

House Floor

March 6th, 2025

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: The floor sponsor presented the changes outlined in the Conference Committee report, explaining that lawmakers revisited the language regarding Salt Lake City roads, restoring the terms related to arterial and collector highways. He also noted the addition of language to expedite the plan review process. Furthermore, the Committee reduced regulations on electric motorcycles and electric skateboards. The House concurred with the amendments, and no discussion followed.

Yeas: 61

Nays: 9

N/V: 5

Outcome: The House concurred with the amendments made in the Senate. 7th substitute SB 195 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: The floor sponsor presented the 5th substitute, which was adopted by the House. He explained that the substitute incorporates technical changes requested by the Utah League of Cities and Towns to ensure that municipal taxes are used exclusively within municipalities. It also establishes a 14-day notice requirement before approving a venue application and removes language dealing with an Olympic venue on the 3rd substitutes lines 2292-2299. Additionally, the financing piece can only be initiated at the discretion of the city or county where the venue is located.

Representative J. Thompson spoke in favor. Representative Ballard asked the sponsor to explain why this Bill is considered essential for the upcoming Olympics compared to the measures taken for the previous Olympics. The sponsor responded that as the state has grown, so have its infrastructure needs in preparation for the 2034 Winter Olympics. Representative Ballard then inquired about the role of cities and counties in planning and structuring the Bill's provisions.

The sponsor clarified that cities and counties have the authority to review, approve, and determine the role of applications. Representative Kohler expressed support for the Bill but cautioned against the use of tax increment funding. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 45
Nays: 27
N/V: 3

Outcome: 5th substitute SB 333 passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute SB 201 – Real Estate Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper
Floor Sponsor: Representative Cory A. Maloy
UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends provisions related to real estate.

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

Yeas: 54
Nays: 17
N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 201 passed out of the House.

Bill: 6th substitute HB 40 – School Safety Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox
Floor Sponsor: Senator Ann Millner
UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies school safety provisions.

Discussion: The sponsor requested the Senate recede from their amendments. Representative Wilcox felt like the amendments would reduce the safety of children in schools. No discussion followed.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: The House did not concur with the amendments made in the Senate. A Conference Committee will be formed to discuss 6th substitute HB 40 .

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

Sponsor: Representative Walter R. Neil
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: The floor sponsor presented the amendments made in the Senate, which he stated made small adjustments. The House concurred with the Senate amendments. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 47

Nays: 22

N/V: 6

Outcome: The House concurred with the amendments made in the Senate. 3rd substitute HB 256 passed out of the House.

Bill: 4th substitute HB 444 – Data Privacy Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson Moss

Floor Sponsor: Senator Kirk A. Cullimore

UASD Position: Tracking; amended

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

Discussion: The House concurred with the Senate amendments. The sponsor stated that these changes coordinate HB 444 with collaborating Bills and address changes requested by the Utah League of Cities and Towns. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: The House concurred with the amendments made in the Senate. 4th substitute HB 444 passed out of the House.

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: The House concurred with the Senate amendments. The sponsor noted that these changes were made in collaboration with the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the county clerks, stating that the changes strengthened the Bill. Representative Christofferson asked for details on the specific amendments. The sponsor clarified that there were no functional changes, only modifications to improve the Bill's readability.

Yeas: 56
Nays: 15
N/V: 4

Outcome: The House concurred with the amendments made in the Senate. 4th substitute HB 300 passed out of the House.

Bill: 8th substitute HB 456 – Transient Room Tax Amendments

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: The House concurred with the Senate amendments. The floor sponsor explained that these amendments clarified language in response to concerns from the Office of Tourism and enabled Salt Lake City to use transient room tax funds to pay certain bonds. No discussion followed.

Yeas: 61
Nays: 10
N/V: 4

Outcome: The House concurred with the amendments made in the Senate. 8th substitute HB 456 passed out of the House.

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: The House concurred with the Senate amendments The floor sponsor explained these amendments remove provisions related to the Utah Lake Authority. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 69
Nays: 0
N/V: 6

Outcome: The House concurred with the amendments made in the Senate. 2nd substitute HB 520 passed out of the House.

Bill: 2nd substitute SB 169 – Governmental Immunity Act Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler

Floor Sponsor: Representative Anthony E. Loubet

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill amends the Governmental Immunity Act.

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

Yeas: 71

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 169 passed out of the House.

Bill: 2nd substitute SB 133 – Metal Purchase and Theft Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Todd D. Weiler

Floor Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill concerns the purchase and theft of metal including catalytic converters.

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

Yeas: 73

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 133 passed out of the House.

Bill: 3rd substitute SB 207 – Local Impact Mitigation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Ronald M. Winterton

Floor Sponsor: Representative Walter R. Neil

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill enacts a local impact mitigation tax for oil and gas production.

Discussion: The floor sponsor presented the Bill, highlighting the 3rd substitute, which the House adopted. The changes included minor corrections on line 153. Representative Shelley asked whether this would require an additional form or if the information would be reported elsewhere. The sponsor explained that, in collaboration with the Utah State Tax Commission, it was determined that it would be easy to implement. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: 3rd substitute SB 207 passed out of the House.

Bill: SB 179 – Local Regulation of Business Entities Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

Floor Sponsor: Representative Karen M. Peterson

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill enacts provisions related to local classification and approval of new and unlisted business uses.

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

Yeas: 69

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: SB 179 passed out of the House.

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: The floor sponsor presented the Conference Committee report, stating that the changes satisfied the stakeholders including cities and counties. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 56

Nays: 10

N/V: 9

Outcome: The House adopted the Joint Conference Committee report on 4th substitute HB 249 and the Bill passed out of the House.

Bill: 1st substitute SB 181 – Housing Affordability Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Lincoln Fillmore

Floor Sponsor: Representative Stephen L. Whyte

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill enacts and amends provisions related to housing affordability.

Discussion: The floor sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Peck asked why the Bill is necessary if municipalities already have the option to choose between a garage or a carport. The sponsor explained that the Bill clarifies this authority and provides municipalities with the option to define affordable housing in a way that does not require garages. Representative Peck then inquired whether the Bill overrides municipal authority on garage and carport decisions. The sponsor clarified that it explicitly grants municipalities the authority to make that choice.

Representative Ward raised similar questions regarding the Bill's purpose. The sponsor explained that some municipalities do not currently adhere to this available standard. The Bill provides clarification, allowing municipalities to opt for a two-car carport instead of a garage, which is a more costly requirement. Representative Ward spoke in favor of the Bill, while Representative Peck opposed it.

Representative Cutler asked the sponsor about line 94, seeking clarification on whether a municipality that designates an area for affordable housing could choose to allow carports while other communities without that designation could still require garages. The sponsor confirmed that this was correct. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 50
Nays: 20
N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 181 passed out of the House.
