



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 27, 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. Chris H. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**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 2:10 p.m.

Sen. Kennedy assumed the chair.

**1. S.B. 104 Community Health Worker Certification Process (Escamilla, L.)**

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill with the assistance of Zoreta Tupuola, Community Health Worker.

Sen. Escamilla distributed a document, "Community Health Worker Certification Process Bill."

[Information on certification bill](#)

Rebecca Banali, San Juan County Community Health Worker, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heather Borski, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rachel Craig, Legislative Coordinator, Association for Utah Community Health, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jake Fitisemanu, Chair, Utah Pacific Islander Health Coalition, and Program Manager, Community Health, Intermountain Healthcare, spoke in favor of the bill.

Moroni Benally, Navajo Nation, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Anderegg  
 Sen. E. Vickers

**2. S.B. 132 Child Welfare Amendments (Harper, W.)**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill.

Diane Moore, Division of Child and Family Services, Utah Department of Health and Human Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Adam Trupp, Assistant Director, Utah Indigent Defense Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to amend S.B. 132 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 2  
S.B. 132

1. Page 16, Line 489 through Page 17, Line 497:

489 (7) ~~{(a)}~~ "Relative" means an adult who:  
 490 ~~{(a)(i)}~~ (a) is the child's grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, great aunt, uncle, great  
 491 uncle, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepparent, first cousin, stepsibling, or sibling;  
 492 ~~{(b)(ii)}~~ (b) is a first cousin of the child's parent;  
 493 ~~{(c)(iii) except is provided in Subsection (7)(b),}~~ (c) is [an adoptive] a permanent guardian  
 494 or natural parent of the child's sibling; or  
 495 ~~{(d)(iv)}~~ (d) in the case of a child who is an Indian child, is an extended family member as  
 496 defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903.  
 497 ~~{(b) "Relative" does not include the permanent guardian or natural parent of the child.}~~

2. Page 43, Lines 1322 through 1327:

1322 (13) (a) If a juvenile court determines that a minor will not be returned to a parent of  
 1323 the minor, the juvenile court shall consider appropriate placement options inside and outside of  
 1324 the state.  
 1325 (b) In considering ~~{appropriation}~~ appropriate placement options under Subsection (13)(a), the  
 1326 juvenile court shall provide preferential consideration to a relative's request for placement of  
 1327 the minor.

Yeas - 5  
 Sen. J. Anderegg  
 Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. K. Grover  
 Sen. M. Kennedy  
 Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
 Sen. L. Escamilla  
 Sen. J. Iwamoto  
 Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 132 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5  
 Sen. J. Anderegg  
 Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. K. Grover  
 Sen. M. Kennedy  
 Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
 Sen. L. Escamilla  
 Sen. J. Iwamoto  
 Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5  
 Sen. J. Anderegg  
 Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. K. Grover  
 Sen. M. Kennedy  
 Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
 Sen. L. Escamilla  
 Sen. J. Iwamoto  
 Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.