

Date: 2-19-21

Senate Floor

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 51 Group Gang Enhancement Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Pitcher

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies the sentencing enhancements and applicable offenses for certain crimes committed in concert with multiple people or on behalf of criminal street gangs.

Discussion: Sen. Thatcher said the changes are technical and moved to concur. The Senate concurred with the House changes.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 51 passed the Senate.

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: Sen. Thatcher introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

Outcome: HB 22 passed the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Sub. HB 23 Voter Referendum Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Nelson

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Sandall

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: addresses local referenda.

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

Yeas: 22

Nays: 1

N/V: 6

Outcome: 2nd Sub. HB 23 passed the Senate.

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 65 Wildland Fire Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Snider

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Vickers

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: addresses state management of wildland fires.

Discussion: Sen. Vickers introduced the bill.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Sub. HB 65 passed the Senate.

Bill: SB 179 DUI Probation Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Mayne

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Support

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

Discussion: Sen. Mayne explained that this bill allows courts to work together so someone with DUIs in multiple courts only needs to be supervised once. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: SB 179 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 113 Transportation Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Christofferson

UASD Position: Support

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

Discussion: Sen. Harper introduced the bill. Sen. Sandall said the livestock piece came out of his district. He asked about the pilot program in the bill. Sen. Harper said we have neighboring states that use a software company to manage their towing rotation. This establishes a pilot program that will investigate this, potentially create a request for proposal (RFP), and determine whether there are qualified companies that can do a towing rotation better than the Department of Public Safety currently can. Sen. Sandall clarified that the RFP will only occur in one county. Sen. Harper noted that the provision expires in 2023. Sen. Anderegg said he is concerned about pushing costs back onto policy-holders just to try a pilot program. If this is only in counties of the first class, why push it onto everyone? Sen. Harper said there is no fee established. Would the fee be more appropriate for the few users, or should we put it in a general fund for everyone? Sen. Anderegg said in states that have implemented a similar program, the fee is on average \$25. He would prefer that the Department of Public Safety fund it, rather than the taxpayers. Sen. Buxton said his county had a rotation program for a while that didn't work. Sen. McKell said he shares Sen. Anderegg's concerns. Sen. Hinkins said rotating doesn't make sense in bigger counties. Sen. Vickers said it's worthwhile to read the bill for a 3rd time. Sen. Harper said it's important to make sure every company has an equal opportunity. There are still complaints that some vendors are getting more than their fair share. This pilot program will allow us to determine whether there is something that may work better.

Yeas: 22

Nays: 4

N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 113 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: SB 181 Department of Government Operations

Sponsor: Sen. Millner

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: combines the Department of Administrative Services, The Department of Technology Services, and the Department of Human Resource Management into one, new department, the Department of Government Operations.

Discussion: Sen. Millner explained that these departments all exist to support other government agencies. This will allow them to work more efficiently and effectively. Sen. Johnson said he worries about IT being merged with Human Resources. If this is for efficiency, where will the cost savings be? Sen. Millner said she has pushed back against the fiscal note. There will be some change in appropriations as the departments are combined. These organizations will still be divisions under the Department of Government Operations, so IT should still be able to provide its services. Sen. Fillmore said it looks like there will be no administrative savings. Sen. Mayne said she wants to make sure employees are protected. Sen. Vickers said he asked about efficiency in committee. The plan is to keep employees, but over time there is expected to be significantly less attrition. Sen. Millner said she believes this will provide better service to the agencies these departments serve.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 3

N/V: 3

Outcome: SB 181 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: SB 182 Department of Government Operations - Cross Reference Changes

Sponsor: Sen. Millner

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies cross-references in conformance with 2021 General Session S.B. 181.

Discussion: Sen. Millner explained that these cross reference changes enable SB 181. Sen. Anderegg said he'd like to see a cost savings analysis on this bill and SB 181 before passing them out.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: SB 182 passed 2nd reading and will be heard a 3rd time.

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

Sponsor: Sen. Winterton

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Gibson

UASD Position: Tracking

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

Discussion: Sen. Winterton introduced the bill. It defines terms, but does not change anything in the Mineral Leasing Act. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 16

Nays: 5

N/V: 8

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 176 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: 1st Sub. SB 188 Procurement Code Revisions

Sponsor: Sen. Owens

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions of the Utah Procurement Code.

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

Yeas: 19

Nays: 0

N/V: 10

Outcome: 1st Sub. SB 188 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

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 introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 20

Nays: 3

N/V: 6

Outcome: SB 65 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.

Bill: SB 138 Violence, Disorder, and Looting Enforcement Protection Act

Sponsor: Sen. Hinkins

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Lisonbee

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill: provides for criminal violations and consequences related to rioting.

Discussion: Sen. Hinkins said that the bill increases penalties for rioting under certain circumstances and enhances the penalty for assaulting a police officer during a riot. He noted that he is working on a substitute that will be ready Monday. Sen. Cullimore said he will support the bill with the expectation that the substitute will address his concerns. Sen. Anderegg and Sen. McKell agreed. Sen. Weiler noted that lines 307-310 concern denying bail to anyone arrested in a riot that causes substantial bodily injury or property damage. He would like bail reform to be addressed as a whole, not one crime at a time. Sen. Mayne said she worries about people getting caught up in this. Sen. Hinkins said he understands that concern. Sen. Thatcher noted that chiefs testified in committee that it is easy for them to distinguish between riots and protests.

Yeas: 22

Nays: 1

N/V: 6

Outcome: SB 138 passed 2nd reading and will be read for a 3rd time.