



MINUTES

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. | 250 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald Winterton, Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Allen M. Christensen

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, 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 Winterton called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. S. Sandall

1 . S.B. 229 Medical Billing Transparency Amendments (*Weiler, T.*)

Sen. Weiler presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to amend S.B. 229 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
S.B. 229

1. Page 1, Line 27 through Page 2, Line 32:

27 (1) ~~{The}~~ Subject to Subsection (2), the department shall~~{:-}~~ make aggregate data produced under this
chapter available to the public through a standardized application program interface format.
(2) (a) The department shall ensure that data made available to the public under Subsection (1):
(i) does not contain identifiable health data of a patient; and
28 {(a) anonymize the data collected under this chapter to meet} (ii) meets state and federal data
29 privacy requirements, including the requirements of Section {26-33a-109; and} 26-33a-107.
(b) The department may not release any data under Subsection (1) that may be identifiable health data of a
patient.
30 {(b) make the anonymized data available to the public through a standardized
31 application program interface format.}
32 {(2) The requirements of Sections 27-33a-106 and 26-33a-107 do not apply to the release of anonymized
data under Subsection (1).}



Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Christensen

Ms. Sheila Walsh-McDonald, Legislative Liaison, Utah Department of Health, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke to the bill.

Mr. Mark Brinton, General Counsel and Director of Governmental Affairs, Utah Medical Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 229 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Christensen

2 . H.B. 348 Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act Amendments (*Christofferson, K.*)

Rep. Christofferson presented the bill.

Mr. Mike Moffitt, President, Gold Cross Ambulance, spoke to the bill.

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

Mr. Paul Patrick, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Jeremy Craft, Lehi Fire Chief and President of the Utah State Fire Chiefs, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Jeff Hartley, Lobbyist, Draper Fire, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 348 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. E. Vickers

3 . 1st Sub. H.B. 366 Health Care Amendments (*Dunnigan, J.*)

Rep. Dunnigan presented the bill with the assistance of Sheila Walsh-McDonald, Legislative Liaison, Utah Department of Health, Adam Cohen, President, Odyssey House, and Chet Loftis, Director, Public Employees' Health Program.

Mr. Travis Wood, Utah Association of Counties Behavioral Healthcare Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.



Mr. Shawn McMillen, President, Association of Utah Substance Abuse Professionals, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 366 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 366. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. J. Iwamoto
- Sen. S. Sandall
- Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 366 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. J. Iwamoto
- Sen. S. Sandall
- Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-5

- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. J. Iwamoto
- Sen. S. Sandall
- Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.