.B. 399 with 5th Substitute H.B. 399 failed with a vote of 5 - 7 - 0.

Yeas-5

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-7

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow

Absent-0

Rep. Brammer's motion to replace H.B. 399 with 4th Substitute H.B. 399 passed with a vote of 8 - 4 - 0.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays-4

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to report a favorable recommendation on 4th Substitute H.B. 399. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 4 - 0.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays-4

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent-0

Chair Lisonbee adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.