

Date: 2-16-21

Senate Floor

Bill: HB 43 Emergency Procurement Declaration Modifications

Sponsor: Rep. Pierucci

Floor Sponsor: Sen. McCay

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions related to the public procurement of goods or services during an emergency.

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

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: HB 43 passed the Senate.

Bill: SB 150 Government Records Access and Management Act Judicial Review Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Weiler

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies a provision relating to judicial review of State Records Committee decisions.

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

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: SB 150 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 2nd Sub. SB 92 Elections Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Thurston

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends provisions relating to election law.

Discussion: Sen. Harper said the 2nd substitute adds clarity, transparency, and makes filing easier. Sen. McCay noted that the substitute eases filing requirements on Senators who are not up for election, as well as clarifies categories for expenses and related disclosures. He supports that. The 2nd substitute was adopted.

Yeas: 28

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: 2nd Sub. SB 92 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 15 Workforce Solutions for Air Quality Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. McCay

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Winder

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: enacts reporting and other requirements for the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) related to teleworking by state employees.

Discussion: Sen. McCay introduced the bill. It requires state departments to consider “surge teleworking.” On days with mandatory action, many employees will work from home. Snow or other safety concerns may also trigger increases in teleworking.

Yeas: 28

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 15 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: SB 26 Property Tax Relief Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Davis

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Spendlove

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions relating to the tax relief commonly known as "circuit breaker."

Discussion: Sen. Davis introduced the bill. There is a substitute coming. Sen. Bramble asked if Sen. Davis would support adding a lookback period. Sen. Davis said he supports looking at that during the interim.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 3

N/V: 0

Outcome: SB 26 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 2nd Sub. SB 52 Property Tax Deferral Modifications

Sponsor: Sen. Fillmore

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Spendlove

UASD Position: Tracking with Concern

This Bill: modifies the deferral provisions of the Property Tax Act.

Discussion: Sen. Fillmore introduced the bill. The 2nd substitute addresses concerns from the counties. Sen. Riebe asked if this gives a tax break to homeowners, and then requires taxes be due upon the sale or transfer of the home. Sen. Fillmore confirmed that. Sen. Riebe asked if the taxes could be more than the house was worth. Sen. Fillmore said no. Sen. Stevenson asked how this ties in with SB 26. Sen. Fillmore noted that both bills aim to keep senior citizens in their homes. This bill defers taxes rather than forgiving them. It also applies to more senior citizens. Sen. Winterton asked if this is a one-time deferral. Sen. Fillmore said it is not. Sen. Kitchen asked if this applies to seniors who live in condos or multi-family buildings. Sen. Fillmore said the substitute addresses that issue in lines 82-83. Sen. Kitchen asked about the interest-bearing account. Sen. Fillmore said it references another section of code. They expect the interest rate will be between 3-5% per year. Sen. Harper asked about deferring a partial amount. Sen. Fillmore said that is not in the 2nd substitute because the counties felt it would place too great an administrative burden. The bill was replaced with the 2nd substitute.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 5

N/V: 1

Outcome: 2nd Sub. SB 52 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 151 Governmental Immunity Act Notice of Claim Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Weiler

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions relating to notices of claim under the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah.

Discussion: Sen. Weiler introduced the bill. It allows notice of claim to be provided via email, in addition to US mail and hand-delivery. The 1st substitute was adopted. Sen. Johnson asked how you confirm that someone received an email. Sen. Weiler said this is no less secure than using the postal service. Sen. Johnson said even in registered mail, you receive a postcard that tells you they received it. Sen. Weiler said you aren't required to use registered mail. Sen. Riebe asked if there's a way to require a response email confirming receipt. Sen. Weiler said there are options to confirm receipt of an email. This bill would not say that you can't use US mail or hand-delivery, it just adds email as an option. The substitute requires that you email notice of claim to multiple people in the same department.

Yeas: 28

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 151 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: SB 159 Law Enforcement Data Management Requirements

Sponsor: Sen. Anderegg

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Ray

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: addresses issues with the collection and sharing of law enforcement data.

Discussion: Sen. Anderegg said law enforcement agencies have struggled to communicate with each other. It will bring together experts to make recommendations on how to communicate effectively. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 28

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: SB 159 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 157 Citizen Advisory Boards

Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Wheatley

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: requires the Department of Public Safety to develop and administer a support program to assist municipalities and counties to establish citizen advisory boards.

Discussion: Sen. Thatcher introduced the bill. Sen. Bramble asked why a statute is needed when they could already do this. Sen. Thatcher said part of the purpose of passing the bill is to indicate to the community that they are being heard. Sen. Bramble said it would be a more powerful message if the Department of Public Safety did this without a legislative mandate. Sen. Buxton said his local chief of police opposes advisory boards.

Yeas: 16

Nays: 7

N/V: 6

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 157 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 2nd Sub. HB 47 DUI Revisions

Sponsor: Rep. Eliason

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Stevenson

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: makes changes to bail provisions for DUI offenses.

Discussion: Sen. Weiler explained that the 2nd substitute makes a minor change. This is a true compromise bill. The conference committee report was adopted.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 1

N/V: 1

Outcome: 2nd Sub. HB 47 passed the Senate.

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 115 Retirement System Transparency Requirements

Sponsor: Sen. Fillmore

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends provisions related to the public disclosure of information by employers participating in the Utah Retirement System.

Discussion: The 1st substitute was adopted. Sen. Fillmore explained that the bill requires all entities participating in the state requirement system publicly disclose employee compensation. Sen. Weiler said he fears setting a precedent by telling private entities to publish salaries. He moved to replace the bill with the 2nd substitute, which would require publishing retirement information, but not salaries. Sen. Fillmore said that any entity participating in the Utah Retirement System (URS) is a public governmental entity, so it is appropriate to require disclosure of salaries. The 2nd substitute failed. Sen. Buxton asked if they are required to be accurate. Sen. Fillmore said yes, in the same way all salary publication is required to be accurate. Sen. Buxton said it is not accurate. Sen. Riebe said she is participating in the URS, and agrees the salary information is not accurate. She asked if this would make it difficult for someone who left the URS to get a job. Sen. Fillmore said no.

Yeas: 21

Nays: 6

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 115 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: SB 106 Use of Force Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Hollins

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: addresses statewide use of force standards for peace officers.

Discussion: Sen. Thatcher explained that the bill requires Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to conduct an annual review of use of force standards across the state. Sen. Owens asked what the current procedure is. Sen. Thatcher said there is not a statutory requirement. There is a review that occurs through POST. This bill is part of the interim work done with all interested parties at the table. The NAACP asked that statewide use of force standards be codified.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: SB 106 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.