Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 12 Deceased Voter Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Winder

Floor Sponsor: Sen. McKell

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: provides for removal of a voter's name from the official register of voters upon the voter's death.

Discussion: Sen. McKell introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: Passed.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 29

Sponsor: Rep. Stratton

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Hinkins

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: addresses the development of a statewide aquatic invasive species emergency response plan.

Discussion: Sen. Hinkins introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: Passed.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 27

Sponsor: Rep. Pierucci

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Johnson

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends provisions related to certain public information websites.

Discussion: Sen. Johnson introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 28

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: Passed.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: HB 28 Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Handy

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Anderegg

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: addresses the Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board.

Discussion: Sen. Anderegg introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 29

Nays: 0

N/V: 0

Outcome: Passed.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: HB 15 Controlled Substance Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Ward

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies the Utah Controlled Substances Act.

Discussion: Sen. Kennedy introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 29

Nays: 0

N/V: 0

Outcome: Passed.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 125 Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Buxton

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Hawkes

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill: modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Discussion: Sen. Buxton introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: Passed and sent to the House.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 60 Conceal Carry Firearms Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Brooks

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Hinkins

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions related to carrying a concealed firearm and suicide prevention.

Discussion: Sen. Hinkins spoke about the value of the conceal carry permit. This bill allows you to put a jacket over your gun without a permit. He said the data does not show that requiring a conceal carry permit makes us safer. Sen. Escamilla introduced an amendment. She said she worries that there is no mechanism set up to assess the impact of this legislation. Her amendment will add a sunset date of 2026. Sen. Weiler asked if Sen. Escamilla would support the bill with this amendment. She said she will not support the bill in any form, but she believes this will improve the bill. Sen. Hinkins spoke in opposition to the amendment because of the suicide prevention funding in the bill. The amendment failed. Sen. Weiler spoke in support of the bill. He said most of the people opposed to the bill either don't understand the current laws on carrying firearms, or they don't like them. He said he prefers not to see the guns people are carrying. The permit only hurts the law-abiding citizens. If you don't support this, you're asking to see more guns in public. He also hears from people who think these classes teach gun safety, but they actually deal primarily with learning gun laws. Sen. Escamilla asked if the only people getting criminal background checks are the people getting the permit. Sen. Hinkins said anybody who purchases a firearm at a store receives a background check.

Yeas: 22

Nays: 6

N/V: 1

Outcome: Passed.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 58 Metro Township Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Mayne

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Dunnigan

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: amends provisions relating to metro townships.

Discussion: Sen. Mayne said she has an amendment. She said this amendment provides clarity on public meetings and notifications. The bill was amended. She explained that metro townships were created to allow a few particular unincorporated areas to become independent municipalities, cities, and towns. Unfortunately, their resources are limited. They face a heavier tax burden than other cities and towns. This bill is intended to equalize them. Sen. Stevenson said he has been working on this as well. This is a unique situation that only applies to people living in Salt Lake County. He supports the bill. Sen. Buxton spoke in support of the bill. Sen. Iwamoto spoke in support. Sen. Mayne said they partnered with the Utah Taxpayers' Association on the amendment.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: Passed second reading.

Date: 2-5-21

Senate Floor

Bill: SB 96 Legislative Water Development Commission Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Iwamoto

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Ferry

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: This bill modifies provisions related to the Legislative Water Development Commission.

Discussion: Sen. Iwamoto said this modifies the quorum requirements to rely on joint legislative rules. This committee has struggled to reach a quorum. The bill also clarifies the sunset date.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 1

N/V: 3

Outcome: Passed second reading.