



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jen Plumb  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Sen. Chris H. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Heidi Balderree

**Staff Present:**

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst  
Jackson Lewis, Committee Secretary  
Lorna Wells, 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 3:48 p.m.

**1. S.B. 139 Competency Amendments (*Pitcher, S.*)**

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher presented the bill with the assistance of Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Davis County Sheriff's Office.

**MOTION:** Chair Kennedy moved to replace S.B. 139 with 1st Substitute S.B. 139. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb

**MOTION:** Chair Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 139 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. L. Escamilla

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. M. Kennedy  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. L. Escamilla

**2. S.B. 147 Adoption Revisions (*Wilson, C.*)**

Sen. Chris Wilson presented the bill.



Ray Johnson, adoptive parent, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass S.B. 147 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. H. Balderree

**3. S.B. 141 Family Health Services Amendments (Escamilla, L.)**

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, World Wide Organization for Women, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to replace S.B. 141 with 1st Substitute S.B. 141. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. H. Balderree

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 141 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. H. Balderree

**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

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

Sen. H. Balderree

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.