# MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

### ROOM 223, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

January 27, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mike Thompson, Chair

Rep. Steven R. Mascaro, Vice-Chair

Rep. Calvin G. Bird Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire Rep. D. Gregg Buxton Rep. Patricia W. Jones Rep. Bradley G. Last Rep. David Litvack

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Marda Dillree

Rep. Rebecca Lockhart

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Andrews, Policy Analyst

Sylvia Newton, House Secretary

Note List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Mascaro called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

# H.B. 198 Child Welfare Court Reports (Rep. M. Thompson

MOTION: Rep. Buffmire moved to delete H.B. 198 in title and body and replace it with 2nd Substitute H.B. 198. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Thompson introduced 2nd Sub. H.B. 198 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Richard Anderson, Division of Child and Family Services

Mark May, Attorney General's Office

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

#### H.B. 60 Protection of Children in Foster Care (Rep. D. Litvack)

Rep. Litvack introduced H.B. 60 and explained it to the committee.

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MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to amend the bill as follows:

- 1. Page 4, Lines 109 through 110:
  - appointed by a court to represent the interests of the children. The access granted to the Office of the Guardian Ad Litem is limited to information entered into the system on or after July 1, 2004, except the Office may have access to all child abuse and neglect referrals.
  - 110 (b) Each contract provider <u>and designated representative of the Office of the Guardian</u>

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Richard Anderson, Divison of Child and Family Services

Kristin Brewer, Guardian ad Litem Office

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to pass the amended bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

#### H.B. 174 Forensic Mental Health Amendments (Rep. J. Seitz)

Rep. Seitz introduced H.B. 174 and explained it to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, Line 39: After "mentally ill or" insert "guilty and mentally ill at the time of

the offense"

Page 2, Line 43: After "mentally ill or" insert "guilty and mentally ill at the time of

the offense"

Page 2, Line 44: Delete "are also mentally retarded" insert "also have mental

retardation"

Page 2, Line 45: After "persons" insert "undergoing evaluation for competency or

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to pass the amended bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

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## H.B. 200 Recognition of Foreign Adoptions (Rep. W. Harper)

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to delete in title and body H.B. 200 and replace it with 1st Substitute H.B. 200. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Harper introduced 1st Sub. H.B. 200 and explained it to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Scott Lundberg, citizen

Mark Duke, Utah Adoption Council

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to pass the substitute bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Buxton moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Rep. Mike Thompson Committee Chair