

Bill: 1st Substitute SB 289 – Community Development Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: TBD

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses community reinvestment agencies.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the first substitute of the Bill, which removes the provisions related to the extension of project areas and the creation of super-funds. The revised Bill now solely addresses the reporting requirements for redevelopment agencies. The sponsor explained that the Bill clarifies the reporting process for community reinvestment and redevelopment agencies, removes duplicate reporting requirements, and specifies the penalty for failing to file the required annual report, along with the steps to remedy the situation. Additionally, the Bill clarifies the responsibilities of the county auditor, including the requirement to send information not only to taxing entities but also to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. The county auditor is also tasked with notifying taxing entities when a project area expires. The substitute was adopted by the Committee. There were no public comments, and the Committee did not pose any clarifying questions.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st Substitute SB 289 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation and was placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

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: Representative T. Peterson stated that the first substitute of HB 313 is a recommendation from the Uniform Building Codes Commission ("Commission"). The Bill adopts the 2023 National Electric Code and includes provisions for up to three-story residential apartments and condos, specifically amending elevator requirements. The Commission, in

collaboration with the Electrical Advisory Committees, has made several technical changes. Additionally, recommendations are provided regarding “ROMEX” cables passing through the top plate of a home, with exceptions made for certain homes that have multiple cables running through those plates.

Senator Kwan inquired about the elevator code and its alignment with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") federal requirements. The sponsor responded that the Bill aligns with long-established standard practices and does not eliminate ADA-compliant units in three-story buildings. It ensures that accessible units are located on the main floor of such buildings. The Utah Homebuilders Association expressed support for the Bill.

Yeas: 4
Nays: 0
N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 313 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
