

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 30, 2017 • 2:00 pm • 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Stephen G. Handy, Chair  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Walt Brooks  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson

Rep. Keith Grover  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Introduction of members.

**1. H.B. 154 Telehealth Amendments (Ivory, K.)**

Rep. Ivory presented the bill with the assistance of Ms. Deb LaMarche, Utah Education and Telehealth Network.

Ms. Heather Williamson, Americans for Prosperity Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Holly Bullock, Physician, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Marina Lowe, American Civil Liberties Union, spoke to the bill.

Ms. Chelsea Hicken, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Ms. Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to amend H.B. 154 with Amendment #1.

1. Page 1, Lines 25 through 26:

25           { ~~→ amends the Electronic Prescribing Act to restrict certain prescriptions~~  
              in  
26    ~~conjunction with telehealth services.~~}

2. Page 12, Lines 349 through 352:

349 { ~~(7) A practitioner treating a patient through telehealth services, as described in~~  
~~Title 26;~~  
~~350 Chapter 59, Telehealth Act, may not issue a prescription through electronic~~  
~~prescribing for a~~  
~~351 drug or treatment to cause an abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, or if the life~~  
~~of the~~  
~~352 mother would be endangered without an abortion.~~  
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The motion failed with a vote of 3-8-0.

Yeas:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. L. Hemingway

Nays:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Abs:

**MOTION:** Rep. Grover moved to pass H.B. 154 out favorably.

The motion passed with a vote of 9-2-0.

Yeas:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays:

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. L. Hemingway

Abs:

**2. H.B. 80 State Technology Governance Amendments (*Cutler, B. R.*)**

Rep. Cutler presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Michael Hussey, Utah Department of Technology Services.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass H.B. 80 out favorably.

The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. K. Grover

**3. H.C.R. 4 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing 50 Years of Public Television (*Snow, V. L.*)**

Rep. Snow explained the resolution with the assistance of Dr. Laura Hunter, Utah Education and Telehealth Network and KUEN, Mr. James Morgese, KUED, and Ms. Diena Simmons, KBYU.

Mr. Lance Whitacre, citizen, spoke in favor of the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass H.C.R. 4 out favorably.

The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-2.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. Nelson assumed the chair.

**4. H.B. 190 Telecommunications Advisory Council Repeal (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Handy explained the bill with the assistance of Ms. Linda Hull, Department of Transportation and Ms. Elizabeth Weight, Department of Transportation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to pass H.B. 190 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-2.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to place H.B. 190 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Stratton

**5. H.C.R. 5 Concurrent Resolution on Clean Fuel School Buses (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Handy explained the resolution with the assistance of Mr. Bryce Bird, Division of Air Quality.

Mr. Lance Whitacre, citizen, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Mike Edwards, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the resolution.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass H.C.R. 5 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. K. Grover

**MOTION:** Rep. Hemingway moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. L. Hemingway  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. K. Stratton

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. K. Grover

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

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Rep. Stephen G. Handy, Chair