



MINUTES

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 | 4:00 p.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 T. Lesser

Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Members Absent:

Rep. Paul Ray

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.

Vice Chair Pierucci assumed the chair.

Chair Pierucci called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1 . 1st Sub. S.B. 127 Human Services Program Amendments (McKell, M.)

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Lesser
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Spendlove

Sen. Michael K. McKell presented the bill with the assistance of Caroline Lorson, Breaking Code Silence.

[SB 127 Facts](#)

[SB 127 NATSAP Support Letter](#)

Amanda Slater, Director, Office of Licensing, answered questions from the committee.

Shane Brooks, Mental Health Advocate, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nate Crippes, Disability Law Center, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 127 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-12

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. M. Nelson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Ray

2 . H.B. 336 Suicide Prevention Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason presented the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Utah Chapter, spoke in favor of the bill.

Shane Brooks, Mental Health Advocate, spoke to the bill.

Morissa Henn, Community Health Director, Intermountain Healthcare, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Chair Nelson moved to pass H.B. 336 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-12

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. M. Nelson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Ray

3 . H.B. 337 Child Mental Health Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Rebecca Dutson, Director, The Children's Center, Dr. Jennifer Mitchell, The Children's Center, and Brooks Keeshin, University of Utah.

[HB 337 Facts](#)

Paula Green Johnson, The Children's Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alysse Loomis, Utah Association for Infant Mental Health, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gabriela Archuleta, Public Policy Analyst, YWCA Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tammer Attallah, Intermountain Healthcare, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sandi Pershing, Executive Director, Friends of the Children, spoke in favor of the bill.

Janet Wade, Utah Association for Infant Mental Health, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 337 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-12

- 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. M. Nelson
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-1

- Rep. P. Ray

4 . H.C.R. 17 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day (Eliason, S.)

Rep. Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Lisa Thompson and Dr. Plumb.

[HCR 17 International Overdose Awareness Day](#)

Shane Brooks, Mental Health Advocate, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mary Jo McMillen, Executive Director, Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA), spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.C.R. 17 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-12

- Rep. C. Acton
- Rep. S. Barlow
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. S. Eliason
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. M. Judkins
- Rep. R. Lesser
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- Rep. M. Nelson
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. R. Spendlove
- Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-1

- Rep. P. Ray

5 . H.J.R. 13 Joint Resolution Declaring Racism a Moral and Public Health Crisis (Hollins, S.)

Rep. Hollins presented the bill with the assistance of Kilo Zamora, University of Utah, Dr. Mike Woodruff, Director, Central Region Emergency Department Quality, Intermountain Healthcare, Susi Feltch-Malohifo'ou, CEO, Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources, and Olaoluwa Omotowa.

Lilly Kanishka spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Gessel, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sridharan Radhakrishnan spoke in favor of the bill.

Eoin Gaj spoke in favor of the bill.

Heidi Matthews, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to pass H.J.R. 13 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-12

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Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Ray

6 . H.B. 344 Program Eligibility Amendments (*Christiansen, S.*)

Rep. Steve R. Christiansen presented the bill with the assistance of Sam Adolphsen, Fellow, Opportunity Solutions Project.

[HB 344 Facts](#)

[Program Integrity Reform](#)

Brian Shiozawa spoke to the bill.

Stephanie Verdic spoke against the bill.

Carrie Butler, Utah Public Health Association, spoke against the bill.

Dave Gessel, Utah Hospital Association, spoke against the bill.

Heather Andrews, Director, Americans for Prosperity Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to hold H.B. 344. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

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Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Ray

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-12

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Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. P. Ray

Chair Pierucci adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.