



MINUTES

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Michael S. Kennedy, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Sen. Chris H. Wilson

Members Absent:

Sen. David G. Buxton

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.

1. H.B. 422 Public Health Orders Amendments (*Barlow, S.*)

Representative Stewart Barlow presented the bill.

Kristen Chevrier, Your Health Freedom Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace H.B. 422 with 1st Substitute H.B. 422. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Escamilla

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 422 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Escamilla

2. 1st Sub. H.B. 378 First Responder Mental Health Services Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)

Representative Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

Beau Mason, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Public Safety, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 378 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 1.



Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 1

Sen. H. Balderree

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

3. S.B. 256 Medication Amendments (Vickers, E.)

Senator Evan Vickers presented the bill.

Kelvyn Cullimore, CEO, BioUtah, spoke to the bill.

Rachel Craig, Government Affairs Manager, Association for Utah Community Health, spoke in favor of the bill.

Katelin Lucariello, Deputy Vice President, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Warren, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

4. S.B. 261 Opioid Settlement Proceeds Amendments (Plumb, J.)

Senator Jen Plumb presented the bill with handout.

[SB0261handout](#)

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass S.B. 261 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. D. Buxton

5. S.B. 262 Organ Transplant Amendments (McKell, M.)

Senator Michael McKell presented the bill.

Eliza Wu spoke in favor of the bill.

Yu Han spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to pass S.B. 262 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

6. S.B. 266 Medical Amendments (Cullimore, K. A.)

Senator Kirk Cullimore presented the bill.

Wendy Johnson, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to pass S.B. 266 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

7. 2nd Sub. H.B. 193 Hospital Assessment Revisions (Ward, R.)

Representative Raymond Ward presented the bill.

Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to amend 2nd Substitute H.B. 193 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Amendment 1
2nd Sub. H.B. 193

- 1. Page 2, Lines 34 through 35:
34 (2) Section 26B-1-315, which creates the Medicaid Expansion Fund, is repealed July 1,
35 [2024] {~~2034~~} 2031.
- 2. Page 3, Lines 80 through 83:
80 (25) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 5, Inpatient Hospital Assessment, is repealed July 1,
81 [2024] {~~2034~~} 2031.



82 (26) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 6, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment, is
83 repealed July 1, [2024] {~~2034~~} 2031.

3. Page 5, Lines 129 through 130:
129 (2) Section 26B-1-315, which creates the Medicaid Expansion Fund, is repealed July 1,
130 [2024] {~~2034~~} 2031.

4. Page 6, Lines 175 through 178:
175 (25) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 5, Inpatient Hospital Assessment, is repealed July 1,
176 [2024] {~~2034~~} 2031.
177 (26) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 6, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment, is
178 repealed July 1, [2024] {~~2034~~} 2031.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 1
Sen. H. Balderree

Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 193 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 1
Sen. H. Balderree

Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

8. 1st Sub. H.B. 51 Health and Human Services Funding Amendments (Spendlove, R.)

Representative Robert Spendlove presented the bill.

MOTION: Chair Kennedy moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 51 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 1
Sen. H. Balderree

Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

9. 1st Sub. H.B. 390 Newborn Safe Haven Amendments (Birkeland, K.)

Kera Birkeland presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 390 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. Kennedy
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.



Yeas - 5

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting.