

Senate Education Committee

1/29/2026

Bill: 1st substitute SB 123 – Privacy and Cybersecurity Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Cutler

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies provisions related to the Utah Cyber Center.

Discussion: Senator Harper presented the 1st substitute, which was adopted by the Committee. He explained that the Bill replaces the expired federal grant funding that previously supported cybersecurity initiatives by creating the Utah Cyber Center Restricted Account that is dedicated to cybersecurity and intended to provide a focused and coordinated funding framework. The Bill would use the state's General Fund and Education Fund resources to finance cybersecurity coordination efforts through the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") and the Utah Education and Telehealth Network ("UETN"). The substitute clarifies that the appropriations to the Utah Cyber Center Restricted Account is nonlapsing.

Senator Fillmore questioned the fiscal note, specifically the relatively low administrative cost of \$1,900. Senator Cutler responded that the amount reflects only the cost to administer the program changes, and that funding for cybersecurity activities would be distributed through a separate request for appropriation.

The Director of the Division of Drinking Water, the Security Manager for the Jordan School District, the Chief Information Security Officer for the State of Utah, and a representative from the Utah Education and Telehealth Network spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 123 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: SB 126 - School Swimming and Lifeguarding Programs

Sponsor: Senator Plumb

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill enacts provisions in public education related to water safety.

Discussion:

Yeas:

Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: The Bill was not heard in Committee today.

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