

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W125, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 25, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Paul Ray, Chair
 Rep. Ronda R. Menlove, Vice Chair
 Rep. John Dougall
 Rep. Wayne A. Harper
 Rep. David Litvack
 Rep. Phil Riesen
 Rep. Stephen E. Sandstrom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Richard A. Greenwood

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Andrews, Policy Analyst
 Sylvia Newton, House Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Sandstrom moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2008 meeting.
 The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dougall, Rep. Litvack, and Rep.
 Menlove absent for the vote.

1st Sub. S.B. 70 Emotional Support Animals (Sen. S. McCoy)

Sen. McCoy explained 1st Substitute S.B. 70 to the committee.

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

1. Page 6, Lines 152 through 155:

{ ~~152 (b) This section does not prohibit an owner or lessor of housing accommodations~~
 ~~from~~
153 ~~charging a person, including a person with a disability, a reasonable deposit as~~
 ~~security for any~~
154 ~~damage or wear and tear that might be caused by an emotional support animal if the~~
 ~~owner or~~
155 ~~lessor would charge a similar deposit to other persons for potential wear and tear.~~ }

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

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

1. *Page 5, Lines 129 through 131:*

129 (1) A mental health therapist may provide a person with a disability with
130 documentation that:
131 (a) is signed by the mental health therapist **as defined in Section 58-60-102** ;

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to pass the bill as amended with a favorable recommendation.
The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 428 Statewide Standards for Health Care Interpreting (Rep. R. Chavez-Houck)

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to delete in title and body H.B. 428 and replace it with 1st
Substitute H.B. 428. The motion passed unanimously

Rep. Chavez-Houck explained 1st Substitute H.B. 428 to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Jan Ferre, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
 Sabrina Morales, Comunidades Unidas
 Shu Cheng, Asian Association of Utah

Spoke to the bill: Deb Turner, Department of Health
 Mike Richardson, Department of Workforce Services

MOTION: Rep. Harper moved to proceed to the next item on the agenda.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion
failed with Rep. Litvack, Rep. Riesen, and Rep. Menlove voting in favor of the
motion.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to refer H.B. 428 to the Rules Committee for interim study.
The motion passed with Rep. Dougall and Rep. Sandstrom voting in opposition to
the motion.

H.B. 322 Local Health Department Funding (Rep. S. Clark)

This bill was not considered.

1st Sub. H.B. 174 Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (Rep. J. Gowans)

Rep. Gowans explained 1st Substitute H.B. 174 to the committee and provided handouts regarding traumatic brain injuries.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Andrew Riggle, Disability Law Center
Rod Roskos, Brain Injury Association of Utah
Nita Smith, mother of a brain injury victim

Spoke to the bill: Deb Turner, Department of Health

Rep. Dougall, Rep. Ray, and Rep. Gowans all declared a conflict of interest in the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to place 1st Substitute H.B. 174 on the Consent Calendar with the approval of Rep. Gowans. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Rep. Paul Ray
Committee Chair