



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Keith Grover, Chair  
Rep. Katy Hall, Chair  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson  
Sen. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow  
Rep. Bridger Bolinder  
Rep. Kristen Chevrier  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Jake Fitisemanu  
Rep. Stephanie Gricius  
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Logan J. Monson  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Members Absent:**

President J. Stuart Adams  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Tyler Clancy

**Staff Present:**

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst  
Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst  
Kami Orton, Associate General Counsel  
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel  
Christopher Williams, Associate General  
Counsel  
Gabi Prior, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

### 1. Feminine Hygiene Products Amendments

#### [4 - Draft Legislation "Feminine Hygiene Products Amendments" \(V007\)](#)

Rep. Chevrier presented an overview of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Feminine Hygiene Products Amendments."

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (OLRGC), provided clarifying information relating to the draft legislation.

### 2. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. L. Monson  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Sen. K. Stratton

### 3. Health and Human Services Sunset Amendments

#### [2 - Draft Legislation "Health and Human Services Sunset Amendments" \(V005\)](#)

Rep. Eliason presented an overview of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Health and Human Services Sunset Amendments."

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to favorably recommend as a committee bill, "Health and Human Services Sunset Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 10.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. L. Monson  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 10

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Sen. K. Stratton

### 4. Health Data Amendments

#### [3 - Draft Legislation "Health Data Amendments" \(V009\)](#)

Rep. Norman Thurston presented an overview of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Health Data Amendments."

Kyle Lunt, Data Systems and Evaluation Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), provided clarifying information about the draft legislation.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

### 5. Opioid Settlement Fund

#### [5 - Opioid Settlement Fund Presentation \(Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel\)](#)

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst, OLRGC, presented on the Utah Opioid Settlement Fund.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Sen. Stevenson provided clarifying information.

Daniel Burton, Chief Deputy, Office of the Attorney General, and Douglas Crapo, Consumer Protection Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, provided additional information on the Opioid Settlement Fund.

#### [5 - Opioid Settlement Trust Fund Summary Presentation \(Department of Health and Human Services\)](#)

Eric Tadehara, Interim Director, Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, DHHS, presented a summary of the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund and the funds allocation process.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions.

#### [5 - 2025 Utah Counties Opioid Settlement Reports Summary \(Utah Association of Counties\)](#)



Brandy Grace, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Association of Counties, and Katherine Rhodes, Policy Analyst on Behavioral Health, Utah Association of Counties, presented on the county portion of funds from the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question.

## **6. Rural Health Transformation Program**

[6 - Rural Health Transformation Program Presentation \(Department of Health and Human Services\)](#)

[6 - Utah's Rural Health Transformation Program Handout \(DHHS\)](#)

Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, DHHS, and Heather Borski, Assistant Deputy, DHHS, presented an update on the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked a clarifying question.

Nate Checketts and Heather Broski continued the presentation.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Chair Hall spoke to her previous 2025 General Session draft legislation, "Gold Medal Schools Pilot Programs," and the possibility of making it a committee bill.

Rep. Monson provided additional clarifying information about the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Committee members continued to discuss the Rural Health Transformation Program and ask clarifying questions.

## **7. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Acton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yea - 13

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Elias  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. L. Monson  
Sen. K. Stratton  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.