

House Floor Time

February 18th, 2025

Bill: 1st substitute HB 65 – Firefighter Cancer Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Support and amend

This Bill modifies the Utah Occupational Disease Act by expanding the rebuttable presumption for a firefighter diagnosed with cancer.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Clancy and Representative Albrecht spoke in favor of the Bill.

Yeas: 66

Nays: 0

N/V: 9

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 65 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 313 – State Construction and Electrical Standards Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Thomas W. Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies the State Construction Code.

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

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 313 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd substitute HB 215 – Office of Legislative Auditor General Provisions

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson S. Burton

Floor Sponsor: Stephanie S. Pitcher

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions governing the duties and powers of the legislative auditor general.

Discussion: The House adopted the 3rd substitute. The sponsor stated that this substitute adds language regarding auditing the Utah State Board of Education. The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 68

Nays: 0

N/V: 7

Outcome: 3rd substitute HB 215 passed out of the House.

Bill: 4th substitute HB 40 – School Safety Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ryan Wilcox

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies school safety provisions.

Discussion: The 4th substitute was adopted by the Committee. The substitute appropriates \$100,000,000 in operating and capital projects for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from various sources detailed in the Bill. It also clarifies that the security glazing required on school windows is for exterior entry point windows only. The safety assessment deadline date was moved from the 31st of December to the 15th of October to accommodate school's budget cycles. It requires camera feeds and security alert devices that are required in existing law to communicate directly with first responders, which was the original intent. It requires schools to have a universal access key box outside of the building to allow first responders to gain access during a lockdown. The Bill also creates a penalty for school staff who have a sexual relationship with an eighteen-year-old high school student and adds "sexual extortion" as part of the training and curriculum required for students.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 2

N/V: 4

Outcome: 4th substitute HB 40 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 292 – Political Signs Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jordan D. Teuscher

Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to political signs.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill and noted that the House adopted Amendment 1, which replaces the phrase “a class C misdemeanor” on line 115 with “Infraction”. Representative Macpherson asked whether the language on line 107 would remain unchanged, and the sponsor confirmed that it would. Representative Dunnigan inquired whether overlapping corners of signs would constitute an infraction, to which the sponsor responded that it would not. Representative Dunnigan then asked who had the authority to remove campaign lawn signs, and the sponsor stated that members of the public could remove signs if they believed they violated the law or posed a safety hazard. Representative Shepherd asked about size restrictions, and the sponsor clarified that the Bill ensures compliance with existing guidelines, as most campaign signs already adhere to these size limitations. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 292 passed out of the House.
