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February 26, 2013

Madam Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 147**, UTAH MARRIAGE COMMISSION, by Representative L. Christensen, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 8 through 12:*

8 General Description:

9 This bill modifies the Utah {~~Health~~} Human Services Code to create
the Utah Marriage Commission.

10 Highlighted Provisions:

11 This bill:

12 ▶ creates the Utah Marriage Commission within the Department of
{~~Health~~} Human Services ; and

2. *Page 1, Lines 20 through 24:*

20 {~~26-1-40~~} 62A-1-120 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section {~~26-1-40~~} 62A-1-120 is enacted to read:

24 {~~26-1-40~~} 62A-1-120 . Utah Marriage Commission.

3. *Page 2, Lines 32 through 33:*

32 (c) six current or former representatives from marriage and family
studies departments , social or behavioral sciences departments, health sciences
departments, colleges of law, or other related and supporting departments at
{~~state~~} institutions of
33 higher education {~~, as defined in Section 53B-3-102,~~} in this state, as shall be
appointed by the governor;

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4. Page 2, Line 34:

34 (d) five representatives selected and appointed by the governor from
among the following groups:

5. Page 2, Lines 41 through 43:

41 (iv) marriage and family therapists who are or have been licensed under Title 58,
42 Chapter 60, Part 3, Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act; ~~{or}~~ ;

43 (v) representatives of faith communities; and

(vi) public health professionals;
(vii) representatives of domestic violence prevention organizations; or
(viii) legal professionals; and

6. Page 2, Lines 46 through 47:

46 (4) (a) A member appointed under Subsections (3)(c) through (e) shall serve for a
term

47 of four years. A member may be appointed for subsequent terms.

7. Page 3, Lines 68 through 69:

68 (a) promote coalitions and collaborative efforts to uphold and encourage a strong and
69 healthy culture of strong and lasting marriages and stable families ;

8. Page 3, Lines 70 through 73:

70 (b) contribute to greater awareness of the importance of marriage and leading to
reduced

71 divorce and unwed parenthood in the state;

72 (c) promote public policies that support marriage;

73 (d) promote programs and activities that educate individuals and couples on
how to achieve strong, successful, and

9. Page 3, Lines 76 through 77:

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- 76 (ii) classes and services , including those designed to promote strong,
healthy, and lasting marriages and prevent domestic violence ;
- 77 (iii) marriage and relationship education conferences for the public and
professionals ; and

10. Page 3, Lines 78 through 80:

- 78 (iv) enrichment seminars: ~~{and}~~
- 79 (e) actively promote measures designed to maintain and strengthen marriage, family,
80 and the relationships between husband and wife and parents and children ~~{-}~~ ; and
(f) support volunteerism and private financial contributions and grants in
partnership with the commission and in support of the commission's purposes and
activities for the benefit of the state as provided in this section.

11. Page 3, Lines 81 through 83:

- 81 (9) Funding for the commission shall be as approved by the Legislature through
annual
82 appropriations and the added funding sought by the commission from private contributions
and grants that
83 support the duties of the commission described in Subsection (8).

Respectfully,

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Committee Chair

Voting: 8-1-0

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