



# MINUTES

## HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 25, 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. Marsha Judkins  
 Rep. Rosemary T. Lesser  
 Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Paul Ray  
 Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Sandra Hollins  
 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-7

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

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Acton  
 Rep. S. Barlow  
 Rep. S. Eliason  
 Rep. S. Hollins  
 Rep. C. Pierucci  
 Rep. R. Spendlove

**1 . H.B. 365 State Agency Realignment (Ray, P.)**

Rep. Ray presented the bill with the assistance of Rich Saunders, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Department of Human Services.

[HB 365 Health and Human Services Committee](#)

Todd Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke to the bill.

Audry Wood, Homecare & Hospice Association of Utah, spoke to the bill.

Courtney Bullard, Utah Health Policy Project, spoke against the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to replace H.B. 365 with 1st Substitute H.B. 365. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10  
Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. P. Ray

Nays-0

Absent-3  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 365 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10  
Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. P. Ray

Nays-0

Absent-3  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

**2 . 1st Sub. S.B. 128 Family Planning Services Amendments (Kitchen, D.)**

Sen. Derek L. Kitchen presented the bill with the assistance of Jessica Sanders and Danielle Pendergrass.

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

Sofia Garza spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worlwide Organization for Women, spoke to the bill.

Courtney Bullard, Utah Health Policy Project, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jami Baayd, Research Associate, University of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Judkins moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 128 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-8  
Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. P. Ray

Nays-2  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. M. Nelson

Absent-3  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

**3 . 1st Sub. S.B. 170 Consumer Protection for Cannabis Patients (Escamilla (Robles), L.)**

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill.

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

Katherine Carlson, Utah Chapter, American Society of Addiction Medicine, spoke against the bill.

Richard Oborn, Utah Department of Health, spoke to the bill.

Desiree Hennessy, Utah Patients Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to replace 1st Substitute S.B. 170 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 170. 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. M. Judkins  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 170 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. M. Judkins  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci 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. M. Judkins  
Rep. R. Lesser  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.