

House Revenue and Taxation Committee

January 30th, 2025

Bill: 1st substitute HB 150 – Emergency Communications Modifications

Sponsor: Representative David Shallenberger

Floor Sponsor: TBD

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions related to public safety answering point qualifications for proportionate share funding.

Discussion: Representative Shallenberger stated that this Bill addresses 911 dispatch centers. Tina Matthew, Executive Director of the Emergency Communications Authority, presented with the sponsor. According to the sponsor, each dispatch center has performance metrics that must be met to receive a bonus. Under current rules, if there is more than one dispatch center in a county all the dispatch centers in that county must meet the metric for any center to receive the bonus. This Bill fixes that by allowing each center to qualify for a bonus independently once it meets the required metric. The 1st substitute for this Bill was adopted by the Committee. The sponsor explained that the substitute clarifies a provision involving the Utah Communications Authority Board by allowing Board members to go into a closed session when discussing sensitive information.

Representative Eliason raised concerns about interoperability between centers and whether awarding bonuses separately could discourage collaboration. Tina Matthew explained that the system in place with Peace Aps prevents competition and does not believe this change will create a decline in cooperation between centers. The Bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 150 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation and was placed on the House consent calendar.