

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 13, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 250 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, 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 Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Van Tassell

**1. S.C.R. 8 Health Care Freedom Concurrent Resolution (*Hemmert, D.*)**

Sen. Hemmert explained the bill.

Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Paul Tsosie, Attorney, Confederated Tribes of Goshute, spoke to the bill.

Ms. Jesse Mandle, Voices of Utah Children, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Micah Vorwaller, Health Policy Analyst, Utah Health Policy Project, spoke against the bill.

Mr. Andrew Riggle, Disability Law Center, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Fillmore moved to pass S.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla

Abs:

Sen. B. Shiozawa

Sen. Fillmore resumed the chair.

**2. S.C.R. 9 Concurrent Resolution Concerning the Oral Health Care of Utah's At-risk Populations (Knudson, P.)**

Sen. Knudsen explained the bill.

Sen. Knudson noted a conflict of interest due to his work for the University of Utah School of Dentistry.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to pass S.C.R. 9 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

**3. S.J.R. 12 Joint Resolution Designating Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day (Knudson, P.)**

Sen. Knudson explained the bill.

Ms. Sarah Johnson spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to pass S.J.R. 12 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Shiozawa moved to place S.J.R. 12 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

**4. H.B. 61 Pharmacy Service for Discharged Hospital Patients (*Redd, E.*)**

Rep. Redd explained the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 61 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to place H.B. 61 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

**5. 1st Sub. H.B. 66 Opiate Overdose Response Act Amendments (*Moss, C.*)**

Rep. Moss explained the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 66 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

**6. H.B. 227 Emergency Medical Service System Amendments (*Gardiner, A.*)**

Rep. Gardiner explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 227 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to place H.B. 227 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

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

Rep. Ivory presented the bill with the assistance of Ms. Laura Bunker, Family Policy Resources.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to amend H.B. 154 with Amendment #5.

1. *Page 4, Lines 104 through 106:*

104 (1) "Asynchronous store and forward transfer" means the transmission of a patient's  
105 health care information from an originating site to a provider at a distant site { ~~over a~~  
~~secure~~  
106 ~~connection that complies with state and federal security and privacy laws~~ } \_\_\_\_.

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~~ } \_\_\_\_.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-2-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

Ms. Michelle McOmber, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Medical Association spoke in favor of the bill, but expressed concern with Amendment #5.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

**8. H.B. 60 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Amendments (*Thurston, N.*)**

Rep. Thurston explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass H.B. 60 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

**MOTION:** Sen. Shiozawa moved to place H.B. 60 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. P. Knudson

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. B. Shiozawa  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. P. Knudson

Chair Fillmore adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

---

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair