



MINUTES

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 26, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
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.

Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the committee's January 23, 2023, meeting. 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. 126 Hospital Assessment Amendments (*Vickers, E.*)

Sen. Evan J. Vickers presented the bill with the assistance of David Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association.

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Stephanie Burdick, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

David Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 126 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. C. Wilson

2. H.B. 71 Local Health Department Revisions (*Peterson, K.*)

Rep. Karen M. Peterson presented the bill.

Jill Parker, Executive Director, Utah Association of Local Health Departments, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 71 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 133 Health Care Facility Visitation Amendments (Acton, C.K.)

Rep. Cheryl K. Acton presented the bill.

David Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Martindale, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Chair Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 133 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

The committee waited for the sponsor of the next bill to arrive.

Chair Kennedy called the meeting back to order.

4. S.B. 133 Modifications to Postpartum Medicaid Coverage (Harper, W.)

Sen. Wayne A. Harper presented the bill with the assistance of Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health and Human Services.

Noah Mitrko, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Maryann Martindale, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 133 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.