

Housing Political Subdivisions Committee
02/03/2026

Bill: 1st substitute HCR 6 - Concurrent Resolution Regard the Utah Housing Strategic Plan

Sponsor: Representative Whyte
Floor Sponsor: Senator Fillmore
UASD Position: Support

This Resolution supports the implementation of the Utah Housing Strategic Plan.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that this Resolution is nonbinding and outlines goals, guiding principles, and desired outcomes for housing in Utah. The Resolution seeks to align state housing goals by reducing duplication and confusion among political subdivisions, state government, and stakeholders. The sponsor stated that participants would track implementation and outcomes to ensure the plan remains responsive to Utah's changing housing needs. The Resolution focuses on improving housing attainability and affordability and creating opportunities for homeownership in Utah.

Committee members asked about the impact of adopting versus not adopting the Resolution. The sponsor responded that the Resolution provides a dynamic and responsive roadmap for future collaboration, recognizes existing work, and helps solidify partnerships toward a clear path forward. Members also asked about the distinction between government and private-sector roles in housing and whether statewide coordination is appropriate. The sponsor responded that, while there is a distinction, coordination is necessary. The Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Realtors, and Wasatch Advocates of Livable Communities spoke in support. The Utah County Republican Party and two individuals spoke in opposition, expressing concerns about government overreach and calling for a pause on housing initiatives.

Yeas: 5
Nays: 2
N/V: 5

Outcome: 1st substitute HCR 6 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: HB 246 - Local Government Drug Testing Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Maloy
Floor Sponsor:
UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends government entity drug testing provisions.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that this Bill modifies the definition of "sample" to include oral fluid, clarifies the types of samples that a local governmental entity or state institution of higher education may require for drug testing, and requires that sample collection be conducted in

accordance with instructions prepared by an independent entity. No Committee questions or public comment were received.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: HB 246 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.