

House Transportation Committee
February 3, 2025

Bill: SB 59 – Commercial Driver License Revisions

Sponsor: Senator Don L. Ipson

Floor Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses procedures relating to commercial driver licenses.

Discussion: Senator Ipson explained that this Bill aligns state procedures for commercial driver licenses with federal regulations. Specifically, it ensures compliance with national statutes regarding the clearinghouse for driving under the influence (“DUI”) convictions. There was no public comment or Committee discussion.

Yeas: 12

Nays: 0

N/V: 0

Outcome: SB 59 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: HB 345 – State Park Road Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jake Sawyer

Floor Sponsor: Undeclared

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill adds descriptions of highways related to state park access.

Discussion: Representative Sawyer explained that this Bill clarifies existing Code related to the Utahraport and Lost Creek State Parks, which were established in 2021. It grants these Parks access to the State Park Access Road Improvement Fund. Kerry Gibson spoke in support of the Bill, emphasizing that the legislation is a procedural cleanup to ensure the Parks can receive funding. Representative Christofferson asked whether each Park must be explicitly mentioned in the Code to qualify. Mr. Gibson confirmed that, to his understanding, state law requires specific state parks or roadways be listed to receive allocations from the Fund. Representative Christofferson further inquired whether federal parks receive state funding for access roads. Scott Strong, Director of State Parks, clarified that the National Park Service funds those projects independently and that they are not covered under state law. The Bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Yeas: 12

Nays: 0

N/V: 0

Outcome: HB 345 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation and was placed on the House Consent Calendar.

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