

Date: 2-17-21

Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 176 Mineral Lease Funds Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Winterton

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions related to the expenditure of federal mineral lease revenues.

Discussion: The 1st substitute was adopted. Sen. Winterton said the substitute corrects an error on lines 279 and 281. Line 165 defines planning. The bill also defines public facility and public service. Lines 314-318 note that the provisions of the bill apply to any claim for which a court has not issued a final unappealable judgment. Several members of the public spoke in opposition to the bill, sharing their concerns about the Community Impact Board and the fossil fuel industry. The Grand County Commission, the Center for Biological Diversity, and the Utah Sierra Club oppose the bill. Sen. Iwamoto asked if this fund is taken away, what would replace it? Is it true that the bill is retroactive and would impact current litigation? Sen. Winterton said the fund is not going away. He spoke about the government services that have been funded with the Community Impact Fund.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 1

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 176 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.