

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Thursday , January 25, 2018 • 2:05 p.m. • 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg, Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner

President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan M. Hunter, Policy Analyst
Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

Members Absent:

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

Chair Anderegg called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

1 . S.B. 75 Workers' Compensation Penalty Amendments (*Hemmert, D.*)

Sen. Daniel Hemmert presented the bill with the assistance of Commissioner Jaceson Maughan, Utah Labor Commission.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to replace S.B. 75 with 1st Substitute S.B. 75. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-3

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 75 out favorably at 2:27 p.m. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-3

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

2 . S.B. 103 Strategic Workforce Investments (*Millner, A.*)

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

Mr. Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Technical Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Kimberlee Carlile, Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Tim Sheehan, Salt Lake Community College, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 103 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-3

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Millner

Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to place S.B. 103 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-3

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . S.B. 104 Talent Development and Retention Strategy (Millner, A.)

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to replace S.B. 104 with 1st Substitute S.B. 104. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-3

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

Ms. Abby Osbourne, Salt Lake Chamber, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Benjamin Hart, Governor's Office of Economic Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Theresa Foxley, Envision Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Kelly Sloan, Bio Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Heather Williamson, Americans for Property, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Paul Rogers, Utah Technology Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 104 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . S.B. 40 Workers' Compensation Dependent Benefit Amendments (*Mayne, K.*)

Sen. Mayne presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Dennis Lloyd, WCF Insurance.

Commissioner Jaceson Maughn, Salt Lake Labor Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Richard Bird, Utah Association for Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 40 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

5 . S.B. 53 Workers' Compensation Coordination of Benefits Amendments (*Mayne, K.*)

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to replace S.B. 53 with 1st Substitute S.B. 53. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Mayne presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Dennis Lloyd, WCF Insurance.

Mr. Chris Hill, Utah Labor Commission, explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 53 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

6 . S.B. 92 Workers' Compensation Attorney Fees Amendments (Mayne, K.)

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to amend S.B. 92 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Amendment 1
S.B. 92

1 Page 1, Line 15

15 reasonable attorney fees in an adjudication of a {~~medical benefits claim~~} workers' compensation claim where only medical benefits are at issue ; and

2 Page 2, Line 31

31 For an adjudication of a {~~medical benefits claim~~} workers' compensation claim where only medical benefits are at issue , reasonable attorney fees may be

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

Sen. Mayne presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Dennis Loyd, WCF Insurance.

Mr. Jaceson Maughn, Salt lake Labor Commission, explained the bill.

Mr. Brian Allen, American Insurance, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Richard Bird, American Association for Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to pass S.B. 92, as amended, out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Anderegg adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Sen. Jacob L Anderegg, Chair