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## **Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions**

### **Bill: SB 188, Procurement Code Revisions**

Sponsor: Sen. Owens

Floor Sponsor:

#### **UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill: modifies provisions of the Utah Procurement Code.

Discussion: The 1<sup>st</sup> substitute was adopted. The substitute language clarifies that venders cannot be under bid until the end of the contract. Sen. Owens said provision related to a procurement intended for the establishment of a state liquor store may be made without engaging in the standard procurement process. This bill adds to the definition of “contract price”. SB 188 prohibits a contractor, under a multiple award contract, from lowering the contract price under certain circumstances. Doug Anderson, representing Redmond Minerals Inc, said this bill is designed to help create a strong relationship between private companies and the governmental entities they contract with to provide services.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 188 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.**

### **Bill: SB 65, Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments**

Sponsor: Sen. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Handy

#### **UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill: amends Title 17C, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Community Reinvestment Agency Act.

Discussion: Sen. Harper said this bill creates an optional additional path for redevelopment agencies and communities that can be used at the end of the life of an existing project area. The intent is to allow cities to impose their own city taxes without getting other taxing entities involved. The sponsor said this is an additional tool for cities. Sen. Riebe expressed concern for how it could negatively impact schools. The sponsor said this bill only takes effect at the end of an existing redevelopment area. The League of Cities and Towns, Brigham City, Bountiful City and Lehi City testified their support of this bill. Members of the public voiced their support. The Utah Tax Payers Association does not support this bill. Salt Lake City expressed concern for the unintended consequences.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 1

N/V: 2

**Outcome: SB 65 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.**

**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 107, Subdivisions Plat Amendments**

Sponsor: Rep. Ferry

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Owens

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill: amends provisions applicable to the recording of a subdivision plat.

Discussion: Rep. Ferry said this bill deals with property that is encroaching on subdivisions plats. This is a consensus bill a consensus bill with support from canal companies and other water companies. 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 107 protects property rights and water rights.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 107 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation**

**Bill: SB 195, Emergency Response Amendments**

Sponsor: Sen. Vickers

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Peterson

**UASD Position: TBD**

This Bill: amends provisions related to emergency powers and public health emergencies.

Discussion: The 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 195 was adopted by the Committee. The sponsor said this bill limits the powers related to public health emergency declarations by the State Department of Health and local health departments. The bill limits the time period for which certain orders or declarations may remain in place and requires the notification of certain elected officials before taking any action. The bill allows certain elected officials to terminate public health emergency declarations and limits the Governor's emergency powers by prohibiting the declaration of a state of emergency after a previous state of emergency expires. The bill clarifies how a declared state of emergency expires or is terminated and allows the Legislature and local legislative bodies to terminate or limit certain executive orders during a long-term state of emergency. The bill also creates an ad hoc legislative committee to review emergency circumstances that could lead to a long-term state of emergency. Under this bill, restriction of a gathering of a religious institution that is more restrictive than any other public gathering during an emergency is not allowed. Representative Peterson stated that the executive branch has been part of the process in creating this bill. Senator Vickers stated that 17 other states are looking at similar legislation to deal with emergency powers. Sen. Iwamoto voiced support for creating a structure to deal with emergency declarations. Members of the public voiced concern and support for this bill. The Utah Medical Association expressed concern for the timelines in this bill. The Libertas Institute voiced concern about this bill.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 195 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation**