

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

Thursday , March 1, 2018 • 9:30 a.m. • 250 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Brian Zehnder

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**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 9:34 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

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

**1 . 1st Sub. H.B. 209 Mental Health Protections for First Responders (Kwan, K.)**

Rep. Kwan explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 209 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Amendment 1  
1st Sub. H.B. 209

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94 (iii) one member representing self-insured employers , which may be a representative from the Utah Association of Counties ;

95 (d) one member representing the Division of Risk Management;

96 (e) four representatives of first responders appointed by the chair, ~~{one}~~ two of whom ~~{is a}~~ are

97 voting ~~{member}~~ members of the employee side of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council;

98 (f) one representative from the Utah League of Cities and Towns;

99 (g) one representative from the Utah Association of Special Districts;

100 (h) the director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, or the director's

101 designee; ~~{and}~~

(i) one representative who is a voting member of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council and who represents private employers; and

102 (i) as appointed by the chair, one or more individuals with expertise in mental stress or

103 occupational medicine to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the workgroup.

Yeas-5

Nays-0

Absent-3

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Mr. Jack Tidrow, President, Professional Firefighters of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Heather Anderson Bostack, Lobbyist, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

Mr. Karson Eilers, Analyst, Uah League of cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Tom Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Elizabeth Kic, Director, Fiscal Operations, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 209 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 3 .

Yeas-4

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. J. Dabakis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-1

Sen. L. Fillmore

Absent-3

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-5

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

Nays-0

Absent-3

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

Chair Fillmore adjourned the meeting.