

House Floor Time

February 19th, 2025

Bill: SB 50 – Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Board of Trustees Compensation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

Floor Sponsor: Representative Thomas W. Peterson

UASD Position: Support

This Bill eliminates the compensation limit for a member of a board of trustees of a limited purpose local government entity.

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

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: SB 50 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: SB 95 – Truth in Taxation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Heidi Balderee

Floor Sponsor: Representative Colin W. Jack

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses the public hearing requirements for increasing the property tax rate.

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

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: SB 95 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: 1st substitute SB 36 – Water Quality Board Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Todd D. Weiler

Floor Sponsor: Representative Paul A. Cutler

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses the Utah Water Quality Board.

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

Yeas: 63

Nays: 0

N/V: 12

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 36 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: SB 96 – Advanced Air Mobility Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Kay J. Christofferson

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses provisions related to advanced air mobility.

Discussion: The floor sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Chevrier asked about a potential substitute on the Bill, having discussed the prospect with Senator Harper, and if the sponsor had made any progress on the amendment or change. The floor sponsor was not aware of any changes in the works. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 62

Nays: 1

N/V: 12

Outcome: SB 96 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: 1st substitute SB 54 – Appearance of Candidate Name on Ballot

Sponsor: Senator Stephanie Pitcher

Floor Sponsor: Representative Stephanie Gricius

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses the manner in which a candidate's name may appear on a ballot.

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

Yeas: 65

Nays: 2

N/V: 9

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 54 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 25 – Retirement Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Cheryl K. Acton

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions of the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Senate amendments to the Bill, explaining that they make minor corrections to Subsection 3 of the IRS section. The House concurred with the Senate amendments. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 71

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: The House concurred with the Senate amendments on 1st substitute HB 25 and the Bill passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd substitute HB 44 – Private Airport Notice Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Melissa G. Ballard

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill enacts provisions related to notice of private airports.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Senate amendments to the Bill, explaining that the amendment clarifies that the land grant authority is responsible for reporting. The House concurred with the Senate amendments. No discussion followed.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: The House concurred with the Senate amendments on 3rd substitute HB 44 and the Bill passed out of the House.

Bill: 4th substitute HB 69 – Government Records and Information Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Stephanie Gricius

Floor Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions relating to government records and information.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Senate amendments to the Bill, explaining that they narrowed the scope of the original Bill's criminal penalty and added a provision allowing attorney fees to be awarded to either party in a records request. Representative Stoddard expressed concerns about the attorney fees provision, arguing that it could set a bad precedent if the legislature aimed to establish a strong legal standard. In contrast, Representative Teuscher spoke in favor of the Senate amendments. The House concurred with the Senate amendments. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 54

Nays: 18

N/V: 3

Outcome: The House concurred with the Senate amendments on 4th substitute HB 69 and the Bill passed out of the House.

Bill: HB 400 – Blood Transfusion Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Kristen Chevrier

Floor Sponsor: Senator Keven J. Stratton

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses blood transfusions.

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

Yeas: 68

Nays: 0

N/V: 7

Outcome: HB 400 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd substitute HB 274 – Water Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking and amend

This Bill addresses regulations related to water.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill and the 3rd substitute, explaining that it clarifies regulatory aspects and addresses questions about water pricing for gardens, greenspaces, and similar uses. The House adopted the 3rd substitute. Representative Chew asked the sponsor about lines 194-197, specifically what it means for a water retail supplier to "consider conservation". The sponsor explained that under this Bill, if a region is in the third tier and reduces water use, the tool would legally allow suppliers to apply higher rates based on consumption. Representative Chew then asked whether this would have different impacts on rural versus metropolitan suppliers. The sponsor clarified that the Bill includes carve outs for suppliers who do not have the mechanisms to implement tiered pricing, meaning they are not required to follow these provisions. Next, Representative Chew suggested changing the word "shall" to "may" in line 194. He argued that this adjustment would give water retailers more flexibility in adapting to 2030 conservation plans. The sponsor opposed the change, stating that the Bill already grants full discretion and that modifying the language could undermine its intent. He warned that the amendment could have unintended consequences, such as allowing water suppliers to decide whether agricultural water is a priority, blocking unit rates, and weakening the Bill's impact. Representatives Peterson and Bolinder also spoke against the amendment. The motion to amend failed. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 67

Nays: 2
N/V: 6

Outcome: 3rd substitute HB 274 passed out of the House.

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