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**Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Committee**

**Bill: HCR 1, Concurrent Resolution Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge**

Sponsor: Rep. Chew

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Hinkins

**UASD Position: Tracking**

**This Bill:** This concurrent resolution expresses support and recognition of the Green River Stakeholders and the need to reduce the adverse effects of current Flaming Gorge Dam operations to the local communities, recreational businesses, ranchers, farmers, landowners, and individuals who work and live within the river corridor.

**Discussion:** Rep. Chew explained the concerns of the Green River Stakeholders regarding the management of the Flaming Gorge Dam. The sponsor believes that an alternate method of managing the Flaming Gorge Dam could result in healthier habitats for endangered fish while reducing the physical and economic impacts of river flow fluctuations. This Resolution encourages cooperative discussions based on investigating alternative methods of managing the Flaming Gorge Dam. The Resolution supports the creation of a new management plan. Sen. Hinkins voiced support for this bill. The water rafting group voiced opposition to this Resolution. The Utah Division of Water Resources said they will continue to work with all stakeholders.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: HCR 1 passed out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.**