

House Floor

2/24/2025

Bill: HB 492 – Drinking Water Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Colin W. Jack

Floor Sponsor: Senator Heidi Balderree

UASD Position: Oppose

This Bill addresses security at drinking water facilities.

Discussion: Representative Jack presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 68

Nays: 0

N/V: 7

Outcome: HB 492 passed out of the House.

Bill: SB 147 – Youth Service Organizations Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Keith Grover

Floor Sponsor: Representative Tyler Clancy

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to registered sex offender checks for potential youth workers.

Discussion: Representative Clancy presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: SB 147 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 320 – Municipal Ordinance Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Lisa Shephard

Floor Sponsor: TBD

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends provisions relating to the imposition of a civil penalty for a municipal ordinance violation.

Discussion: Representative Shephard presented the Bill, and Representative Thurston proposed House Amendment 2, which introduces a gradual increase in penalty fees for repeated violations. The sponsor indicated that the amendment is favorable. The fee increases will only apply after three separate instances of violation. The amendment was adopted, and the Bill was then circled.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 320, as amended, was circled.

Bill: HB 328 – Water Usage Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Doug Owens
Floor Sponsor: Senator Ronald M. Winterton
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses the use of overhead spray irrigation under specified circumstances.

Discussion: Representative Owens presented the Bill. Representative Auxier inquired whether any methods were outlined in the Bill to prevent water evaporation from irrigation systems. The sponsor responded that the Division of Water Resources has recommended using trees and shrubs to help keep the ground cool. Representative Auxier then asked if the use of trees and shrubs would be required by the Bill. The sponsor clarified that the Bill does not mandate the use of trees and shrubs. Representative Chew further clarified that the Bill applies only to regions with natural drainage to the Great Salt Lake. Representative T. Peterson raised a concern that drip irrigation systems may require more effort than they are worth. The sponsor assured that the Bill does not apply to secondary water systems and is focused solely on industrial and commercial development.

Yeas: 32
Nays: 36
N/V: 7

Outcome: HB 328 failed to pass out of the House.

Bill: 5th Substitute HB 456 – Transient Room Tax Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Bridger Bolinder
Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies the transient room tax and creates the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grant Program.

Discussion: Representative Bolinder presented the 5th Substitute of HB 456, which was adopted by the body. Representative Albrecht inquired about the grant program. The sponsor explained that the grant is managed by the Division of Natural Resources (DNR), with projected revenue of \$6.2 million. The funds will be used to reimburse counties for tourism-related expenses, with priority given to covering emergency medical services (EMS) costs. Any remaining funds will then be distributed to other entities. Representative Albrecht noted that Piute County has two state parks and asked whether the county could apply for the grant if their expenses exceed the

set threshold. The sponsor clarified that if the county uses the local option sales tax, they would be eligible to apply for the grant.

Yeas: 61
Nays: 6
N/V: 9

Outcome: 5th Substitute HB 456 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 351 – Election Day Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill establishes Election Day as a state holiday.

Discussion: Representative Perucci proposed the 3rd substitute, which reinstates Columbus Day in the Bill. Representative Wilcox accepted the substitute, and it was adopted by the body. The Bill was then circled.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 351, as amended, was circled.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 368 – Local Land Use Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Stephen L. Whyte

Floor Sponsor: Senator Lincoln Fillmore

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions related to land use.

Discussion: Representative Whyte presented the 2nd substitute, which was adopted by the body. The 2nd substitute clarifies and modifies statutes regarding municipal annexation and municipal boundary adjustments. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 53
Nays: 13
N/V: 9

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 369 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 360 – Housing Attainability Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Stephen L. Whyte

Floor Sponsor: Senator Lincoln Fillmore

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends provisions related to affordable housing.

Discussion: Representative Whyte proposed the 1st substitute, which was adopted by the body. The substitute provides clarification about allowing the Utah Housing Corporation to return deposits to the State Treasurer Loan. It includes the affordable housing definition of moderate-income housing. It also adds a coordination clause with HB 412 regarding trustees of the Utah Housing Corporation. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 51

Nays: 16

N/V: 8

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 360 passed out of the House.
