

Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee
January 24th, 2025

Bill: SB 147 – Youth Service Organizations Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Keith Grover

Floor Sponsor: Undeclared

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill amends provisions related to registered sex offender checks for potential youth workers.

Discussion: The sponsor, Senator Keith Grover, said that current law requires a youth service organization to perform a sex offender registry background check on any minor prior to hiring them. This Bill changes that requirement to be permissive rather than mandatory. The sponsor said that he is seeking this change because some minors seeking a job may not have a government issued ID making it very difficult to have a background check performed. Senator Grover summarized by stating that this Bill simply gives employers the option to hire minors without conducting a sex offender registry background check. There was no discussion from the public or questions from the Committee.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: SB 147 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.