

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 • 8:00 am • 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair  
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy, Vice Chair  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Craig Hall  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. Edward H. Redd  
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Rep. Norman K Thurston  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Sandra Hollins

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Steve Benard, 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 Kennedy called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

**1. S.B. 35 Veterans Tuition Gap Program Act Amendments (*Escamilla (Robles), L.*)**

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Utah System of Higher Education.

**MOTION:** Rep. Miles moved to pass S.B. 35 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-3.

Yeas:

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. P. Ray

**MOTION:** Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to place S.B. 35 on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. Chavez-Houck withdrew her motion.

**2. H.B. 299 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Act Amendments (Redd, E.)**

Rep. Edward H. Redd presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Jeremy Christensen, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Human Services.

Mr. Tom Ross, Bountiful Police Chief, and Utah Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to replace H.B. 299 with 1st Substitute H.B. 299. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Hollins

**MOTION:** Rep. Spendlove moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 299 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Hollins

### 3. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, meeting.  
The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Hollins

### 4. H.B. 286 Essential Treatment and Intervention Act (*Christensen, L.*)

Rep. LaVar Christensen presented the bill.

Mr. Kelly Atkinson, Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke to the bill, expressing concern. He stated that he was also authorized to indicate that America's Health Insurance Plans also has concern with the bill.

Mr. Will Carlson, SWAP (Statewide Association of Prosecutors), spoke to the bill.

Ms. Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ray moved to replace H.B. 286 with 1st Substitute H.B. 286. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Hollins

**MOTION:** Rep. Spendlove moved to hold 1st Substitute H.B. 286. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Hollins

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.

Yeas:

Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Hollins

**5. H.B. 266 Pharmaceutical Step Therapy (*E. Hutchings*)**

Not considered.

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting.

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Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair