

Senate Business and Labor Committee

Date: 01/26/2026

Bill: 1st substitute HB 45 - Fire Code Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Vickers

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies the State Fire Code Act.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill adopts the 2024 International Code. The sponsor explained that the Code is vetted nationally and then reviewed by the state's Fire Prevention Board to address Utah-specific needs. The sponsor identified the most substantive change as provisions addressing the use of lithium-ion batteries. The first substitute, which was adopted by the Committee, makes two changes: it moves the effective date from July 1 to May 6, 2026 and it eliminates the requirement for a fire marshal to approve traffic calming measures by deleting IFC, Chapter 5, Section 503.4.1. That deleted Section reads "Traffic calming devices (such as speed bumps, speed humps, speed control dips, etc.) are prohibited on fire apparatus access roads unless approved by the fire code official".

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 45 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: SB 145 - Lobbying Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Brammer

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: TBD

This Bill amends and enacts provisions relating to lobbying.

Discussion: The sponsor presented Senate Amendment 1, which was adopted by the Committee. The sponsor explained that the amendment modifies provisions related to former legislators and post-employment lobbying within one year from the day the state official leaves office. The Bill adds additional restrictive language regarding contingency lobbying to prohibit arrangements in which compensation is tied to a specific legislative outcome and adds disclosure requirements and regulations addressing situations in which a lobbyist has a financial interest in an entity that could benefit from a request for proposals or a policy change that would significantly increase the entity's value. The Bill increases gifting limits for food and beverage from \$10 to \$25 and other approved non-cash items values from \$30 to \$50 and indexes those amounts to inflation. The Bill makes nonprofit universities on par with public universities in relation to inviting

elected officials to certain sporting events, performances, or exhibition. The sponsor stated that the intent of the Bill is to prevent abuse of existing statutes and to promote public trust in the legislative and lobbying process.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: SB 145, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.