

(Approved)
MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 1, 2018 • 4:00 p.m. • 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. Steve Eliason
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Staff Present:

Ms. Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary
Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst

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

Chair Daw called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 and the January 31, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-8

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. P. Ray

1 . H.B. 163 Prescription Drug Importation Program (Thurston, N.)

Rep. Norman K Thurston presented the bill with the assistance of Ms. Jane Horvath, Senior Policy Fellow, National Academy for State Health Policy. Mr. Benjamin England, Benjamin L. England Associates and FDA Imports.com, also assisted via telephone.

Mr. Danny Harris, Director of Advocacy, AARP Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Rob Wesemann, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Kelly Atkinson, Executive Director, Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Kelly Sloan, Bio Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Steve Nielsen, Utah Association of Health Underwriters, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Leah Lindal, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Healthcare Distribution Alliance, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Sharon Brigner, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Eliana White, Selecthealth, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Peter Pitts, President, Not for Profit Center for Medicine in the Public Interest, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Mark Babitz, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to replace H.B. 163 with 1st Substitute H.B. 163. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 1 .

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-1

Rep. P. Ray

Absent-1

Rep. R. Spendlove

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 163 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 2 - 1 .

Yeas-9

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-2

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. P. Ray

Absent-1

Rep. R. Spendlove

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

Yeas-11

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. R. Spendlove

Chair Daw adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.