

Senate Floor

3/6/2025

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 454 – Local Government Fees Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Karen M. Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies and enacts provisions related to municipal fees.

Discussion: Senator Brammer presented the second substitute, which exempts properties owned or used by religious organizations and humanitarian aid organizations from transportation utility fees. The substitute was adopted by the body.

Senator Riebe inquired how the sponsor would respond to the League of Cities and Towns' opposition to the substitute. The sponsor explained that municipalities are advocating for the collection of property taxes, leading to an ongoing debate on whether charitable organizations should remain exempt. Senator Riebe expressed concern over the increasing number of nonprofit organizations and, as a result, aligned with the League. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 15

Nays: 14

N/V: 0

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 454 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 444 – Data Privacy Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson Moss

Floor Sponsor: Senator Kirk A. Cullimore

UASD Position:

This Bill modifies provisions related to governmental data privacy and privacy oversight.

Discussion: Senator Cullimore presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 4th Substitute HB 444 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 256 – Municipal and County Zoning Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Neil R. Walter

Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies provisions related to the authority of municipalities and counties regarding short-term rentals.

Discussion: Senator Vickers presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 1

N/V: 1

Outcome: 3rd Substitute 256 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute SB 47 – Sales and Use Tax Remittance Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends the requirements governing when a seller has to pay or collect and remit sales and use tax.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the changes made to the Bill in the House. No discussion followed.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: The Senate concurred with the amendments made in the House. 1st Substitute SB 47 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 7th Substitute SB 195 – Transportation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Kay J. Christofferson

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to transportation items, transportation mobility plans, and adherence to proposed phases of certain transportation developments.

Discussion: There was no discussion after the Joint Conference Committee report and 7th substitute SB 195 was adopted by the Senate.

Yeas: 20

Nays: 2

N/V: 7

Outcome: 7th Substitute SB 195 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute SB 22 – State Employee Benefit Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper
Floor Sponsor: Representative Cheryl K. Acton
UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies provisions related to public employee benefits.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the changes made in the House. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24
Nays: 0
N/V: 5

Outcome: The Senate concurred with the amendments made in the House. 1st Substitute SB 22 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Substitute SB 262 – Housing Affordability Modifications

Sponsor: Senator Lincoln Fillmore
Floor Sponsor: Representative Stephen L. Whyte
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to affordable housing.

Discussion: Senator Fillmore presented the changes made to the Bill in the House. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24
Nays: 0
N/V: 5

Outcome: The Senate concurred with the amendments made in the House. 3rd Substitute SB 262 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th Substitute SB 277 – Government Records Management Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell
Floor Sponsor: Representative Jefferson Moss
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill creates the Government Records Office (the office) within the Division of Archives and Records Service (the division), and replaces the State Records Committee (the committee) with the director of the office, who is an attorney with knowledge and experience relating to government records law and makes other changes relating to government records.

Discussion: Senator McKell presented the changes made to the Bill in the House. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 18

Nays: 6
N/V: 5

Outcome: The Senate concurred with the amendments made in the House. 4th Substitute SB 277 passed out of the House.

Bill: 5th Substitute SB 333 – Major Sporting Event Venue Financing Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Jerry W. Stevenson
Floor Sponsor: Representative Jon Hawkins
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill enacts the Major Sporting Event Venue Zone Act and related provisions.

Discussion: Senator Stevenson presented the changes made to the Bill in the House. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 17
Nays: 7
N/V: 5

Outcome: The Senate concurred with the amendments made in the House. 5th Substitute SB 333 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 8th Substitute HB 456 – Transient Room Tax

Sponsor: Representative Bridger Bolinder
Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies the transient room tax and creates the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grant Program.

Discussion: Senator Vickers presented the Bill's 8th substitute. It removes a coordinating clause, changes the definition of "establish and promote", and a portion of Salt Lake County's Transient Room Tax will continue to pay bonds. The substitute was adopted by the body. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 27
Nays: 0
N/V: 2

Outcome: 8th Substitute HB 456 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 300 – Amendments to Election Law

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson S. Burton
Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions relating to elections.

Discussion: Senator McKell presented the Bill. Senator Vickers asked whether any provisions would make voting more difficult. The sponsor stated that he does not believe the Bill will create obstacles to voting but rather aims to make voters more informed. He explained that the legislation is designed to streamline the voting process. Additionally, he noted that the fiscal note pertains to educational outreach efforts to inform voters about their voting options.

Senator Plumb raised concerns about the opt-in process for mail-in voting and requested further clarification. The sponsor explained that the opt-in process refers to notifications regarding ballot updates.

Senator Winterton spoke in support of the Bill, while Senators Thatcher and Blouin expressed significant concerns.

Yeas: 19
Nays: 10
N/V: 0

Outcome: 4th Substitute HB 300 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 520 – Water Entity Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider
Floor Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses various water entities including their relationship with the Department of Natural Resources.

Discussion: Senator Brammer presented the 2nd substitute, which removes the Utah Lake Authority language from the legislation. The substitute was adopted by the body. After the Bill was presented, there was no discussion.

Yeas: 24
Nays: 2
N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 520 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 249 – Nuclear Power Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Carl R. Albrecht
Floor Sponsor: Senator Ann Millner
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill creates the Nuclear Energy Consortium and the Utah Energy Council, establishes a process for designating energy development zones, and creates the Energy Development Investment Fund.

Discussion: Senator Millner stated that the fourth substitute changes the language from “can negotiate” to “may negotiate” and specifies terms for how a portion of the funds will be allocated to the counties. The substitute was adopted by the body, and no further discussion followed.

Yeas: 22
Nays: 4
N/V: 3

Outcome: 4th Substitute HB 249 passed out of the Senate.

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: Senator Vickers presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26
Nays: 0
N/V: 3

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 301 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 139 – Governmental Accounting Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Anthony E. Loubet

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

UASD Position: Tracking; Amended

This Bill addresses a political subdivision's annual financial report.

Discussion: Senator Brammer presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 23
Nays: 0
N/V: 6

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 139 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 199 – Substance Use Treatment and Enforcement Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Tyler Clancy

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses treatment and enforcement issues related to substance use.

Discussion: Senator Brammer presented the Bill. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 199 passed out of the Senate

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 273 – Law Enforcement Investigation Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox

Floor Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill concerns procedures and requirements related to law enforcement investigations.

Discussion: Senator Weiler presented the Bill. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 273 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 257 – Pharmacy Benefit Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Norman K. Thurston

Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to health insurance pharmacy benefits.

Discussion: Senator Vickers presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 257 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 391 – Emergency Medical Services Revisions

Sponsor: Representative Hoang Nguyen

Floor Sponsor: Senator Derrin R. Owens

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses emergency medical services.

Discussion: Senator Owens presented the 3rd substitute, which clarifies that the Bill applies to EMS providers rather than individual personnel. The substitute was adopted by the body, and no discussion followed.

Yeas: 25
Nays: 0
N/V: 4

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 391 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 471 – Transportation Procurement Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Calvin Roberts
Floor Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses procurements by the Department of Transportation.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26
Nays: 0
N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 471 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: HB 243 – Agricultural Water Optimization Amendments

Sponsor: Representative David Shallenberger
Floor Sponsor: Senator Scott D. Sandall
UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses agricultural water optimization.

Discussion: Senator Sandall presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25
Nays: 0
N/V: 4

Outcome: HB 243 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 504 – Financial and Conflict of Interest Disclosures by Candidates Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Lisa Shepherd
Floor Sponsor: Senator Ronald M. Winterton
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to campaign finance and conflict of interest disclosures.

Discussion: Senator Winterton presented the 2nd substitute, which addresses the coordinating clause. The substitute was adopted by the body. Senator Riebe expressed concern about how spouses list their conflicts of interest. The sponsor clarified that disclosure is only required if the spouse's earnings or career may create a conflict of interest.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 2

N/V: 1

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 504 passed out of the Senate.
