



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, January 23, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair  
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jen Plumb  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Chris H. Wilson

**Staff Present:**

Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, 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 2:01 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting. The chair later clarified, without objection by the committee, that the motion was actually for approval of the minutes of the January 18, 2023, meeting. See the note immediately before Item 6. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

### 1. S.B. 91 Medical Cannabis Regulation Amendments (*Vickers, E.*)

Sen. Evan Vickers presented the bill.

Cody James, Manager of the Industrial Hemp and Medical Cannabis Program, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 91 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. C. Wilson

### 2. S.B. 104 Master Plan for Aging (*Kwan, K.*)

Sen. Karen Kwan presented the bill with the assistance of Rob Ence, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Aging.

Andrew Jackson, Executive Director of the Mountainland Association of Governments and Chair of the State Commission on Aging, spoke in favor of the bill.

[Master Plan for Aging](#)



Judith Hilman spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 104 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb
- Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. C. Wilson

**3. S.B. 106 Caregiver Compensation Amendments (Harper, W.)**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill.

Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Advocate, Disability Law Center of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Anneli Smith, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dezeree Hensley, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Deanna Wall, Utah Parent Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Danny Harris, Advocacy Director, AARP Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelly Kehl, parent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Audry Wood, Homecare and Hospice Association of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Janet Wade, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities, spoke in favor of the bill.

[Caregiver Compensation](#)

Lisa Thornton spoke in favor of the bill.

Sarah George spoke to the bill.

Chantel Cutler spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to replace S.B. 106 with 1st Substitute S.B. 106. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb
- Sen. E. Vickers

Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 106 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 6

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. C. Wilson

**4. S.B. 109 Child Welfare Medical Amendments (Plumb, J.)**

Sen. Jennifer Plumb presented the bill with the assistance of Dr. Kristine Campbell, pediatrician.

Tonya Myrup, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services, spoke to the bill.

Dr. Jennifer Brinton, pediatrician and Immediate Past President of the Utah Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to replace S.B. 109 with 1st Substitute S.B. 109. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 109 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 1

Sen. J. Anderegg

Absent - 2

Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**5. H.B. 24 Prescription Discount Program Amendments (Ward, R.)**

Rep. Raymond P. Ward presented the bill.

Danny Harris, Advocacy Director, AARP, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mark Brinton, General Council and Director of Government Affairs, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 24 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson



The Chair made a point of order, clarifying without objection by the committee that the motion to approve the minutes at the beginning of the meeting was actually for the minutes of the January 18, 2023, meeting not the January 18, 2022, meeting.

**6. H.B. 36 Long Term Care Ombudsman Amendments (Eliason, S.)**

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass H.B. 36 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Sen. E. Vickers
- Sen. C. Wilson

**7. H.B. 74 Utah Marriage Commission Amendments (Ballard, M.G.)**

Rep. Melissa G. Ballard presented the bill.

Russ Rampton spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass H.B. 74 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Sen. E. Vickers
- Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

- Sen. J. Anderegg
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Sen. E. Vickers
- Sen. C. Wilson

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.