



MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 5:30 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Hawkins, Chair
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott, Vice Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet

Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. H.B. 405 Medical Student Vaccine Amendments (Birkeland, K.)

Rep. Birkeland presented the bill with the assistance of Kristen Chevrier, Director, Your Health Freedom Utah.

Maryann Martindale, Executive Director, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, spoke against the bill.

Ellie Brownstein, President, Utah Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, spoke to the bill.

Lyssa De La O, registered nurse, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Birkeland moved to replace H.B. 405 with 1st Substitute H.B. 405. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to amend 1st Substitute H.B. 405 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Amendment 1
1st Sub. H.B. 405

1. Page 20, Lines 610 through 611:

610 {+}(4) Subsections (1), (2), and (3) do not apply to a student studying in a medical setting
611 at an institution of higher education if the institution of higher education provides the student the same rights under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act to seek an exemption from a vaccination mandate or face covering mandate as the institution of higher education provides to a health care professional employed by the institution of higher education .{+}

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 405 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 8

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 1

Rep. B. King

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Wheatley

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Wheatley

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.