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Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Committee

Bill: SB 113, Transportation Funding and Governance Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Christofferson

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: amends provisions related to transportation, public transit, towing, and other related items.

Discussion: The 1st substitute was adopted by the Committee. The sponsor said the substitute language eliminates a section of the bill dealing with risk management and damaged assets. Sen. Harper said this bill amends some provisions relating to the tenure of a member of the Board of Trustees. The bill amends the definition of “dealer motor vehicles”, removes some requirements for livestock transportation, and creates a pilot program for a tow management company in one county. Members of the Committee asked why there is a need for the tow management company pilot program. The sponsor said it a tow management company may be more expedient for individuals. The Utah Transit Authority supports this bill. The Utah Professional Towing Alliance does not support this bill. Members of the public voiced opposition to this bill. Sen. Riebe asked if the passage of this bill will add fees to the person whose vehicle is towed. A Utah Highway Patrol official said the individual whose vehicle is towed will be responsible for covering the fee of the software.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Substitute SB 113 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation