

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**
25 House Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
February 14, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Paul Ray, Chair
Rep. LaVar Christensen, Vice Chair
Rep. Stewart Barlow
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Edward H. Redd

Staff Present: Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Black, House Secretary

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

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cosgrove and Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

H.B. 286 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (*Rep. A. Romero*)

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to replace H.B. 286 with 1st Substitute H.B. 286, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cosgrove and Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

Rep. Romero explained the bill to the committee and distributed a letter from Edward and Elizabeth Smart.

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Carrie Jensen, Prevent Child Abuse, Utah
Mr. Preston Jensen
Ms. Charri Brummer, Deputy Director, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Human Services

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Connie Haycock, Children's Justice Center, Grand County
Ms. Deondra Brown
Ms. Jennifer Johnson, member, State Board of Education
Ms. Sheri Mattle, Utah PTA

Spoke against the bill: Ms. Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum

Ms. Laura Bunker, United Families International

MOTION: Rep. Cosgrove moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to hold the bill. The substitute motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 318 Rights of Parents and Children Amendments (Rep. L. Christensen)

Rep. Christensen explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Ms. Liz Knight, Director, Office of Guardian ad Litem
Mr. Brent Platt, Director, Division of Child and Family Services,
Department of Human Services

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Josh Daniels, Libertas Institute

Chair Ray announced that the Office of Guardian ad Litem, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Office of the Attorney General will be invited to explain the fiscal note for H.B. 318 at the committee's Friday 8:00 a.m. meeting.

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

1. *Page 3, Line 71:*

71 whether termination of parental rights shall be ordered.

(10) A child may not be required or compelled to testify in a jury trial under this section.

SUBSTITUTE

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

1. *Page 3, Line 71:*

71 whether termination of parental rights shall be ordered.

(10) A child may not testify in a jury trial under this section.

Rep. Menlove withdrew her motion.

SUBSTITUTE

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

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Rep. Cosgrove absent for the vote.

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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Paul Ray, Chair