

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

February 26th, 2025

Bill: 3rd substitute HB 301 – Ambulance Provider Payment Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Cory A. Maloy

Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends provisions related to ambulance billing and charges.

Discussion: Representative Maloy stated that the Bill establishes a base rate for ground ambulance services, prohibits providers from balance billing, and requires insurers to honor the established rate. The Bill mandates a future audit by the Legislative Auditor General, ensures fair mileage rates, caps medication costs during transport, and includes a repeal date for review after two years. The sponsor highlighted that the goal is to create a sustainable ambulance cost structure with broad stakeholder support.

The Gold Cross Ambulance Association, the Rural EMS Directors Association of Utah, the President of the Utah Fire Chiefs Association, and Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield spoke in support of the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 2

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 3rd substitute HB 301 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 391 – Emergency Medical Services Revisions

Sponsor: Representative Hoang Nguyen

Floor Sponsor: Senator Dennis R. Owens

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses emergency medical services.

Discussion: Representative Nguyen explained that this Bill stems from the emergency medical transportation system audit. Currently, when a provider is out of compliance, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) can only suspend or revoke a license. This Bill allows the Emergency Medical Services Committee to create a fine schedule, enabling the Bureau of EMS to adopt and enforce fines when providers are noncompliant. The goal of the fines is to

encourage compliance without resorting to license revocation. The sponsor noted that all collected fines will be deposited into the Emergency Medical Critical Needs Account. Representative Nguyen highlighted support for the Bill from all stakeholders involved and mentioned that there will be another substitute that will be adopted on the floor.

The Gold Cross Ambulance Association, the President of the Utah Fire Chiefs Association, and the Rural EMS Directors Association of Utah spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 391 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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Sponsor:

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position:

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Discussion:

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