

Date: 01/20/2026

House Floor Time

Bill: HB 13 - Municipal Services Fees and Political Subdivision Lien Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Cutler

Floor Sponsor: Senator Harper

UASD Position: Track

This Bill authorizes municipalities to place a political subdivision lien on property for certain past due services and makes related amendments.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Christofferson asked about the interest rate to be charged, and the sponsor responded that it would not exceed 8 percent. Representative Thurston inquired why unpaid charges are assessed to the property manager rather than the renter. The sponsor explained that responsibility attaches to the party in whose name the property is held, consistent with existing law.

Representative Patrick questioned the need to alter the current municipal approach to unpaid utility charges and asked whether Utah Code already authorizes special districts to place liens on property. The sponsor responded that the property manager is legally tied to the property, that liens impact credit rather than housing, and that special districts already possess this authority. Representative Patrick followed up by asking what the proposed change would accomplish and whether it was primarily for billing convenience. The sponsor replied that the change would allow municipalities to bypass collection agencies and pursue payment directly by placing a lien against the property, and that its purpose is to prevent other taxpayers from subsidizing property owners who fail to pay utility bills.

Representative Dunnigan spoke in support of the Bill. Representative Ivory asked whether legal costs associated with filing liens are included in the 8 percent interest cap, to which the sponsor replied that they are included. Representative Ivory then asked about remedies for wrongful liens. The sponsor stated that, because the liens would be filed by municipalities, they would have the authority to remove liens in the event of an error. Representative Teuscher moved to circle the Bill, and the motion passed.

Yea: N/A

Nay: N/A

N/V: N/A

Outcome: HB 13 was circled.

Bill: HB 19 - Drinking Water Utilities Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jack

Floor Sponsor: Senator Balderree

UASD Position: Track and amend

This Bill addresses security at drinking water facilities.

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

Yea: 75

Nay: 0

N/V: 0

Outcome: HB 19 passed out of the House.

Bill: HB 38 - County Government Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Dunnigan

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill deals with provisions related to counties.

Discussion: The sponsor asked for the Bill to be circled.

Yea: N/A

Nay: N/A

N/V: N/A

Outcome: The Bill was circled.