

## House Public Utilities and Energy Committee

February 26th, 2025

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### **Bill: 1st substitute HB 411 – Public Asset Ownership Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Troy Shelley

Floor Sponsor: Senator Dennis R. Owens

#### **UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill addresses the state ownership of certain environmental assets.

Discussion: This Bill requires state entities that sell or exchange environmental commodities to report a digital identification number to the Office of Energy Development. It exempts environmental commodities generated from activities on school and institutional trust lands from reporting requirements. Additionally, the Bill declares that any environmental commodity created through activities funded by state resources is owned by the state in proportion to its financial contribution. It also clarifies that environmental commodities created or purchased by a state entity remain under the control of that entity. Lastly, the Bill assigns specific duties to the state treasurer for managing environmental commodities.

Representative Shelley stated that this Bill clarifies that any assets acquired by a state entity are owned by the state. He provided an example, explaining that if a state entity purchases carbon credits, those credits belong to the state. No discussion or public comment ensued.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 1st substitute HB 411 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**

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### **Bill: 2nd substitute SB 217 – Recycling and Waste Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Jason B. Kyle

#### **UASD Position: Support**

This Bill addresses issues related to the disposal and recycling of electronic and solid waste.

Discussion: Senator Harper explained that this Bill addresses the proper disposal and recycling of electronic waste. The Bill defines "community collection event" and supports local efforts to collect hazardous waste in a sustainable manner by educating the public. It also reinforces

existing law by prohibiting manufacturers from selling electronics in Utah without informing consumers how to dispose of them properly and requires retailers to train staff on proper disposal methods for old equipment.

Representative Dominguez asked whether the legislation would impose additional costs on communities. The sponsor clarified that it should not create any financial burden. The Utah Retail Merchants Association expressed support for the Bill. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 10

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 217 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**