

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

Wednesday , February 7, 2018 • 3:00 p.m. • 250 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Sen. Brian Zehnder

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla

Staff Present:

Mr. Brent Palmer, Policy Analyst
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Fillmore called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2 .

Yeas-6

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

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. L. Escamilla

1 . S.B. 130 Cannabidiol Product Act (*Vickers, E.*)

Sen. Vickers explained the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace S.B. 130 with 1st Substitute S.B. 130. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. L. Escamilla

Mr. Scott Erickson, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Mr. Connor Boyack, Libaritas Institute, spoke to the bill.

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

Mr. Tom Paskett, Policy Analyst, Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education (TRUCE) Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers motioned to favorably pass out 1st Substitute S.B. 130. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. L. Escamilla

2 . S.B. 126 Gestational Agreements Revisions (*Hillyard, L.*)

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill.

Ms. Abby Cox spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Kristen Jolley spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Denise Bartley spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Chante Engh spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Sarah Tuttle spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Dallas Young spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Tracey Cannon spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Damian Davenport, Attorney, Salt Lake City, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Missy Bezzant spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Natalie Parkin spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Joseph Cottle, Attorney, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Zach Parduhn, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Shawn E. Gurtcheff, Endocrinologist, Utah Fertility Clinic, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Tanya Canaday, Utah Fertility Clinic, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Jennifer Fresques spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Lisa Condie Barlow spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Brooke Walwarth, Director of Education, Utah Infertility Resource Center, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Trent Williams, Executive Director, Equality Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to move to next agenda item. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Sen. Zehnder assumed the chair.

3 . S.B. 135 Insurance Contracts Amendments (*Fillmore, L.*)

Sen. Fillmore explained the bill.

Mr. Don Faust spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Ms. Joyce Dolcourt, Legislative Coalition with People with Disabilities, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Danny Harris, Director of Advocacy, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP,) Utah spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Todd Kiser, Commissioner, Utah Insurance Department, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Kelly Atkinson, Executive Director, Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to pass S.B. 135 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

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

Yeas-4

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Acting Chair Zehnder adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.