

## Senate Floor Time

February 25th, 2025

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### **Bill: 2nd substitute SB 144 – Sexual Crimes Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Karen Kwan

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill addresses sexual crimes.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 18

Nays: 5

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 144 passed the second reading in the Senate and will be heard a third time.**

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### **Bill: SB 314 – Special District Modifications**

Sponsor: Senator Kirk A. Cullimore

Floor Sponsor: Representative Thomas W. Peterson

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill amends provisions related to special districts.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 29

Nays: 0

N/V: 0

**Outcome: SB 314 passed the second reading in the Senate and will be heard a third time.**

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### **Bill: 1st substitute SB 291 – Lobbying Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Brady Brammer

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill amends and enacts provisions relating to lobbying.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion followed.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 2

N/V: 2

**Outcome: 1st substitute SB 291 passed the second reading in the Senate and will be heard a third time.**

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**Bill: SB 306 – Convention Center Investment Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Daniel McCay

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill amends provisions to facilitate financing of the revitalization of a convention center.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill and noted that a substitute would be added online tomorrow. Senator Riebe asked why counties of other classes could not access the fund mentioned in the Bill. The sponsor responded that he was open to considering that change. Senator Plumb inquired about potential ways to mitigate transportation impacts in the county. The sponsor stated that these concerns were being addressed and that alternative funding mechanisms were being explored to resolve issues related to the Delta Center. Senator Blouin asked whether the allocated funds could be used for affordable housing to support development in the area. The sponsor replied that funding allocations were still being determined but emphasized that the primary focus was on revitalizing the convention center area. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 16

Nays: 8

N/V: 5

**Outcome: SB 306 passed the second reading in the Senate and will be heard a third time.**

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**Bill: 1st substitute SB 255 – Line-of-Duty Death Benefit Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Dennis R. Owens

Floor Sponsor: Representative Douglas R. Welton

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill modifies provisions relating to benefits resulting from a line-of-duty death.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 0

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 1st substitute SB 255 passed out of the Senate.**

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**Bill: 1st substitute SB 295 – Property Tax Modifications**

Sponsor: Senator Daniel McCay

Floor Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill modifies the Property Tax Act.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No discussion ensued.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

**Outcome: 1st substitute SB 295 passed out of the Senate.**

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**Bill: 1st substitute SB 259 – State Holy Days**

Sponsor: Senator Keven J. Stratton

Floor Sponsor: Representative Michael J. Petersen

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill amends provisions relating to certain days and commemorative periods recognized by the state.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Senator Kwan asked how a holy day is defined. The sponsor referred to line 188, stating that “A State Holy Day means an annual day or other time period of special religious significance that the state officially recognizes and observes as a holy day under this section”. Senator Kwan then asked about the significance of these holy days. The sponsor explained that line 60 outlines how employees can select an additional day to observe as a holiday, allowing them to take the day off work. He emphasized that the Bill aims to promote sensitivity in scheduling work around meaningful religious days in the state. Senator Kwan further asked whether the Bill extends to teachers or students who wish to observe a holy day. The sponsor stated that, while the Bill does not specifically address students and teachers, he

hoped its recognition would increase public awareness and sensitivity toward these days. Senator Riebe asked if employees could request to observe a holy day outside the designated holidays. The sponsor confirmed that individuals are free to observe the day on any of the 365 days, though specific days are listed. No further discussion followed.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

**Outcome: 1st substitute SB 259 passed the second reading in the Senate and will be heard a third time.**

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