

House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

3/4/2025

Bill: 1st Substitute SB 319 – Utah Lake Authority Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

Floor Sponsor: Representative Stephanie Gricius

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to the Utah Lake Authority (lake authority).

Discussion: Senator Brammer explained that the Bill establishes a Utah Lake Nature and Research Center in partnership with Utah Valley University (“UVU”). It restructures the appointment process for certain Utah Lake Authority board members and sets requirements for the preparation and implementation of Lake Authority project area plans. Additionally, it defines the funding sources for the Lake Authority.

Representative Bolinder inquired about the fiscal note. The sponsor clarified that UVU employees cannot be employed by the Research Center until it is built and that he is working with the Chair of the Executive Appropriations Committee to determine how much initial funding the state can provide.

Representative Shallenberger asked whether the legislation directly funds the construction of the Research Center. The sponsor explained that the Bill does not build the center but reallocates some funds to help finance the project in partnership with UVU. The funding for construction will be addressed next year. He added that if the Bill does not receive funding, the fiscal note will be removed. There was no public comment.

Yeas: 10

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Substitute SB 319 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
