

Date: 2-24-21

House Floor

Bill: HB 334 Special Needs Training for Law Enforcement Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Eliason

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Thatcher

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: requires peace officer training to include training on autism spectrum disorder and other mental illnesses.

Discussion: Rep. Eliason introduced the bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: HB 334 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

Bill: 2nd. Sub. SB 33 Uniform Building Code Commission Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Bramble

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Schultz

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: amends provisions in Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act.

Discussion: Rep. Schultz explained that the second substitute is what he presented on in committee. The substitute was adopted. The bill was circled.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 2nd Sub. SB 33 was circled.

Bill: 2nd Sub. SB 92 Elections Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Thurston

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends provisions relating to election law.

Discussion: Rep. Thurston explained that the bill relates to campaign finance and disclosures. Rep. Winder moved to amend the bill by adding the category “constituent outreach” after line 689. Rep. Robertson noted that the other categories are defined later in the bill. He asked for examples of constituent outreach that don’t fit into the other categories. Rep. Winder said constituent outreach during the session isn’t really a campaign event. An online town hall or a survey might have associated expenses. Rep. Robertson said those expenses do fall into other categories. Emailing would fall under office supplies. Rep. Judkins asked if these expenses might fit into the miscellaneous category. Rep. Winder said he would like a specific category for them. Rep. Thurston explained that the categories aren’t structured by purpose, they’re structured by type of item. Anything that would fall into constituent outreach would fit into one of the existing categories. He said Sen. Harper would likely view this as an unfriendly amendment. Rep. Winder withdrew his amendment. Rep. Harrison said a study has already been done on the feasibility of electronic voting in 2015. Experts have repeatedly stated that safe, secure technology for electronic voting does not exist. She is concerned about this study commissioned by the bill. Rep. Wilcox contended that technology has evolved substantially in the last six years. It’s worth studying again. Rep. Lisonbee asked about line 372. What kinds of items would be independent expenditures? Rep. Thurston said he didn’t know what that meant. Rep. Dunnigan explained that independent expenditures is a catch-all category. Rep. Thurston said line 372 was inserted at the request of the Lieutenant Governor’s Office to cover anything left out of the other categories. As far as the study goes, there is no fiscal note attached. Some states are emailing printed home ballots. This study will keep us up-to-date on the available technology.

Yeas: 33

Nays: 37

N/V: 5

Outcome: 2nd Sub. SB 92 failed to pass the House.

Bill: 2nd Sub. SB 33 Uniform Building Code Commission Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Bramble

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Schultz

UASD Position: Support

This Bill: amends provisions in Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act.

Discussion: Rep. Schultz introduced the bill. Rep. Waldrip asked if these are the most current versions of the code being adopted. Rep. Schultz said it is.

Yeas: 72

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd Sub. SB 33 passed the House.

Bill: 1st Sub. HB 246 Ballot Measure Transparency Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Christiansen

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: requires the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to prepare an impartial statement of the effect of a ballot measure.

Discussion: Rep. Christiansen introduced the bill. Rep. Waldrip voiced his support. Rep. Stoddard said he is concerned about the position this would put Legislative Research and General Counsel (LRGC) staff in. It is a conflict of interest to ask them to write something impartial that may be in opposition to something a member of the legislature has passed. Rep. Dailey-Provost asked what the county clerks' position was on the newest iteration of the bill. Rep. Christiansen said 80% of them were opposed to the second substitute. Only 20-25% are opposed to the most recent version. Rep. Gibson asked if the bill is intended to educate voters prior to voting. Rep. Christiansen said that is true. Rep. Gibson spoke in support. Rep. King asked about LRGC's position on the bill. Rep. Christiansen said they are comfortable filling this role. They already draft a 1000 word analysis on ballot measures. This would ask them to summarize it in 200 words. Rep. King said he has heard from LRGC staff that they are uncomfortable filling this role.

Yeas: 58

Nays: 9

N/V: 8

Outcome: 1st Sub. HB 246 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.