



DRAFT MINUTES

BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair
Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Jason B. Kyle
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Hoang Nguyen
Rep. Calvin Roberts
Rep. Jake Sawyer
Rep. David Shallenberger
Rep. Norman K Thurston

Rep. Stephen L. Whyte
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst
Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Tyler Moore, Associate General Counsel
Austin Weenig, Associate General Counsel
Kaelie Mortensen, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 11.

Yeas - 9

Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Pitcher
Rep. C. Roberts
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Wilcox

2. Draft Legislation: Property Manager Amendments

[2 - Draft Legislation "Property Manager Amendments" \(OLRGC\)](#)

Representative R. Neil Walter gave a brief introduction on draft legislation, "Property Manager Amendments." The committee considered the draft legislation for inclusion in a potential special session.

Justin Allen, Rental Housing Association of Utah, gave ...

MOTION: Rep. Maloy moved to favorably recommend 2025 First Special Session draft legislation, "Property Manager Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 11.

Yeas - 9

Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0Absent - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
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Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Wilcox

3. Kratom Regulation[4 - Kratom Program Proposed Statute Changes \(Department of Agriculture and Food\)](#)

Dr. Brandon Forsyth, Director, Specialized Products, and Amber Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food gave a presentation on the regulation of kratom products.

The committee asked questions of Dr. Brandon Forsyth and Amber Brown.

Chad Butterfield, private citizen, testified against the distribution of kratom.

The committee asked questions of Mr. Butterfield.

... Butterfield, father of Chad Butterfield, also testified against the distribution of kratom.

The committee asked questions of Mr. Butterfield.

Dr. Brandon Forsyth, and Amber Brown continued their presentation on kratom retail permits, topical kratom products...

The committee asked questions and discussed the topic of topical kratom products.

Chad Butterfield and Fred Butterfield spoke on the topic of topical kratom products.

Melissa Hinton, Doctorate Nurse Practitioner, spoke on the topic of topical kratom products and answered questions from the committee.

Ryan Niddel, CEO, Diversified Botanics, spoke in favor of topical kratom products and answered questions from the committee.

Dr. Forsyth...

Ryan Niddel...

Dr. Forsyth continued his presentation discussing the topic of kratom product composition and limits, and answered questions from the committee.

Mac Haddow, Senior Fellow, American Kratom Association spoke on kratom product labelling.

Fred Butterfield...

Dr. Forsyth and Amber Brown continued their presentation, discussing kratom product labelling, fines, and tax.

4. OPLR Annual Review: Policy Recommendations

PRESENTATION

Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review, gave a presentation on recommendations for statutory changes arising from its review of licensing for nursing and allied health professions.

The committee asked questions of Jeff Shumway.

The committee asked questions of Jordan Gygi, Policy Analyst, OPLR.

Melissa Hinton, Doctorate Nurse Practitioner, Lee Moss, Nurse Practitioner, Joan Gallegos ..., Jason Hone, Doctoral Candidate,..., and Michelle McOmber, Utah Medical Association, provided comments on the topic of licensing for nursing and other allied health professions and answered questions from the committee.

5. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to open a committee bill file to discuss potential legislation with kratom. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 1 - 7.

Yeas - 12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Hawkins

Absent - 7

Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Rep. Ivory moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 14

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. H. Nguyen
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
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Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting.