

2017 NASW Utah Chapter Legislative Priorities

Strategic Area

1. Healthcare
2. Domestic Violence
3. Homelessness
4. Substance Abuse
5. Social Work Licensing Issues

Abbreviation

- Health
DV
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6. Antidiscrimination-LGBTQ*
7. Prison Reform
8. Increasing Minimum Wage
9. Immigration
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BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	POSITION	OUTCOME	STRATEGIC AREA
H.B. 50 – Opioid Prescribing Regulations	Rep. Raymond Ward	This bill: limits the number of days for which an opiate may be prescribed for certain individuals; removes an outdated provision from the Utah Controlled Substances Act related to opiate prescribing; and amends provisions of the Controlled Substance Database Act related to provider use of the database	Support	PASSED	SA
H.B. 66 – Opiate Overdose Response Act Amendments	Rep. Carol Spackman Moss	This bill: clarifies the persons who are not civilly liable when administering an opiate antagonist under certain circumstances; and makes technical changes.	Support	PASSED	SA
H.B. 90 – Insurance Opioid Regulations	Rep. Raymond Ward	This bill: defines terms; requires a health insurance policy, a health plan offered to state employees, the Medicaid program, and workers' compensation insurance to establish policies for prescribing certain controlled substances;.	Support	PASSED	SA
H.B. 110 – Controlled Substance Amendments	Rep. Paul Ray	This bill: adds the substance 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide that is also known as U-47700 or “pink” to the list of controlled substances under Schedule I.	Support	PASSED	SA
H.B. 122 – Medicaid Coverage for Postpartum Mental Health Coverage	Rep. Edward Redd	This bill: defines terms; and requires the Department of Health to ask for a federal waiver that will allow the state's Medicaid program to provide mental health benefits and services to postpartum women.	Support	NOT PASSED	Health
H.C.R. 3 – Concurrent Resolution Recognizing and Remembering the Forgotten Patients of the Utah State Hospital	Rep. Edward Redd	This resolution: expresses support for current efforts by staff of the Utah State Hospital to maintain appropriate markers and monuments at the grave sites of former patients of the Utah State Hospital as a tangible effort to appropriately recognize and remember their	Support	PASSED	None

		courageous and often lonely struggle with mental illness during an earlier era when effective treatments and hope for recovery were very limited and long-term.			
H.B. 147- Minimum Wage	Rep. Lynn Hemingway	Would raise the minimum hourly wage to \$10.25	Support	NOT PASSED	Minwage
S.B. 37 – Statewide Crisis Line	Sen. Daniel Thatcher Rep. Steve Eliason	This bill: defines terms; creates the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission to address notable gaps in existing system.	Support	PASSED	Health
S.B. 46 – Medicaid Expansion Amendments	Sen. Gene Davis	This bill: requires the Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to the optional populations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	Support	NOT PASSED	Health
S.B. 72 – Victim Selection Penalty Enhancements	Sen. Daniel Thatcher	This bill: provides that the penalty for a criminal offense is subject to enhancement by one degree if the offender acted against an individual or property because of the offender’s perception of the individual’s ancestry, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation	Support	NOT PASSED	LGBTQ
S.B. 106-Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact	Sen. Brian Shiozawa	This compact is intended to regulate the day to day practice of telepsychology by psychologists across state boundaries and regulate the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries for 30 days within a calendar year.	Support	PASSED	Lcnsng
H.B. 102-Cohabitant Abuse Act Amendments	Rep. Angela Romero	Defines the term “intimate partner” within the Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act and the Cohabitant Abuse Act.	Support	NOT PASSED	DV
S.B. 12 – Expungement Amendments	Sen. Daniel Thatcher Rep. Eric Hutchings	simplifies expungement process; specifies that infractions, traffic offenses, and certain minor offenses will not count towards expungement eligibility; allows for an increase in the number of convictions counted to be eligible for expungement; and allows the court during	Support	PASSED	General

		sentencing in a criminal prosecution to take into account if the level of the offense has been reduced since the defendant's conviction.			
H.B 178-Good Landlord Amendments	Rep. Brian King	This bill: prohibits a municipality from requiring a residential landlord to deny tenancy to an individual based on the individual's criminal history.	HOLD/Support	PASSED	HMLESS
S.B. 75 – Child Welfare Amendments	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore Rep. Robert Spendlove	This bill: enacts a definition of "child protection unit"; provides that a chief of police or a sheriff may create a child protection unit; permits the Division of Child and Family Services (the division) to include members of a child protection unit as part of a child protection team when the division takes a child into custody or files a petition to commence proceedings in juvenile court alleging that a child is abused or neglected.	HOLD/Support	PASSED	General
H.B. 239-Juvenile Justice Amendments	Rep. Lowry Snow		HOLD/Support	PASSED	General
S.B. 102-Utah Student Privacy Act	Sen. Karen Mayne	Provides that a local school board or charter school governing board require a public school to make a list of individuals who are authorized to access education records; requires a local school governing board or charter school governing board to: -provide training on student privacy laws; and -require individuals who are authorized to access education records to complete -training on student privacy laws and certify to the local school board or the charter school governing board that they have completed the required training -and understand student privacy requirements; and -prohibits a local school board, charter school governing board, public school, or	HOLD/Support	PASSED	General

		<p>-school employee from sharing an education record with a school employee who is -not authorized.</p> <p>Most interested in the section entitled: Parental notification of certain incidents and threats required.</p> <p><i>For purposes of this section, "parent" includes a student's guardian.</i></p> <p><i>A school shall: notify a parent if the parent's student threatens to commit suicide; or notify the parents of each student involved in an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, hazing, or retaliation, of the incident involving each parent's student.</i></p>			
H.B. 154-Telehealth Amendments	Rep. Ken Ivory	This bill is intended to provide coverage, and coverage transparency, for certain telehealth services.	HOLD	PASSED	Lcnsng
S.B. 60-School District Amendments	Sen. Gene Davis Rep. Eric Hutchings	This bill mandates specific communication between private schools and local education agencies, and parents regarding students with disabilities	HOLD/Support	NOT PASSED	General
H.B. 156- State Application Process	Rep. Sandra Hollins	provides that a public employer may not require an applicant to disclose a past criminal conviction before an initial interview for employment.	HOLD/Support	PASSED	General
S.B. 61-Students with Disabilities Accommodations Funding	Sen. Gene Davis Rep. Eric Hutchings	This bill addresses the distribution of any appropriations to the State Board of Education for reimbursement for certain services rendered to a student with an autism spectrum disorder.	HOLD/Support	PASSED	General

Policy Issues Identified in 206-2017 Strategic Plan

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