

2-22-21

**House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee**

**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 15, Workforce Solutions for Air Quality Amendments**

Sponsor: Sen. McCay

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Winder

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill: addresses the state entities that involve natural resources.

Discussion: Senator McCay said this bill came about because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The sponsor said in April and March of 2020 Utah had the best air quality in recorded history. This bill is intended to create more teleworking, thus decreasing air pollution caused by vehicles. When Utah's air quality index is high, certain state employees will be required to telework until the air quality improves. Rep. Handy and the Director of Air Quality voiced support for this bill.

Yeas: 12

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 15 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation**