

## Senate Floor

2/21/2025

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### **Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 212 – Advanced Transmission Technologies**

Sponsor: Representative Christine F. Watkins

Floor Sponsor: Senator David P. Hinkins

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill makes changes to the Energy Resource Procurement Act.

Discussion: Senator Hinkins presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 212 passed out of the Senate.**

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### **Bill: HB 229 – Transportation Funds Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Kay J. Christofferson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill amends provisions related to corridor preservation to include fixed guideway public transit facilities for corridor preservation.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

**Outcome: HB 229 passed out of the Senate.**

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### **Bill: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute HB 24 – Limitations on Liability Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Nelson T. Abbott

Floor Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill addresses the limitation on the liability of an employer for an employee convicted of an offense.

Discussion: Senator Weiler presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

**Outcome: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute HB 24 passed out of the Senate.**

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**Bill: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 217 – Recycling and Waste Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Jason B. Kyle

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill addresses issues related to the disposal and recycling of electronic and solid waste.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 217 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 250 – Community Development Modifications**

Sponsor: Senator Kirk A. Cullimore

Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill deals with the use of certain funding to promote home ownership and provisions related to community reinvestment agencies.

Discussion: Senator Cullimore presented the Bill. Senator Riebe asked if tax increments will be negotiated locally or if it would follow a statewide formula. The sponsor said it is all negotiated through a participation agreement between the entities and the county. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 21

Nays: 1

N/V: 7

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 250 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: SB 241 – Limited Purpose Local Government Amendment**

Sponsor: Senator Jerry W. Stevenson

Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill modifies provisions affecting special districts.

Discussion: Senator Stevenson presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 1

N/V: 4

**Outcome: SB 241 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: SB 209 – Emergency Medical Services**

Sponsor: Senator Derrin R. Owens

Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill addresses emergency medical services.

Discussion: Senator Owens presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

**Outcome: SB 209 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 3<sup>rd</sup> Substitute SB 243 – Law Enforcement Quota Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler

Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill concerns impermissible law enforcement quotas.

Discussion: Senator Weiler presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute, which was adopted by the Senate. The substitute codifies the best practice of establishing incentives for law enforcement "interactions" rather than citations. No further discussion on the Bill followed.

Yeas: 21

Nays: 2

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 3<sup>rd</sup> Substitute SB 243 passed the senator 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SCR 3 – Concurrent Resolution Regarding Utah's Authority to Determine its Energy Future**

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Carl R. Albrecht

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Resolution asserts the state's right to determine its own energy policies and addresses the balance of state and federal authority in energy regulation.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the Resolution. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 18

Nays: 5

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SCR 3 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 163 – Government Records Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Matt MacPherson

**UASD Position: Tracking and Amend**

This Bill amends provisions relating to the Government Records Access and Management Act.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the Bill. Senator Thatcher asked how the Bill would coordinate with SB 277. The sponsor said that in the case that both Bills pass, there would need to be a coordinating clause added. The sponsor said that he doesn't know how the other GRAMA Bills will fare, but there will have to be some coordination as they progress through the legislative process.

Yeas: 22

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 163 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 164 – Modifications to Election Law**

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Paul A. Cutler

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill modifies provisions relating to elections.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the Bill. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 164 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 154 – Legislative Audit Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Oppose**

This Bill enacts provisions related to certain information provided to the legislative auditor general.

Discussion: Senator Brammer presented the Bill and Senate Amendment 2, which was adopted. The amendment, requested by several agencies, specifies that the Office of the Legislative Auditor General ("Office") must select an arbitrator who is licensed to practice law in Utah and does not have a known, direct, or material interest in the outcome of the arbitration, the entity, or the Office. Senator Kwan referenced the fiscal note of \$0 and asked whether the arbitrator would be compensated or if they are already on staff. The sponsor explained that the Bill applies to rare circumstances, and he does not anticipate any claims of attorney-client privilege regarding records sought by the Office in the upcoming year. However, if a claim of privilege is deemed valid during arbitration, the Office will cover the arbitrator's fee. If the claim is deemed invalid, the audited agency will be required to pay the fee.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute Sb 154, as amended, passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: SB 179 – Local Regulation of Business Entities Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

Floor Sponsor: Representative Thomas W. Peterson

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill enacts provisions related to local classification and approval of new and unlisted business uses.

Discussion: Senator Musselman presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

**Outcome: SB 179 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 220 – Construction Modifications**

Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

Floor Sponsor: Representative Thomas W. Peterson

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill addresses construction site storm water runoff controls.

Discussion: Senator Musselman presented the Bill and Senate Amendment 1, which changes the word “shall” to “may” on line 182. The amendment was adopted. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 24  
Nays: 0  
N/V: 5

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 220, as amended, passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: SB 245 – Newborn Child Insurance Notification Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler  
Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill requires employers to provide a notification to employees who are birthing a child or adopting a child.

Discussion: Senator Weiler presented the Bill. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 25  
Nays: 0  
N/V: 4

**Outcome: SB 245 passed the senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 181 – Housing Affordability Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Lincoln Fillmore  
Floor Sponsor: Representative Stephen L. Whyte

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill enacts and amends provisions related to housing affordability.

Discussion: Senator Fillmore presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26  
Nays: 0  
N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 181 passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: SB 280 – Retail Facility Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers  
Floor Sponsor: TBD

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill modifies provisions related to retail facility incentive payments.

Discussion: Senator Vickers presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: SB 280 passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and will be read for a third time.**

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**Bill: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 133 – Metal Purchase and Theft Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler

Floor Sponsor: Representative Christine F. Watkins

**UASD Position: Oppose**

This Bill concerns the purchase and theft of metal including catalytic converters.

Discussion: Senator Weiler presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute for SB 133, which was adopted yesterday. The substitute waters down the original Bill by moving its controversial aspects to be discussed over the interim. The revised Bill clarifies language regarding catalytic converter purchases under the Pawnshop, Secondhand Merchandise, and Catalytic Converter Transaction Information Act. It also creates a new criminal offense for metal or catalytic converter theft and removes penalty provisions related to this theft from certain generally applicable criminal theft statutes, due to the establishment of the new offense. Additionally, the Bill updates the industry definition for metal regulation requirements and offenses and adds the new metal or catalytic converter theft offense to the list of offenses concerning a pattern of unlawful activity.

Senator Fillmore asked why a new crime is being created. The sponsor explained that individuals who steal catalytic converters cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage in exchange for only a few hundred dollars, and the Bill aims to enforce the documentation of catalytic converter sales. Senator Kwan inquired whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute is supported by small businesses and groups such as Chamber West. The sponsor clarified that the substitute softens the original Bill, moving all controversial parts to the interim. Senator Thatcher spoke in support of the Bill, emphasizing that it addresses organized crime, the frequency of these crimes, and the collateral damage they cause.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 1

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 133 passed out of the Senate.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: Senator Cullimore presented the Bill, with Senators Weiler and Plumb speaking in opposition. Senator Fillmore asked about the difference between fluoride being added to water and fluoride being prescribed for individual consumption, as well as the distinction between natural fluoride and fluoride manually added to water. The sponsor explained that added fluoride is fluoridated acid, while naturally occurring fluoride is sodium fluoride. Senator Fillmore also inquired if there is a recommended dosage of fluoride. The sponsor clarified that, while there is no recommended dosage, the CDC has noted that fluoride provides the best treatment when applied topically, not ingested. The Bill does not prohibit the consumption of fluoride but allows individuals who do not wish to consume it to opt out of being forced to drink it. Senator Fillmore spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 18

Nays: 8

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 81 passed out of the Senate.**

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