



MINUTES

BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair
Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
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

Members Absent:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Speaker Mike Schultz
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Staff Present:

Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst
Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Tyler Moore, Associate General Counsel
Austin Weenig, Associate General Counsel
Alyssa Castor, Administrative Assistant
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 at 8:37 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Chair Maloy moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 10.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Hawkins
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 - 10

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Cullimore
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. Office of Professional Licensure Review Sunrise Requirements

Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR), gave a presentation regarding the requirement that a legislator submit an application for sunrise review to the Office of Professional Licensure Review before the legislator introduces legislation.

The committee discussed possible statutory changes based on recommendations made by OPLR and asked questions of Jeff Shumway.

MOTION: Rep. Kyle moved to add language that repeals the provision requiring legislators to submit a sunrise review application to OPLR prior to introducing legislation that would regulate a previously unregulated profession.

Discussion to the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to change the language to require a standing committee to consider any recommendations made by OPLR when reviewing legislation that would regulate a previously unregulated profession. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 9 - 4 - 7.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 4

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. J. Sawyer

Absent - 7

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. S. Pitcher
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

Discussion to the motion.

3. Office of Professional Licensure Review Annual Review: Policy Recommendations

Margaret Busse, Executive Director, Utah Department of Commerce, provided context for the creation of the OPLR and the importance of regulation for public safety.

[3 - Office of Professional Licensure Review Annual Review: Policy Recommendations Presentation](#)

Jeff Shumway 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 heard public comment.

Annette Jarvis, resident, Sen. District 8, spoke against the speech and hearing policy recommendations.

McKenna Nobis, President-Elect, Utah Speech Language-Hearing Association, spoke against the speech and hearing policy recommendations and answered questions from the committee.

Harry Leibovich, Northwestern Governor, International Hearing Society, spoke against the speech and hearing policy recommendations.

Lauren Snyder, audiologist, spoke against the speech and hearing policy recommendations.

Julie Barkmeier-Kramer, professor and scientist, University of Utah Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, spoke against the speech and hearing policy recommendations and answered questions from the committee.

Jeff Shumway and Jordan Gygi, Policy Analyst, OPLR, continued with their presentation.

Michelle McComber, CEO, Utah Medical Association, spoke against the CRNA policy recommendations.

Jonathan Martin, President, Utah Society of Anesthesiology, spoke against the CRNA policy recommendations.

Rebecca Blair-Stevenson, Utah Nurses Association, spoke against the CRNA policy recommendations.

Melissa Hinton, President, Utah Nurse Practitioners, spoke against the CRNA policy recommendations.

Mark Steinagel, Director, Division of Professional Licensing, answered questions from the committee.

4. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services Audit

[4 - Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services Audit Full Report](#)

Brian Dean, Legislative Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and Rusty Facer, Performance Audit Supervisor, Office of Legislative Auditor General, presented the Legislative Auditor's report for the 2025 Systemic Audit of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services.

[4 - Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services Audit Presentation](#)

Ericka Evans, Executive Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services, and Steve Handy, Chair, Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission, gave a presentation on the Department's response to the audit findings and provided an update on any changes related to audit recommendations.

Ericka Evans and Steve Handy responded to questions from the committee.

5. Draft Legislation: Senior Care Facility Amendments

[5 - Draft Legislation "Senior Care Facility Amendments"](#)

Rep. Tiara Auxier presented potential 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Senior Care Facility Amendments."

Allison Spangler, Utah Health Care Association, commented on the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to approve 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Senior Care Facility Amendments," as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Pitcher
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. C. Roberts
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

6. Draft Legislation: Unfair and Deceptive Pricing Amendments

[6 - Draft Legislation "Unfair and Deceptive Pricing Amendments"](#)

Tyler Moore introduced potential 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Unfair and Deceptive Pricing Amendments."

Katie Hass, Director, Division of Consumer Protection, gave a brief description of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved approve 2026 General Session Draft Legislation, "Unfair and Deceptive Pricing Amendments," as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Pitcher
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0Absent - 9

Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
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Rep. C. Roberts
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Whyte
Rep. R. Wilcox

7. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 11

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
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Rep. J. Sawyer
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Nays - 0Absent - 9

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Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.