

Senate Education Committee

January 30th, 2025

Bill: 1st substitute HB 269 – Privacy Protections in Sex-designated Areas

Sponsor: Representative Stephanie Gricius

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions regarding sex-designated privacy spaces in education and government facilities.

Discussion: This Bill requires that students who choose to live in gender specific on campus housing must be assigned to housing according to their biological sex noted at birth. The Bill allows transgender students to live in gender neutral on campus housing if they request. The Bill requires guidance on student housing for degree-granting institutions and updates nonprofit exceptions under the Utah Fair Housing Act. The Bill also narrows gender distinction rules in sports, removes unclear medical documentation requirements for gender specific spaces, specifies government facility compliance responsibilities, and mandates gender-based housing assignments. The Committee members asked a series of clarifying questions and numerous members of the public spoke in opposition and support for the Bill. The entire conversation was based exclusively around public higher education student housing. Senator Riebe spoke in opposition to the Bill believing that each institution of higher education should create their own policies to be implemented at the collegiate level.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 1

N/V: 1

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 269 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
