

Senate Health and Human Services Committee
February 13th, 2025

Bill: SB 209 – Emergency Medical Services

Sponsor: Senator Dennis R. Owens

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses emergency medical services.

Discussion: Senator Owens outlined the Bill, which establishes the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Critical Needs Account and designates ambulance services as an essential service. The Bill increases grant funding to \$200,000, corrects multiple Code references, and updates the role of the Peer Review Board. It also requires the Bureau of EMS to issue a Class A notice as part of the notification process. Amendment 1, a language cleanup, was adopted. The Bureau of EMS voiced support for the Bill, emphasizing that it will enable more timely grant distribution. Mike Moffett from Gold Cross Ambulance and the Rural EMS Directors Association also expressed strong support.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: SB 209, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
