

Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Committee
February 25th, 2025

Bill: 1st substitute HB 147 – Aquatic Invasive Species Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Rex P. Shipp

Floor Sponsor: Senator Keven J. Stratton

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses requirements to operate or launch a vessel.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that Lake Powell, and other bodies of water, are facing challenges with aquatic invasive species and outlined the established process for boaters to mitigate these risks. This Bill exempts users of inflatable watercraft from the education requirement and the associated sticker fee. Senator Kwan raised minor concerns regarding how the exemption would apply to minors and expressed a desire to discuss the matter further with the sponsor. The sponsor confirmed that the Bill includes language addressing her concern but agreed to continue the discussion offline if necessary. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 147 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
