

Senate Floor

3/5/2025

Bill: 2nd Substitute SB 202 – Property Tax Revision

Sponsor: Senator Christ H. Wilson

Floor Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions in the Property Tax Act.

Discussion: Senator Wilson presented the changes made to the Bill in the House. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: The Senate concurred, and 2nd Substitute SB 202 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Substitute SB 241 – Limited Purpose Local Government Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Jerry W. Stevenson

Floor Sponsor: Representative Paul A. Cutler

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions affecting special districts.

Discussion: Senator Stevenson presented the changes made to the Bill in the House. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 2

N/V: 2

Outcome: The Senate concurred, and 2nd Substitute SB 241 passed out of the Senate

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 58 – Building Inspector Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Thomas W. Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions relating to building inspectors.

Discussion: Senator Musselman presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 4th Substitute HB 58 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 249 – Nuclear Power Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Carl R. Albrecht

Floor Sponsor: Senator Ann Millner

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill creates the Nuclear Energy Consortium and the Utah Energy Council, establishes a process for designating energy development zones, and creates the Energy Development Investment Fund.

Discussion: Senator Millner presented the 3rd substitute for HB 249, which introduces several key changes. The new language on line 207 now requires reporting the percentage of tax increment funds allocated to both a community reinvestment agency and the Electrical Energy Development Investment Fund. Additionally, the Bill permits the Utah Energy Council (“Council”) to enter into interlocal agreements with counties and municipalities regarding the distribution of property tax differential revenue. It also allows municipalities and counties to pass resolutions declaring their intent to establish energy development zones within their boundaries. A coordinating clause with HB 70 was also added at the request of counties.

Senator Blouin inquired about modifications to the Council in the substitute Bill. Senator Millner explained that the Governor had concerns about legislative appointments to the Council and preferred that legislators not be included. The Bill addresses this by clarifying that the composition of the Council will be determined by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate. Senator Blouin opposed the Bill, arguing that it does not sufficiently consider solar and wind energy and raises issues regarding local control.

Senator Riebe questioned how the Bill ensures community consent. Senator Millner responded that some counties are interested in developing nuclear energy but cannot do so independently. The Bill establishes a state framework to collaborate with communities. Senator Riebe also asked about interlocal agreements mentioned on line 760, to which the sponsor explained that these agreements allow communities to negotiate terms for energy projects.

Senator Cullimore raised concerns that the Bill might exclude rural areas from creating community reinvestment projects. Senator Millner assured that while the Bill supports rural development, statewide energy projects connected to the grid require coordination between the state and local communities.

Senators Vickers, Weiler, Brammer, and McKell expressed their support for the Bill.

Yeas: 22

Nays: 6

N/V: 1

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 249 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 65 – Firefighter Cancer Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor: Senator Micheal K. McKell

UASD Position: Support and Amend

This Bill modifies the Utah Occupational Disease Act by expanding the rebuttable presumption for a firefighter diagnosed with cancer.

Discussion: Senator McKell presented the Bill, sharing his experiences with firefighters and emphasizing the importance of providing them with cancer screenings. President Adams and Senator Riebe expressed their support for both firefighters and the Bill.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 65 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 38 – Criminal Offenses Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox

Floor Sponsor: Senator Calvin R. Musselman

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses changes related to certain criminal offenses and enhancements.

Discussion: Senator Musselman presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 4th Substitute HB 38 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 3rd Substitute HB 48 – Wildland Urban Interface Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses efforts to oversee wildfire risks associated with wildland urban interface property.

Discussion: Senator McKell presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 24

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: 3rd Substitute HB 48 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 85 – Environmental Permitting Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Tyler Clancy

Floor Sponsor: Senator Ronald M. Winterton

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses provisions related to environmental permitting.

Discussion: Senator Winterton presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 23

Nays: 1

N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 85 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: HB 298 – Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Douglas R. Welton

Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends provisions regarding the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program.

Discussion: Senator McKell presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: HB 298 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 309 – Wildlife Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Casey Snider

Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell

UASD Position: Tracking and Amend

This Bill addresses state activities related to wildlife.

Discussion: Senator McKell presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 2

N/V: 2

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 309 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd Substitute HB 411 – Public Asset Ownership Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Troy Shelley

Floor Sponsor: Senator Derrin R. Owens

UASD Position: Tracking and Amend

This Bill addresses the state ownership of certain environmental assets.

Discussion: Senator Owens presented the Bill. There was no discussion to the Bill.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 2nd Substitute HB 411 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 475 – Public Funds Reporting Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Neil R. Walter

Floor Sponsor: Senator Evan J. Vickers

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies the duties of the state auditor.

Discussion: Senator Vickers presented the Bill. There was no discussion.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st Substitute HB 475 passed out of the Senate

Bill: 5th Substitute SB 195 – Transportation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Wayne A. Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Kay J. Christofferson

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends provisions related to transportation items, and adherence to proposed phases of certain transportation developments.

Discussion: Senator Harper explained the amendments made in the House. There was no discussion.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

**Outcome: The Senate refused to concur with the changes made to 5th Substitute SB 195.
The Bill will go to a Conference Committee.**

Bill: 6th Substitute HB 40 – School Safety Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox

Floor Sponsor: Senator Ann Millner

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies school safety provisions.

Discussion: Senator Millner presented the 6th substitute for HB 40, which provides greater flexibility in fencing placement and limits the requirement for ballistic windows to school entry points. The sponsor also noted that the school safety task force will expire as originally planned. The revisions in the 6th substitute significantly reduce the fiscal impact. The body adopted the 6th substitute.

Senator Hinkins inquired about the changes regarding ballistic window placement. The sponsor explained that while the original Bill mandated all exterior windows to be bulletproof, the 6th substitute narrows this requirement to entry point windows only.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 6th Substitute HB 40 passed out of the Senate

Bill: 4th Substitute HB 300 – Amendments to Election Law

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson S. Burton

Floor Sponsor: Senator Michael K. McKell

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill provisions relating to elections.

Discussion: The Senate adopted the 4th substitute and Senate Amendment 1. The amendment removes the language from lines 1120-1125, 1148, 1153, and 1662-1671. The floor sponsor acknowledged that additional changes are needed and requested that the Bill be circled to allow the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel time to draft the next substitute.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 4th Substitute HB 300, as amended, was circled.
