

**House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee**  
01/27/2026

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**Bill: HB 309 - Juneteenth Observance Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Hollins

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill modifies the day on which Juneteenth National Freedom Day is recognized in Utah

Discussion:

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

**Outcome: This Bill was not heard in Committee today.**

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**Bill: SB 25 - Retirement Modifications**

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Acton

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill modifies provisions relating to public employee retirement and benefits.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill is an annual clean-up Bill for the Utah Retirement System (“URS”) that was heard by the Retirement and Independent Entities Committee during the interim. The Bill addresses technical and statutory updates based on court rulings and changes to federal and state law. It clarifies and modifies the definition of “bona fide termination of employment”, standardizes terminology, and expands the Retirement Membership Council by three seats at the Council’s request. The Bill also clarifies administrative rules and the appeals process by modifying which URS staff may issue appeal rulings when delegated by the Executive Director. The sponsor explained that the Bill further clarifies language to ensure proper calculation of benefits and confirms that benefits under the URS are not transferable.

Questions were raised regarding a provision that creates carve-outs for the Attorney General (“AG”) and the AG’s senior staff that are not available to other public employees. The sponsor explained that certain senior staff who are not career employees are already exempt from the retirement system and that the provision simply expands this exemption to additional positions within the AG’s Office.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

**Outcome: SB 25 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**