

2-26-21

House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee

Bill: HB 433, Amendments Related to Infrastructure Funding

Sponsor: Rep. Schultz

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill: enacts provisions relating to funding for infrastructure projects.

Discussion: Representative Schultz said this bill is designed to invest in infrastructure projects throughout the state. The sponsor said the idea is to take one-time money appropriated from the General Fund and make an investment in public transportation projects and state parks. The sponsor went into detail regarding where the funding would come from and how the money would be used. Rep. Owens asked about how the Utah transit Authority (“UTA”) feels about the legislation. The sponsor said UTA is very supportive of the bill. The funding provided to public transit would go towards investments in a double track system. The Utah Department of Transportation is encouraged by the projects they are working on and planning to complete in the future. Transportation infrastructure projects will play a key role in the state as the population grows. The League of Cities and Towns, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Utah Transit Authority and the American Council of Engineering voiced support for this bill. Members of the public voiced opposition to this bill.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: HB 433 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation