



MINUTES

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Chair
 Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Vice Chair
 Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
 Rep. Stewart E. Barlow
 Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
 Rep. Steve Eliason
 Rep. Sandra Hollins
 Rep. Marsha Judkins
 Rep. Rosemary Lesser

Rep. Kelly B. Miles
 Rep. Paul Ray
 Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Members Absent:

Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Staff Present:

Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst
 Rafaela Eguiguren, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-7

Rep. S. Barlow
 Rep. S. Eliason
 Rep. S. Hollins
 Rep. M. Judkins
 Rep. R. Lesser
 Rep. M. Nelson
 Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Acton
 Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
 Rep. K. Miles
 Rep. C. Pierucci
 Rep. P. Ray
 Rep. R. Spendlove

1 . H.B. 292 Children's Health Insurance Plan Amendments (*Dunnigan, J.*)

Rep. James A. Dunnigan presented the bill with the assistance of Cassidy Gibson Watt, Utah Behavior Services.

Whitney Lee spoke to the bill.

Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ciriac Alvarez Valle, Voices for Utah Children, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Copeland spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to amend H.B. 292 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
 H.B. 292

1. Page 2, Lines 30 through 34:
- 30 enrollment offered by a health maintenance organization in the state; [and] and
- 31 (ii) comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, Pub. L. No.
- 32 110-343; and
- 33 ~~{(iii) provide treatment for autism spectrum disorder as defined in Section 31A-22-642;~~
- 34 including coverage for applied behavioral analysis; and.}

2. Page 2, Lines 42 through 43:

42 (3) The program benefits :

(a) for enrollees who are at or below 100% of the federal poverty

43 level are exempt from the benchmark requirements of Subsections (1) and (2){-} ; and

(b) shall include treatment for autism spectrum disorder as defined in Section 31A-22-642, which:

(i) shall include coverage for applied behavioral analysis; and

(ii) if the benchmark described in Subsection (1)(a) does not include the coverage described in this Subsection (3)

(b), the department shall exclude from the benchmark described in Subsection (1)(a) for any purpose other than providing benefits under the program.

Yeas-9

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove

MOTION:

Rep. Ward moved to pass H.B. 292 as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove

2 . H.B. 262 Children's Health Insurance Amendments (Welton, D.)

Rep. Doug R. Welton presented the bill.

Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stacy Stanford, Policy Analyst, Utah Health Policy Project, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Garbe, Senior Director, Government Relations and Public Policy, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ciriac Alvarez Valle, Voices for Utah Children, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION:

Rep. Judkins moved to pass H.B. 262 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. R. Spendlove

3 . S.B. 99 Child Welfare Amendments (Harper, W.)

Rep. Ray presented the bill with the assistance of Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services. Sen. Harper answered questions from the committee.

Carol Verdoia, Director, Utah Attorney General Child Protection Division, spoke in favor of the bill.

Christy Hansen spoke to the bill.

Keil Myers, Attorney, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to replace S.B. 99 with 1st Substitute S.B. 99 in Rep. Stratton's name. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 99 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove

4 . S.B. 63 Caregiver Compensation Amendments (Harper, W.)

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill.

Rep. Pierucci assumed the chair.

Danny Harris, Advocacy Director, AARP UT, spoke in favor of this bill.

Andrew Riggle, Disability Law Center, spoke to the bill.

Whitney Lee, Neurodiverse Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rep. Lyman spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass S.B. 63 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. R. Spendlove

5 . 1st Sub. S.B. 109 Emergency Services Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Harper presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 109 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. R. Spendlove

6 . 1st Sub. S.B. 70 Mobile Crisis Outreach Team Expansion (*Riebe, K.*)

Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe presented the bill.

Whitney Lee, Neurodiverse Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to replace 1st Substitute S.B. 70 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 70. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. R. Spendlove

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 70 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. R. Spendlove

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. R. Spendlove

Chair Pierucci adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.