

## **House Political Subdivisions Committee**

01/21/2026

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### **Bill: HB 17 – Public Infrastructure District Meeting Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Welton

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brammer

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill requires public infrastructure district meetings be held at a location in the boundaries of the public infrastructure district subject to certain exceptions.

**Discussion:** Representative Welton explained that this Bill would require public infrastructure district (“PID”) boards to meet within PID boundaries, or at the nearest available location suitable for a public meeting if no location exists within the PID’s boundaries, while allowing an exception for one annual budget retreat to be held outside of the PID’s boundaries. The offsite retreat must comply with all current transparency requirements. Other than that one exception, PIDs would be required to hold their open and public meetings within the service area of the PID. The sponsor stated that the Bill is intended to address a concern in which a PID located in Utah County was meeting in St. George to conduct the PID’s business. Representative Hansen asked that the retreat be required to be held within the service area. The sponsor stated that he would like to keep these meetings on par with all other forms of local government and does not want to make that change.

Representative Dunnigan asked whether the Bill limited boards to one out-of-district retreat per year, and the sponsor confirmed that the Bill does provide that limit. Committee members discussed how often PID boards meet and whether an annual out-of-district retreat could serve as the board’s only meeting for the year. The Committee adopted House Amendment 1 and amended the Bill to delete lines 41–45, removing the option to hold any meeting outside of the PID boundaries.

Yea: 11

Nay: 0

N/V: 1

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**Outcome: HB 17, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**

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### **Bill: HB 215 – Political Subdivision Landscaping Authority**

Sponsor: Representative Peterson

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill restricts a municipality or county from prohibiting removal of vegetation on property located in a wildland-urban interface area.

Discussion: Representative Peterson presented the Bill and explained that when a municipal or county ordinance prevents a resident from complying with Wildland Urban Interface (“WUI”) area defensible-space requirements, the municipality or county may not enforce an ordinance that would prevent the property owner from removing vegetation. The Committee discussed the authority of homeowner’s associations (“HOAs”) to enforce ordinances and noted that defensible space is defined as 100 feet from a residence. Representative Peterson clarified that the Bill applies only to properties located within WUI areas and that cities may continue to enforce ordinances in non-WUI areas. Concerns were raised regarding outdated WUI maps that do not reflect current WUI boundaries. This Bill does not address the WUI maps. It was stated that the WUI Code will not be updated until the maps are updated, which is being addressed through HB 41.

The Utah Homebuilders Association spoke in support of the Bill. The Utah League of Cities and Towns (“League”) expressed concerns and indicated that they would work with the sponsor to address those concerns as the Bill moves through the process. Representative Dunnigan stated that additional coordination with the League is needed before the Bill advances. The Bill was held in the Committee and will be placed on the Committee’s agenda to be heard again on Monday.

Yea: 9

Nay: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: The Bill was held in the Committee. It will be heard again on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.**