

House Floor Time

March 4th, 2025

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 335 – Political Advertising Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Sahara Hayes

Floor Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

UASD Position: Tracking & amend

This Bill amends provisions related to political advertising.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 60

Nays: 13

N/V: 2

Outcome: 2nd substitute HB 335 passed out of the House.

Bill: HB 263 – Election Record Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Norman K. Thurston

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to records created or used during an election.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Albrecht asked about the handling of mail-in ballots and why certain votes were not counted. The sponsor explained that during research into which mail-in votes were counted, they found that no records were accessible, as all ballots were secured and then discarded after 22 months. Representative Albrecht spoke in favor of the Bill. Representative Romero asked whether the sponsor had collaborated with the county clerks. The sponsor stated that he had but acknowledged that some clerks may oppose certain provisions in the Bill. He explained that many clerks lack the capacity to store election records as required by the Bill, but he believed this would be an opportunity for them to expand their capabilities. Representative Romero then asked about the cost for county clerks to comply. The sponsor estimated that each county would need to spend between \$2,000 and \$3,000, depending on their existing infrastructure. Representative Cutler spoke in opposition, arguing that the Bill was not the best solution to the issue and would place an undue burden on county clerks.

Yeas: 60

Nays: 13

N/V: 2

Outcome: HB 263 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd substitute SB 80 – Water Fee Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider
Floor Sponsor: Senator Scott D. Sandall
UASD Position: Tracking and amend

This Bill allows state agencies to develop a fee schedule for water consumption.

Discussion: The House adopted the joint conference Committee report, no discussion ensued.

Yeas: 60
Nays: 10
N/V: 5

Outcome: The House adopted the joint conference Committee report on 3rd substitute SB 80, and it passed out of the House.

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 307 – Wildfire Funding Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider
Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell
UASD Position: Support; amended

This Bill addresses wildfires.

Discussion: The sponsor motioned to reconsider HB 307; he explained that they missed one nuance provision regarding grant funding. The House refused to concur with the Senate amendments to HB 307 and the Bill will be assigned to a Joint Conference Committee to discuss a solution.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: The sponsor motioned to reconsider 2nd substitute HB 307. The House refused to concur with the Senate amendments to 2nd substitute HB 307 and the Bill will be assigned to a joint conference Committee to discuss a solution.

Bill: SJR 3 – Joint Resolution Dissolving Salt Lake County Justice Court

Sponsor: Senator Kirk A. Cullimore
Floor Sponsor: Representative Jordan D. Teuscher
UASD Position: Tracking

This resolution approves the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court.

Discussion: The floor sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 71
Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: SJR 3 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: 2nd substitute SB 241 – Limited Purpose Local Government Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Jerry W. Stevenson

Floor Sponsor: Representative Paul A. Cutler

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions affecting special districts.

Discussion: The floor sponsor presented the 2nd substitute of the Bill. He explained that this substitute excludes the existing Pole Canyon Basic District and deletes the language that would have authorized the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to create a public infrastructure district. The 2nd substitute was adopted by the House. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 58

Nays: 14

N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 241 passed out of the House and will be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill: 2nd substitute SB 202 – Property Tax Revisions

Sponsor: Senator Chris H. Wilson

Floor Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions in the Property Tax Act.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill, with Representative Shepherd speaking in support. Representative Pierucci asked the sponsor to elaborate on the provision regarding costs paid by counties that request or receive appraisals. The sponsor explained that this provision is intended to help counties stay current on their assessments. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 1

N/V: 4

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 202 passed out of the House and will be enrolled.

Bill: 5th substitute SB 195 – Transportation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Christofferson

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends provisions related to transportation items, including road rage, hybrid vehicle registration fees, and adherence to proposed phases of certain transportation developments.

Discussion: The floor sponsor presented Amendment 1, explaining that it clarifies provisions related to the transportation mobility plan and reallocates \$3 million for an environmental study on I-15 in Salem, as well as up to \$300 million for right-of-way acquisition and construction on SR-89 in Salt Lake County. The House adopted Amendment 1 to the Bill.

Representative Lisonbee asked whether the Bill permits the construction of a gondola. The floor sponsor clarified that the gondola is already included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Representative Eliason then asked how the gondola provisions had changed existing Code. The floor sponsor explained that the Bill does not alter existing law but ensures that the project follows the record of decision established in its phased implementation.

Representative Lisonbee also requested clarification on the EIS language at the end of the Bill. The floor sponsor explained that there is an ongoing study on I-15 from Salem to Benjamin, and this amendment provides funding for that EIS study. Representative Romero asked whether the amendment impacts existing city projects. The floor sponsor responded that while concerns were addressed in the 3rd substitute, the 5th substitute further refined the provisions to reflect stakeholder input.

Representative Eliason inquired whether stakeholders were consulted regarding the section on air ambulances and its impact on patients' rights to choose their provider. The floor sponsor assured that the Bill does not alter the Patients' Bill of Rights but simply requires air ambulance services to coordinate with dispatch and ensure they have the necessary emergency response equipment.

Representative Romero then questioned the addition of the term "highway" on line 3080. The floor sponsor explained that the term was used because the road in question is classified as a state road. Representative Romero spoke in opposition to the Bill, arguing that it is another example of state government overriding Salt Lake City's

Yeas: 60

Nays: 14

N/V: 1

Outcome: 5th substitute SB 195, as amended, passed out of the House and will be enrolled.
