



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 24, 2023 | 9:15 a.m. | 215 Senate Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair  
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Sen. Chris H. Wilson

### Members Absent:

Sen. Jen Plumb

### 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.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

#### Yeas - 4

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. C. Wilson

#### Nays - 0

#### Absent - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers

### 1. 6th Sub. H.B. 177 State Hospital Amendments (*Hawkins, J.*)

Rep. Jon Hawkins presented the bill.

Tom Ross, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to pass 6th Substitute H.B. 177 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

#### Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. M. Kennedy

#### Nays - 0

#### Absent - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

### 2. S.B. 196 Medical Expense Liability Amendments (*Pitcher, S.*)

Sen. Pitcher presented the bill.

Michelle McOmber, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Medical Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Maryann Martindale, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Paul Gibbs spoke in favor of the bill.

Luonda Davis spoke in favor of the bill.





Keith Zipprich spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 196 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to adjourn. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 3 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 2

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. M. Kennedy

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. C. Wilson

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.