

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

Monday , February 26, 2018 • 9:00 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. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Sen. Brian Zehnder

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Fillmore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018. 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. 224 Medical Treatment Prior Authorization (*Vickers, E.*)**

Sen. Vickers explained the bill with assistance of Jennifer Dailey-Provost, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, and Michelle McOmer, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Medical Association.

Mr. Brian Allen, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Eric Cannon, Vice President, Pharmacy Benefits, Select Health, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Joshua Stolow, Rheumatologist, Board Member, Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Stephen Foxley, Director of Government of Relations, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Marc Watterson, Director of Government Relations, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Zehnder moved to pass S.B. 224 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-8

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. B. Zehnder

**2 . H.B. 322 Non-emergency Patient Transportation Safety Amendments (Redd, E.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Zehnder moved to replace H.B. 322 with 1st Substitute H.B. 322. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0 .

<u>Yeas-8</u>	<u>Nays-0</u>	<u>Absent-0</u>
Sen. A. Christensen		
Sen. J. Dabakis		
Sen. L. Escamilla		
Sen. L. Fillmore		
Sen. P. Knudson		
Sen. K. Van Tassell		
Sen. E. Vickers		
Sen. B. Zehnder		

**MOTION:** Sen. Zehnder moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 322 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0 .

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 322

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185 (a) establish . based on the cost, quality, and access goals established under Subsection 26-8a-408(7), a level of staffing or equipment availability necessary to support the needs

<u>Yeas-8</u>	<u>Nays-0</u>	<u>Absent-0</u>
Sen. A. Christensen		
Sen. J. Dabakis		
Sen. L. Escamilla		
Sen. L. Fillmore		
Sen. P. Knudson		
Sen. K. Van Tassell		
Sen. E. Vickers		
Sen. B. Zehnder		

Rep. Redd explained the bill with the assistance of Nate Thompson, Paramedic Captain, Logan Fire Department.

Mr. Ryan Loose, City Attorney, South Jordan, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Michael Moffitt, President, Gold Cross Ambulance spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 322, as amended, out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 2 - 0 .

Yeas-6

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-2

Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Absent-0

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-8

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

Nays-0

Absent-0

Chair Fillmore adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.