

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & WORKFORCE  
SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 215, Senate Building

February 4, 2013

Members Present:        Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair  
                              Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
                              Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
                              Sen. Karen Mayne  
                              Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
                              Sen. Stuart C. Reid  
                              Sen. Jerry Stevenson

Staff Present:            Mr. Ben Christensen, Policy Analyst  
                              Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to adopt the minutes of the January 31, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jones, Sen. Knudson and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**S.B. 147    Worker's Compensation and Occupational Safety Related Amendments (K. Mayne)**

Sen. Mayne introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to adopt amendments 1 and 2 as follow:

Amendment 1:

1. *Page 3, Lines 68 through 74:*

- 68            (c) "Physician extender" means:
- 69            (i) an individual licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, as an
- 70            advanced practice registered nurse, who is practicing as a nurse practitioner;
- 71            (ii) an individual licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act; or
- 72            (iii) ~~{ a licensed }~~ an individual licensed under Title 58, Occupations  
and Professions, who is not a physician, but who ~~{ performs }~~ is authorized by  
the individual's licensing act to perform some medical activities
- 73            typically performed by a physician, as defined by rule by the commission made in  
accordance

74 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Amendment 2:

1. *Page 11, Line 335 through Page 12, Line 341:*

- 335 (1) The commission may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,  
Utah  
336 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish for purposes of health care goods and services  
337 compensable under this chapter and Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act, health  
care  
338 treatment protocols and determinations of medical necessity of goods and services.  
(2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), an insurer or employer may use all or part of  
the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries "Guideline for  
Prescribing Opioids to Treat Pain in Injured Workers" which takes effect July 1,  
2013, or a later edition of these guidelines if the later edition is approved by the  
commission by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
Administrative Rulemaking Act.  
(3) The commission shall reasonably enforce the healthcare treatment protocols and  
determinations of medical necessity of goods and services adopted under Subsection  
(1) or used under Subsection (2).  
339 ~~{(2)}~~ (4) This section does not prohibit an insurer or employer from  
contracting with a  
340 provider of health services related to health care treatment protocols and determinations of  
341 medical necessity of goods and services.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Knudson, Sen. Jones and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Ronald Dressler, Division of Industrial Accidents, Utah Labor Commission;  
Mark Brinton, General Counsel, Utah Medical Association  
Kurt Hegmann, Professor, Director of Rocky Mountain Center for  
Occupational and Environmental Health  
Dennis Lloyd, Senior Vice President, Workers' Compensation Fund

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**S.B. 53 Intergenerational Welfare Reform** (*S. Reid*)

Sen. Reid introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Karen Crompton, President & CEO, Voices for Utah Children  
Gina L. Cornia, Executive Director, Utahns Against Hunger  
Bill Duncan, Deputy Director, Sutherland Institute  
Geoff Landward, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to send **S.B. 53** out of committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**H.B. 22 Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism** (*J. Bird*)

Rep. Bird introduced the bill assisted by Julie Fisher, Director, Utah Department of Community and Culture.

**MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to pass **H.B. 22** out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Reid moved to place **H.B. 22** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerland absent for the vote.

**H.B. 25 Agency Reporting Provisions** (*J. Bird*)

Rep. Bird introduced and explained the bill assisted by Geoff Landward, Department of Workforce Services.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to pass **H.B. 25** out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to place **H.B. 25** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 2:50 p.m.

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Sen. Aaron Osmond, Committee Chair