

House Floor

2/25/2025

Bill: HB 446 – Great Salt Lake Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jill Koford

Floor Sponsor: Senator Scott D. Sandall

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses issues related to the Great Salt Lake.

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

Yeas: 66

Nays: 0

N/V: 9

Outcome: HB 446 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 295 – Municipal Services Fees and Political Subdivision Lien Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Paul A. Cutler

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill authorizes municipalities to place a political subdivision lien on property for certain past due services.

Discussion: Representative Cutler presented the 3rd Substitute, which was adopted by the body. The 3rd substitute prevents lawyers from charging large administrative fees. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 44

Nays: 20

N/V: 11

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 295 passed out of the House.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 320 – Municipal Ordinance Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Lisa Shepherd

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

UASD Position: Support

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

Discussion: The sponsor presented the second substitute, which was adopted by the body. This version of the Bill establishes a 14-day period between two violations, as specified in the

legislation. Representative Acton inquired whether the Bill has the support of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. The sponsor confirmed that it does and noted that many cities consider the Bill a high priority.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 320 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 407 – Mini-motorcycle Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ashlee Matthews

Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses the use of mini-motorcycles.

Discussion: Representative Matthews presented the third substitute, which was adopted by the body. This version removes the criminal penalty while retaining the associated fees and revises the definition of a mini-motorcycle. Representative Acton inquired about the legal locations for operation. The sponsor clarified that non-street-legal mini-motorcycles may be operated in any location that is not a public road. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 38

Nays: 29

N/V: 8

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 407 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st Substitute HJR 9 – Joint Resolution Regarding Utah's Share of Colorado River Water

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor: TBD

UASD Position: Support; Amended

This Resolution addresses usage of allotted shares of Colorado River water.

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

Yeas: 65

Nays: 0

N/V: 10

Outcome: 1st Substitute HJR 9 passed out of the House.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 300 – Amendments to Election Law

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson S. Burton

Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions relating to elections.

Discussion: Representative Burton presented the second substitute, which was adopted by the body. This version maintains the option to vote by mail while requiring voters to provide a form of identification by submitting the last four digits of their driver's license number. The substitute also includes funding for a public education campaign to inform voters about the new identification requirements. House Amendment 1 was adopted. It clarifies that voters will be removed from the vote-by-mail system if they does not vote in an election during a two-year period that includes two consecutive regular general elections.

Representative Ward spoke in support of the Bill. Representative Romero inquired about how individuals without a driver's license could vote by mail. The sponsor explained that those without a license would be provided with a state identification card for voting purposes.

Representative T. Miller asked about the public education efforts to ensure Utahns are informed about the new vote-by-mail policy. The sponsor noted that the Bill would not take effect until 2028 and that extensive outreach campaigns would be conducted to raise awareness about the identification process. Representative Miller also asked about the process for renewing a driver's license to continue receiving a mail-in ballot. The sponsor explained that vote-by-mail eligibility would remain valid for eight years, and voters would have the opportunity to opt in when updating their driver's license or conducting other transactions at the Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV").

Representative Owens inquired about the position of election clerks on the Bill. The sponsor stated that while some clerks still had concerns, more clerks supported the substitute version, acknowledging it as a significant improvement over the original. Representative Owens also asked whether mail-in ballots would be in the hands of clerks by Election Day. The sponsor confirmed that only ballots received by the close of Election Day would be counted, and the Bill does not impact absentee or provisional ballots.

Representative Owens further questioned the security of drop boxes and whether ID checks would be required. The sponsor clarified that no personnel would be stationed at drop boxes to check ID, as the identification requirement is already integrated within the ballot process.

Lastly, Representative Monson asked if there would be additional locations, besides the DMV, where Utahns could opt in for mail-in ballots. The sponsor confirmed that voters could also opt in at their county clerk's office.

Yeas: 57

Nays: 15

N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 300 passed out of the House.

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