

2-26-21

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Bill: HB 401, Fee Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Waldrip

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill: modifies provisions related to a municipality collecting certain fees

Discussion: Representative Waldrip said this bill changes the amount a municipality may charge for certain fees, including hookup fees and land use application fees. A representative from Ivory Homes was part of the sponsor's presentation of the bill. Ivory Homes said these fees normally get passed on to the home buyer. The sponsor believes municipalities should be waiving these fees. Rep. Kohler asked why only cities are included in the bill. The sponsor said this is just the starting point. The plan is to have other entities included in future legislation. This bill would make it mandatory for a municipality to charge the "estimated actual cost" for each fee, rather than the currently required "reasonable cost". This Bill would require similar accounting and reporting for these fees as now apply to impact fees. Rep. Dunnigan voiced concern about this adding more additional cost for municipalities to administer. The League of Cities and Towns, members of the public and Ogden City voiced opposition to the bill. The Utah Property Rights Coalition voiced support for this bill.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 1

N/V: 1

Outcome: HB 401 Held in committee

Bill: 2nd Substitute SB 26, Property Tax Relief Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Davis

Floor Sponsor: Rep. Spendlove

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: modifies provisions relating to the tax relief commonly known as "circuit breaker."

Discussion: The sponsor said this provides a tax relief for individuals on fixed incomes. The bill changes the consumer price index used to adjust annual income qualifications. The Utah Association of Counties and the Utah State Tax Commission support this bill.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: 2nd Substitute SB 26 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation