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House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

Bill: HB 399, Approval of Nonhazardous Solid or Hazardous Waste Facilities

Sponsor: Rep. Hawkes

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: addresses process of obtaining approval of nonhazardous solid or hazardous waste facilities.

Discussion: The 1st substitute was adopted by the committee. This bill approves an automatic revocation of the nonhazardous waste approval by the Legislature. Rep. Chew asked about how much money is involved in this application. The sponsor said he could not speak to those costs, but believes it is a significant amount of money and time. The sponsor said the substitute removes the retroactive piece in the bill. The procedural protections in this bill only applies to applications filed after May 5, 2021. Legislative approval has to follow the filing of the application. If the application is withdrawn, the process has to start all over with a new application to receive approval. If the agency within the Utah Department of Environmental Quality hasn't approved the application for this type of landfill within 5 years of filing the application, the legislative approval is automatically retracted. The Utah Audubon Council voiced support for this bill. The Utah Association of Counties was concerned with the original bill. Most of the county concerns are addressed in the substitute bill.

Yeas: 11

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 399 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation