

House Business, Labor, and Commerce Committee

Date: 1/28/2025

Bill: HB 48 – Wildland Urban Interface Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking and amend

This Bill addresses efforts to oversee wildfire risks associated with wildland urban interface property.

Outcome: HB 48 was not discussed in the Committee on 1/28/2025.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 58 – Building Inspector Amendments

Sponsor: Thomas W. Peterson

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking and amend

This Bill modifies provisions relating to building inspectors.

Discussion: The sponsor said that this Bill was put together by the Office of Professional Licensure Review (“OPLAR”). It addresses building inspector qualifications. Input was given by the Utah Homebuilders Association and the Utah League of Cities and Towns. 1st substitute HB 58 clarifies the definition of a building official and requires building inspectors to be licensed under the Division of Professional Licensing (“DOPL”) requirements. It adds duties to the Uniform Building Codes Commission, including the addition of a part time position to help oversee the additional reporting requirements. Additional rules regarding the unlawful and unprofessional conduct of licensed building inspectors and officials are included in the language. The change made in the 1st substitute, which was adopted by the Committee, removes the language that would have scheduled the repeal of the licensing requirements for a building inspector and related unlawful conduct provisions.

Representative Kyle asked why 6 years of experience is needed to qualify to become a licensed building inspector. The sponsor said that in the Appendix A of the International Building Code, licensed building inspectors are required to have 10 years of experience. The decrease to 6 years is do address the needs of rural Utah. The Utah Homebuilders Associations spoke in support the Bill. The Utah League of Cities and Towns testified their appreciation for the sponsor working with them and that they look forward to continuing to work on the Bill to address the needs of rural Utah as it proceeds through the legislative process. The League has not taken a position on the Bill. Representative Dunnigan expressed concern with lower the requirements to be licensed as a building inspector. The sponsor said that he believes that 6 years of constriction experience will be enough time to learn how to make proper Building Code interpretations. The sponsor expressed a willingness to make amendments to address concerns.

Yeas: 8
Nays: 2
N/V: 6

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 58 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
