

House Floor Time

February 7th, 2025

Bill: 1st substitute HB 81 – Fluoride Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Stephanie Gricius

Floor Sponsor: Senator Kirk A. Cullimore

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses provisions related to water fluoridation and prescription fluoride supplements.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Ward referenced statistics supporting the use of fluoride for better dental health and spoke in opposition to the Bill. Representative Bennion asked how the Bill would interact with existing military fluoride programs. The sponsor clarified that federal law overrides state law in this case, ensuring that those programs would not be affected. Representative Bennion expressed concerns about the Bill. Representative Thurston asked how the Bill would allow pharmacies to interact more closely with patients. The sponsor explained that pharmacies are eager to implement fluoride prescribing programs, with prescriptions determined by DHHS guidelines. Representative Thurston then inquired whether the Bill would prohibit adults from using supplemental fluoride. Representative Gricius confirmed that it would not restrict adult use of fluoride. Representative Thurston, Representative Shallenberger, Representative Lisonbee, and Representative Chevrier spoke in favor of the Bill. Representative Fitismanu echoed sentiments expressed by Representative Ward, emphasizing fluoride's positive impacts. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 51

Nays: 19

N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 81 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 89 – Water Transfer Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Gay Lynn Bennion

Floor Sponsor: Senator Scott D. Sandall

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies provisions related to probate transfer of personal property by affidavit.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 71

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 89 passed out of the House.

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 12 – Division of Purchasing and General Services Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Val L. Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell

UASD Position: Tracking with concern (staff recommends consider Support of the 4th substitute)

This Bill modifies the Utah Procurement Code.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the amendment to the Bill adopted by the Senate. The amendment made in the Senate was at the request of UASD. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: The House concurred with the Senate amendments and 4th substitute HB 12 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.
