



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 4, 2022 | 3:40 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. Evan J. Vickers

Sen. Chris H. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Jani Iwamoto

**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 3:41 p.m.

Sen. Kennedy assumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to approve the minutes from February 1. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

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

### 1. S.B. 170 Election Schedule Amendments (*Harper, W.*)

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to replace S.B. 170 with 1st Substitute S.B. 170. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 170 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Iwamoto



**2. S.B. 154 Naturopathic Physician Amendments (Kennedy, M.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to approve the minutes from January 24 and 27. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Sen. Wilson assumed the chair.

Sen. Kennedy presented the bill.

Matthew Burnett, Treasurer, Naturopathic Association of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Alan Dayton, Intermountain Healthcare, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Chair Kennedy moved to replace S.B. 154 with 1st Substitute S.B. 154. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 154 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. J. Iwamoto

Sen. Kennedy resumed the chair.

**3. 1st Sub. H.B. 116 Medical Billing Amendments (Winder, M.)**

Rep. Mike Winder presented the bill.

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

Spencer Stuggs, Utah Collectors Association, spoke against the bill.

Mike Sonntag, Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke in favor of the bill.



Aaron Lowe, Canyon View Medical Group, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Sen. J. Iwamoto