



MINUTES

SENATE BUSINESS AND LABOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Todd D. Weiler

Members Absent:

Sen. Don L. Ipson

Staff Present:

Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

1. H.B. 188 Modifications Relating to the Use of Land (*Walter, N.*)

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to replace H.B. 188 with 1st Substitute H.B. 188. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. D. McCay

Rep. Walter presented the bill.

Renai Cowley, Lobbyist, Woodbury Corporation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 188 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. D. McCay

2. S.B. 26 Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Sandall assumed the chair.

Sen. Bramble presented the bill with the assistance of Margaret Busse, Executive Director, Department of Commerce, Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR), Alicia Plemmons, Assistant

Professor, West Virginia University, and Patrick Fleming. Chair, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council (USAAV+).

MOTION: Chair Bramble moved to replace S.B. 26 with 1st Substitute S.B. 26. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. D. McCay

Margaret Busse and Jeff Shumway showed the following slides as part of their presentation.

[SLIDES - SB 26: Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments](#)

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

Dr. Nan Klein, Director of Professional Affairs, Utah Psychological Association, spoke to the bill.

Kami Muhlestein, Board of Directors, Utah Recreational Therapy Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Taryn Hiatt, Executive Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, spoke in favor of this bill.

Kristal James, President, Utah Mental Health Counselors Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Santiago Cortez, Chair, Behavior Health Workforce Group, USAAV+, spoke in favor of the bill.

Corey Markisich, President, Utah Substance Abuse Professionals Association, Executive Director, Wasatch Recovery Treatment Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Roberto De Giorgie, Legislative Chair, Utah Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jessica Black, Chair, Legislative and Public Policy Committee, Utah Mental Health Counselors Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Javier Alegre, Executive Director, Latino Behavioral Health Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ross Van Vranken, Executive Director, Huntsman Mental Health Institute, Chair, Mental Health Crisis Response Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Katie Mansell, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers, Utah Chapter, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR), spoke to the bill.

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

Brent Kious, President, Utah Psychiatric Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Anne Lin, Psychiatrist, University of Utah, spoke to the bill.

Leah Hansen, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Richard Nance, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Chair Bramble moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 26 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson

MOTION: Chair Bramble moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson

Acting Chair Sandall adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.