

January 27, 2026
House Floor Time

Bill: HB 77 - Tax Modifications

Sponsor: Representative Eliason

Floor Sponsor: Senator McCay

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies tax provisions.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. The House adopted the House Amendment 2 which defines the "Qualifying increase" as a valuation increase that is equal to or more than 150% higher than the previous year's valuation for residential property, or equal to or more than 350% higher than the previous year's valuation for any other property that is not residential property. No further discussion ensued.

Yea: 72

Nay: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: HB 77, as amended, passed out of the House.

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 65 - Construction Code Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator Vickers

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies the State Construction Code.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Hansen asked about legislative limits in public debates regarding technical standards with substantive impacts. The sponsor responded that the construction codes have been reviewed by committees made up of professionals and experts and have been subject to public hearings. Representative Hansen asked a follow-up question regarding whether the amendments to the construction code protect property and individuals from harm in ways that cannot be achieved independently. The sponsor responded that structures in Utah are required to comply with these codes as part of state law.

Representative Thompson asked about increased construction and compliance costs for childcare facilities. The sponsor responded that this section of the code reflects the requirements set by the Utah Health Department and is not a recommendation from the International Construction Code. No further discussion ensued.

Yea: 67

Nay: 2

N/V: 7

Outcome: 2nd substitute HB 65 passed out of the House.