



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair  
 Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
 Sen. Luz Escamilla  
 Sen. Jen Plumb  
 Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
 Sen. Chris H. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Sen. David G. Buxton

**Staff Present:**

Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
 An Bradshaw, 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 4:04 p.m.

**1. 1st Sub. H.B. 315 Recreational Therapy Medicaid Coverage Amendments (*Dunnigan, J.*)**

Sen. Curtis Bramble presented the bill with the assistance of Ashley Bowen, Utah Recreation Therapy Association.

Shane Brooks spoke in support of the bill.

Stephanie Burdick spoke in support of the bill.

Sandra Negley spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 315 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. E. Vickers  
 Sen. C. Wilson

**2. 1st Sub. H.B. 248 Mental Health Services for Adults (*Judkins, M.*)**

Rep. Marsha Judkins presented the bill with the assistance of Juergen Korbanka, Chief Executive Officer, Wasatch Behavioral Health.

Elizabeth Klc, Director, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Committee Chair, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 248 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 248. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. C. Wilson



**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass 3rd Substitute H.B. 248 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. C. Wilson

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. C. Wilson

**3. S.B. 38 Health and Human Services Recodification - Administration, Licensing, and Recovery Services (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

[HHS Recodification Reverse Crosswalk \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

[HHS Recodification Repeals \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

[HHS Recodification Outline \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

[HHS Recodification Crosswalk \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 38 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**4. S.B. 39 Health and Human Services Recodification - Health Care Assistance and Data (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

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**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 39 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**5. S.B. 40 Health and Human Services Recodification - Health Care Delivery and Repeals (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

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**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 40 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**6. S.B. 41 Health and Human Services Recodification - Prevention, Supports Substance Use and Mental Health (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

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[HHS Recodification Repeals \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

[HHS Recodification Outline \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

[HHS Recodification Crosswalk \(02.15.23\) - OLRGC](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 41 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**7. S.B. 206 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 4-31a (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 206 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**8. S.B. 207 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 31A-58 (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 207 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**9. S.B. 208 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 58-63j (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 208 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**10. S.B. 209 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 63J-80 (Anderegg, J.)**

Sen. Anderegg presented the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass S.B. 209 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

**11. S.B. 195 Medical Debt Relief (Blouin, N.)**

Sen. Nate Blouin presented the bill with the assistance of Keith Hearle, Verite Healthcare Consulting.

Paul Gibbs spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to amend S.B. 195 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1  
S.B. 0195

- 1. Page 1, Lines 9 through 18:
- 9 This bill requires the Department of Workforce Services to contract with one or more
- 10 medical debt relief entities for the {purchase} acquisition and {forgiveness} relief of medical debt.
- 11 Highlighted Provisions:



12 This bill:  
 13   ▸ defines terms;  
 14   ▸ creates the Medical Debt Relief Restricted Account;  
 15   ▸ requires the Department of Workforce Services to contract with one or more  
 16 medical debt relief entities for the {~~purchase and forgiveness~~} acquisition and relief of medical debt; and  
 17   ▸ requires the Department of Workforce Services to report to the Health and Human  
 18 Services Interim Committee on medical debts {~~forgiven~~} relieved.

2 . Page 2, Lines 36 through 45:

36 (1) "Creditor" means:  
 37 (a) a health care provider to whom a medical debt is owed; or  
 38 (b) a person that has {~~purchased~~} acquired a medical debt once owed to a health care provider.  
 39 (2) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
 40 78B-3-403.  
 41 (3) "Medical debt" means a Utah resident's debt for goods or services provided by a  
 42 health care provider.  
 43 (4) "Medical debt relief entity" means a nonprofit entity that:  
 44 (a) {~~purchases~~} acquires medical debt from creditors; and  
 45 (b) {~~forgives~~} relieves the medical debt.

3 . Page 3, Lines 60 through 66:

60 (1) Within appropriations by the Legislature from the Medical Debt Relief Restricted  
 61 Account, the department shall contract with one or more medical debt relief entities for the  
 62 {~~purchase~~} acquisition and {~~forgiveness~~} relief of medical debt.  
 63 (2) The department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee  
 64 in September of each even-numbered year on debts {~~purchased and forgiven~~} acquired and relieved under  
 65 Subsection (1), without disclosing information that could be used to identify individual debtors or  
 66 creditors.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla  
 Sen. M. Kennedy  
 Sen. J. Plumb  
 Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Anderegg  
 Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 195 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla  
 Sen. M. Kennedy  
 Sen. J. Plumb  
 Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Anderegg  
 Sen. D. Buxton  
 Sen. E. Vickers

**12. S.B. 38 Health and Human Services Recodification - Administration, Licensing, and Recovery Services (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 38 on the Consent Calendar. (As part of this motion she also moved to place S.B. 39, S.B. 40, S.B. 41, S.B. 206, S.B. 207, S.B. 208, and S.B. 209 on the Consent Calendar, although for purposes of the electronic system used to track actions on bills and generate committee reports these minutes show a separate motion and vote for each bill.) The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 5  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**13. S.B. 39 Health and Human Services Recodification - Health Care Assistance and Data (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 39 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**14. S.B. 40 Health and Human Services Recodification - Health Care Delivery and Repeals (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 40 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**15. S.B. 41 Health and Human Services Recodification - Prevention, Supports Substance Use and Mental Health (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 41 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**16. S.B. 206 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 4-31a (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 206 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**17. S.B. 207 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 31A-58 (Anderegg, J.)**



**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 207 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**18. S.B. 208 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 58-63j (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 208 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**19. S.B. 209 Health and Human Services Recodification - Cross References, Titles 63J-80 (Anderegg, J.)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to place S.B. 209 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

**20. 2nd Sub. H.B. 230 Center for Medical Cannabis Research (Dailey-Provost, J.)**

Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost presented the bill to the committee.

Justin Arriola, Life Elevated Processing, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 230 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

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



Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.