



# MINUTES

## SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 2, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair  
Sen. Heidi Balderree  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jen Plumb

Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Sen. Chris H. Wilson

**Staff Present:**

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst  
Jackson Lewis, 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).

Acting Chair Wilson called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

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

### 1. S.B. 27 Behavioral Health System Amendments (*Vickers, E.*)

[SB0027- Handout](#)

Senator Evan Vickers presented the bill with handout.

Michelle McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Klc, Director, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to replace S.B. 27 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 27. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. M. Kennedy

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 27 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Sen. M. Kennedy

**2. H.B. 94 Civil Commitment Examiner Requirements (Abbott, N.)**

Representative Nelson Abbott presented the bill.

Diane Forster-Burke, Utah Nurses Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leslie Miles, Designated Examiner, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 94 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Sen. M. Kennedy

**3. H.B. 95 Liability of Relative Amendments (Stoddard, A.)**

Representative Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass H.B. 95 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. C. Wilson

Sen. M. Kennedy

**4. H.B. 212 Vital Records Amendments (Hall, K.)**

Representative Katy Hall presented the bill.

Kyle Lunt, Director, Data, Systems & Evaluations, Department of Health and Human Services, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buxton moved to pass H.B. 212 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

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

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. M. Kennedy



**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to place H.B. 212 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. H. Balderree  
Sen. M. Kennedy

**5. S.B. 61 Electronic Cigarette Amendments (*Plumb, J.*)**

[SB0061Powerpoint](#)

[SB0061-Handout1](#)

[SB0061-Handout2](#)

Senator Jen Plumb presented the bill with a slideshow presentation and handout.

Sen. Kennedy assumed the chair.

Dave Davis, President, Utah Retail Merchants Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Beau Maxun, Utah Vapor Business Association, spoke to the bill.

Art Brown spoke to the bill.

Elizabeth Klc, Director, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Benjamin Dyer, Utah Vapor Business Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Ellie Brownstein, Pediatrician, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michelle McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dani Palmer, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Carissa Peterson, business owner, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jen Brown, Drug Safe Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Anette Hansen, Core-Mark, spoke in favor of the bill.

Walter Plumb, Drug Safe Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lisa Hendrickson, Substance Recovery Councilor, spoke in support of the bill.

Doug Ball, Jacksons Food Stores, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Diane Forster-Burke, Utah Nurses Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Heidi Baxley, Prevention Specialist, Southwest Behavioral Health Center, spoke in favor of the bill.



**MOTION:** Sen. Wilson moved to replace S.B. 61 with 1st Substitute S.B. 61. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

- Sen. H. Balderree
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 61 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

- Sen. H. Balderree
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Sen. E. Vickers

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

Yeas - 6

- Sen. H. Balderree
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. M. Kennedy
- Sen. J. Plumb
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

- Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting.