

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 150 – Emergency Communications Modifications

Sponsor: Representative David Shallenberger

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies provisions related to public safety answering point qualifications for proportionate share funding.

Discussion: Representative Shallenberger explained that this Bill "tweaks" existing law at the request of a Utah County 911 dispatch center. Currently, bonuses are available to dispatch centers that meet certain performance metrics, but there is a requirement that all public safety answering points within a county must qualify for a proportionate share of remaining funds for any answering point in the county to receive funds. These bonuses range from \$100,000 to \$200,000. HB 150 changes this structure by awarding bonuses on a center-by-center basis, based on individual metrics, rather than at the county level. Additionally, the Bill clarifies that non-voting members of the Utah Communications Board are not allowed to attend the closed portions of board meetings. There were no public comments.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 150 was favorably recommended to the Senate.
