

Date: 2-16-21

Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee

Bill: SB 179 DUI Probation Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Mayne

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill: requires a court to order supervised probation for certain DUI offenses to be provided by Adult Probation and Parole in certain circumstances.

Discussion: Amendment 1 was adopted. The amendment changes language from “shall” to “may.” The Statewide Association of Prosecutors and the Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers support the bill.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: SB 179 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: HB 22 Medical Examiner Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Nelson

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends the Utah Medical Examiner Act.

Discussion: Rep. Nelson introduced the bill. It requires that cause of death be reviewed by the medical examiner any time a death results from actions of law enforcement. It also prohibits undue influence on the medical examiner in the determination of the cause of death. The medical examiner and law enforcement support the bill. It was amended to insert the word “knowingly” on line 63.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: HB 22 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: 2nd Sub. HB 23 Voter Referendum Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Nelson

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Sandall

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: addresses local referenda.

Discussion: The 2nd substitute was adopted. Rep. Nelson explained that the bill clarifies that a single-property zoning change is a land-use law. Any time there is a referendum, the election will be held as soon as possible so real property is not tied up.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 2nd Sub. HB 23 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.