



MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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.

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.

Yeas - 13

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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.