



MINUTES

HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 7:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte, Vice Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Speaker Mike Schultz
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Rep. Jon Hawkins

Staff Present:

Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Maloy called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

1. S.B. 188 Professional Licensing Revisions (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Curtis Bramble presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to pass S.B. 188 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to place S.B. 188 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

2. H.B. 503 Nursing Care Facility Amendments (*Burton, J.*)

Rep. Burton presented the bill with the assistance of Jeff Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, and Alan Hash, CEO, Avalon Health Care Group.

Allison Spangler, Utah Health Care Association, answered questions from the committee and spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to replace H.B. 503 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 503. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Matthews

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 503 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Matthews

3. H.B. 507 Construction Amendments (*Musselman, C.R.*)

Rep. Musselman presented the bill.

Taz Biesinger, Utah Homebuilders Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Kim Shelley, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, spoke to the bill.

Jeanne Riley, General Permitting Section Manager, Division of Water Quality, spoke to the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director, League of Cities and Towns, spoke opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to replace H.B. 507 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 507. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 507 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 1

Rep. B. King

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. R. Wilcox

4. 2nd Sub. S.B. 31 Insurance Amendments (*Bramble, C.*)

Sen. Curtis Bramble presented the bill with the assistance of Jonathan Pike, Commissioner of Insurance, and Thomas Whalen, Assistant Vice President, Intermountain Health. Handouts were provided.

[Putting Faith in Healthcare Sharing Ministries](#)

[Enrollment Data per HCSA](#)

[Issues Summary](#)

Rep. Whyte assumed the chair.

Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dave Mallinak, pastor, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Several minutes of the meeting was not streamed due to a technical problem.

Katie Tolentino, United Health Share Ministries, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to amend 2nd Substitute S.B. 31 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 1
2nd Sub. S.B. 0031

1. Page 1, Lines 13 through 16:

- 13 ▸ exempts a health care sharing ministry from regulation under the Insurance Code,
14 provided the health care sharing ministry makes certain disclosures to participants
15 ~~{and the commissioner}~~};
16 ▸ requires that the commissioner evaluate annually the state's health insurance market

2. Page 5, Lines 133 through 135:

- 133 of an insured person; and
134 (iv) is not a health care sharing ministry that provides that a participant make a contribution to pay another participant's qualified expenses with no assumption of risk or promise to pay.
135 (d) other business specified in rules adopted by the commissioner on a finding that:

3. Page 6, Lines 166 through 176:

- 166 (l) a health care sharing ministry, if the health care sharing ministry:
167 (i) provides to each participant upon enrollment and annually thereafter a written
168 statement of nationwide ~~{and Utah-specific}~~ data from the preceding calendar year that lists the
169 total dollar amount of ~~{-}~~ contributions provided to participants toward qualified expenses; and

170 {~~(A) expenses submitted for sharing;~~
171 ~~(B) expenses qualified for sharing;~~
172 ~~(C) qualified expenses published or assigned to participants for sharing;~~
173 ~~(D) contributions provided to participants toward qualified expenses; and~~
174 ~~(E) denied expenses; and~~}
175 (ii) includes a written disclaimer, titled "Notice", on or with each application and all
176 guideline materials that states:

4 . Page 7, Lines 185 through 192:
185 regardless of whether the participant receives payment for the expenses through the health care
186 sharing ministry or whether this health care sharing ministry continues to operate~~;~~~~and~~ .
187 {~~(iii) submits to the commissioner no later than April 1 of each year;~~
188 ~~(A) the information in Subsection (l)(i);~~
189 ~~(B) nationwide and Utah-specific enrollment data from the prior calendar year; and~~
190 ~~(C) the health care sharing ministry's contact information for consumers, providers, and~~
191 ~~the commissioner.~~}
192 (4) A transaction described in Subsection (3)(e) is subject to taxation under Section

5 . Page 27, Lines 823 through 827:
823 be used to pay for the qualified expenses;
824 {~~(d) provides that a participant make a contribution to pay another participant's qualified~~
825 ~~expenses with no assumption of risk or promise to pay;~~}
826 {~~(e)~~ (d) requires an individual to make one or more minimum payments or contributions as
827 a condition of one or more of the following:

6 . Page 27, Lines 829 through 831:
829 (ii) remaining a participant; or
830 (iii) receiving a contribution to pay qualified expenses; and
831 {~~(f)~~ (e) in carrying out the functions described in this Subsection (86), makes no

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Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. R. Wilcox

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 31 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 14

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Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. Maloy resumed the chair.

5. H.B. 518 State Construction Code Modifications (*Peterson, T.*)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill.

Ross Ford, Vice President, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Jason Vandever, Director of Technical Services, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Karson Eilers, Policy Director, League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the bill.

Brad Shafer, Government Affairs Manager, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, spoke in support of the bill.

Kevin Emerson, Program Director, Utah Clean Energy, spoke to the bill.

Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke to the bill.

Ashley Miller, Executive Director, Breathe Utah, spoke to the bill.

Ted Black, State Fire Marshall, spoke in support of the bill.

Josh Brown, Director, Utah Manufacturers Association, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to replace H.B. 518 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 518. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

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Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. S. Whyte

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 518 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. M. Schultz

6. S.B. 101 Limited Liability Company Amendments (Weiler, T.)

Sen. Todd Weiler presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to pass S.B. 101 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to place S.B. 101 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
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7. S.B. 197 Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Amendments (Weiler, T.)

Sen. Weiler introduced the request with the assistance of Kerry Gibson, Coalition of Utah Autism Providers.

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to replace S.B. 197 with 2nd Substitute S.B. 197. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Rep. R. Wilcox

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to pass 2nd Substitute S.B. 197 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
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MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
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Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.