



MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

- Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair
- Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair
- Sen. David G. Buxton
- Sen. Luz Escamilla
- Sen. Evan J. Vickers
- Rep. Stewart E. Barlow
- Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
- Rep. Steve Eliason
- Rep. Sandra Hollins
- Rep. Brian S. King
- Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
- Rep. Kelly B. Miles

- Rep. Paul Ray
- Rep. Rex P. Shipp
- Rep. Robert M. Spendlove
- Rep. Norman K. Thurston
- Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Staff Present:

- Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
- Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst
- Daniel M. Cheung, Associate General Counsel
- Ericka A. Evans, Associate General Counsel
- Christopher Williams, Associate General Counsel
- Amy Hawkes, Administrative Assistant

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 1:22 p.m.

1 . Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

- Rep. S. Barlow
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. B. Daw
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. K. Miles
- Rep. P. Ray
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-4

- Rep. S. Eliason
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Sen. E. Vickers

2 . COVID-19: An Update

[5.3 Unified Response Overview \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Rich Saunders, Interim Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, discussed a unified response plan for COVID-19 and answered committee questions.

[5.4 Case and Death Chart \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Dr. Angela Dunn, State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health, discussed the state's response to COVID-19 and answered committee questions.

Nathan Checketts, Testing Coordinator, Utah Department of Health, updated the committee on COVID-19 testing.

Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, Utah Department of Health, discussed COVID-19 mobile testing, discussed the Utah Mobile Health Lab, and answered committee questions.

3 . Health Insurance Premium Subsidies

[4.1 H.B. 6003, Premium Subsidy Amendments \(J. Dunnigan\)](#)

Rep. Jim Dunnigan presented H.B. 6003, "Premium Subsidy Amendments."

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved that the committee recommend H.B. 6003, "Premium Subsidy Amendments," as worthy of being passed by the House during the 2020 Sixth Special Session of the Legislature. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-17

Nays-0

Absent-0

- Rep. S. Barlow
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. B. Daw
- Rep. S. Eliason
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. B. King
- Rep. K. Lisonbee
- Rep. K. Miles
- Rep. P. Ray
- Rep. R. Shipp
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Sen. E. Vickers
- Rep. R. Ward

4 . Medical Cannabis

Sen. Vickers updated the committee on medical cannabis policy and answered committee questions.

Amber Brown, Senior Policy Analyst, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, introduced Cody James, Manager, Industrial Hemp and Medical Cannabis Program, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

Cody James provided an update on medical cannabis production levels and licensing issues and answered committee questions.

[6.5 Proposed Statutory Changes: Medical Cannabis Program \(Source: Utah Department of Agriculture and Food\)](#)

Amber Brown presented information on proposed statutory changes to the Medical Cannabis Program and answered committee questions.

[6.6 Medical Cannabis Report \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Rich Oborn, Director, Center for Medical Cannabis, Utah Department of Health, updated the committee on the Medical Cannabis Program and answered committee questions.

5 . Department of Health

[2.1 S.B. 6006, Department of Health Modifications \(A. Christensen\)](#)

Chair Christensen presented S.B. 6006, "Department of Health Modifications," and answered committee questions.

[2.2 Department of Health Modifications Amendments \(K. Miles\)](#)

Chair Christensen explained a draft amendment to S.B. 6006 prepared and distributed by Rep. Miles (Amendment X, August 19, 2020, 2:31 PM).

Michelle McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association, spoke to S.B. 6006, "Department of Health Modifications."

6 . Pharmaceutical Reporting

[3.1 H.B. 6011 Pharmaceutical Reporting Amendments \(P. Ray\)](#)

Rep. Ray presented H.B. 6011, "Pharmaceutical Reporting Amendments."

7 . Opioids - Post-Surgery Prescriptions

[7.1 DRAFT LEGISLATION: Controlled Substance Amendments \(Ward\)](#)

Rep. Ward presented draft legislation, "Controlled Substance Amendments."

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved that the committee recommend draft legislation "Controlled Substance Amendments" (2021FL-0226/003). The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-16

Rep. S. Barlow
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Nays-0Absent-1

Rep. S. Eliason

8 . Ethical Drug Framework

Rep. Thurston proposed that a framework be developed for determining which drugs should be available without a prescription.

Andy Janes, Senior Officer, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Services, Consulate General of Canada, explained the criteria used by Canada to determine whether a drug requires a prescription for dispensing.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

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Rep. R. Shipp
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Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. R. Ward

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.