



MINUTES

BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Todd D. Weiler
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst
Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel
Austin Weenig, Associate General Counsel
Finn Andrew Rose, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bramble informed the committee of three bill files the chairs have opened as committee bill files.

MOTION: Rep. Strong moved to approve the June 14th, 2023, minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 12.

Yeas - 10

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Burton
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. N. Thurston

2. Regulated Occupation Review: Mental and Behavioral Health Occupations

[2A - Proposed List of Regulated Occupations for Calendar Year 2023 Periodic Review \(Source: Office of Professional Licensure Review\)](#)

[2B - Executive Summary of Periodic Review: Behavioral Health \(Source: Office of Professional Licensure Review\)](#)

[2C - Presentation of Periodic Review: Behavioral Health \(Source: Office of Professional Licensure Review\)](#)

Margaret Busse, Executive Director, Department of Commerce, Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review, and Gabrielle Cunningham, Ph.D., Manager of Policy and Research, Office of Professional Licensure and Review, presented on OPLR's 2023 periodic review on regulated mental and behavioral health occupations.

The committee asked questions of Margaret Busse, Jeff Shumway, and Gabrielle Cunningham.

Patrick Fleming, Chair, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, spoke to OPLR's presentation and the process that OPLR took.

3. Insurance Coverage for Ambulance Supplies and Medications

[3A - Ambulance Handout \(Source: Utah State Fire Chief Association\)](#)

Jeremy Craft, Fire Chief, Lehi City, and Legislative Chair, Utah State Fire Chief Association, presented on a recent agreement sent to transport providers from Regence Bluecross Blueshield concerning medical supplies on ambulance trips.

The committee discussed the presentation.

Clint Smith, Fire Chief, Draper City, and President, Utah State Fire Chief Association, spoke on the supply costs associated with ambulance rides.

The committee asked questions of Clint Smith. Clint Smith continued to present.

Rep. Maloy assumed the chair.

The committee asked questions of Clint Smith.

Sen. Bramble assumed the chair.

Dean Penovich, Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services, presented on the authority the department has to regulate the medical supply market.

The committee asked questions of Dean Penovich.

Eric Hales, Vice President, Network Management, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah, presented on the history of Regence BlueCross BlueShield and the processes Regence follows regarding the cost of supplies on ground transport.

The committee discussed the presentation.

The committee asked questions of Eric Hales.

Jon Pike, Commissioner, Insurance Department, and Tanji Northrup, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Department, presented on the supplies cost issue.

The committee asked questions of Jon Pike and Stephen Foxley, Lobbyist, Regence BlueCross BlueShield.

4. Review of the Charitable Solicitations Act

[4A - Charity Regulation: Review of Charitable Solicitation Statute \(Source: Division of Consumer Protection\)](#)

Katie Hass, Director, Division of Consumer Protection, Department of Commerce and Jennifer Adler, Policy Consultant, Department of Commerce, presented on the Charitable Solicitations Act and how it impacts charities in the state.

Rep. Maloy assumed the chair.

The committee asked questions of Katie Hass and Jennifer Adler.

5. Residence Lien Recovery Fund

Rohnin Randles gave a brief background on the Residence Lien Recovery Fund.

David Hill, Executive Director, Utah Construction Suppliers Association, and John W. Salevurakis, Ph.D., Research Analyst, Utah Foundation, presented on potential issues and solutions to the depletion of funds within the Residence Lien Recovery Fund.

Chair Maloy opened the meeting to public comment.

Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builders Association, spoke in opposition to the presentation by David Hill and John W. Salevurakis.

The committee asked questions of Taz Biesinger.

David Hill continued to present.

6. Draft Legislation "Massage Therapy Practice Act Amendments"

Amy Shewan presented draft legislation, "Massage Therapy Practice Act Amendments."

[**5A - Massage Therapy Practice Act Amendments \(2024 General Session Draft Legislation\)**](#)

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to move to the next agenda item. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 11.

Yea - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. B. King
Sen. K. Kwan
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte

Nay - 0

Absent - 11

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. J. Burton
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. R. Wilcox

7. Required Reports

Adam Sweet informed the committee of new required reports the committee has received.

8. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Strong moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 11.

Yeas - 11

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Nays - 0Absent - 11

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Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting.