



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, January 24, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair  
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Keith Grover

Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Sen. Chris H. Wilson

**Staff Present:**

Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Shandra Mutchie, 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 Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**MOTION:** Chair Kennedy moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. E. Vickers

### 1. S.B. 41 Behavioral Health Services Amendments (Kennedy, M.)

Chair Kennedy presented the bill.

Michelle Jenson, Director of Compliance, Weber Behavioral Health, spoke to the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Senator Wilson moved to adopt Amendment #1.

Amendment 1  
S.B. 41

1. Page 1, Lines 19 through 21:

19 ● develop a proposal to allow the state Medicaid program to reimburse a local  
20 mental health authority for {behavioral} physical health services in an integrated behavioral  
21 health care setting {at an increased rate}; and

2. Page 2, Lines 29 through 32:

29 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

30 ▶ to Department of Health and Human Services -- {Family Health and Preparedness} Integrated Health  
Care Services -- Medicaid Behavioral Health Services, as a one-time

31 appropriation:

32 ● from General Fund, One-time, \$200,000.

3. Page 4, Lines 100 through 105:

100 (2) The department shall develop a proposal to allow the state Medicaid program to  
101 reimburse a local mental health authority for covered {behavioral} physical health care services provided  
102 in an integrated health care setting {at an increased capitation rate within the state Medicaid  
103 program} to Medicaid eligible individuals.

104 (3) Before December 31, 2022, the department shall apply for a Medicaid waiver or a



105 state plan amendment with CMS to implement the proposal described in Subsection (2).

4 . Page 9, Lines 269 through 275:

269 ITEM 1

270 To {~~Department of Health – Family Health and Preparedness~~} Department of Health and Human Services – Integrated Health Care Services

271 From General Fund, One-time

\$200,000

272 Schedule of Programs:

273 {~~Integrated Behavioral Health Care Grant~~} Medicaid Behavioral Health Services \$200,000

274 The Legislature intends that {~~the Department of Health use~~} the appropriations provided

275 under this item be used to award grants under the Integrated Behavioral Health Care Grant Program

Sen. Wilson's motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. J. Anderegg

Sen. J. Iwamoto

Sen. L. Escamilla

Sen. M. Kennedy

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Chair Kennedy moved to pass S.B. 41 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton

Sen. J. Anderegg

Sen. L. Escamilla

Sen. K. Grover

Sen. J. Iwamoto

Sen. M. Kennedy

Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. C. Wilson

**2. S.B. 101 Nurse Apprentice Licensing Act (Vickers, E.)**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers presented the bill.

Joan Gallegos, Co-Lead, Utah Action Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Cherie Lowell, Western Governors University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Allison Spangler, CEO, Utah Health Care Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Terri Hunter, Hospital Nurse Administrator and President of Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to adopt Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.  
Amendment 1  
S.B. 101

1. Page 12, Lines 366 through 367:

366 (3) An applicant for a registered nurse apprentice license shall:

367 (a) submit to the division an application form prescribed by the division;

2. Page 13, Lines 372 through 377:

372 (e) {~~be enrolled in good standing in the last semester of an approved registered nursing~~

373 education program;} as determined by an approved registered nursing education program, be:





Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 84 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**4. S.B. 45 Department of Health and Human Services Amendments (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill.

Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health and Human Services, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to replace S.B. 45 with 1st Substitute S.B. 45. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 45 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**5. H.B. 47 Extension for Controlled Substance Prescription Requirements (Ward, R.)**



Rep. Ward presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Iwamoto moved to pass H.B. 47 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. J. Iwamoto
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. E. Vickers

**6. H.B. 48 Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council Sunset Extension (*Eliason, S.*)**

Chair Kennedy presented the bill.

Elizabeth Klc, Director, Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to pass H.B. 48 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. J. Iwamoto
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. E. Vickers

**7. H.B. 49 Study on State Hospital Capacity Sunset Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)**

Dr. Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to pass H.B. 49 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. J. Iwamoto
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to adjourn.

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.