

Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee
02/05/2026

Bill: 1st substitute HB 79 - Governmental Immunity Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Gwynn

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brammer

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill provides that a governmental entity, and the governmental entity's employees, are immune from suit for engaging in the following activities: responding to a disaster or potential disaster or, if the employee is a first responder, providing emergency medical services. The Bill clarifies that immunity from suit for providing emergency medical services is not limited to medical services resulting from emergencies of a specific type. The Utah State Fire Chiefs Association, Professional Firefighters of Utah, Utah League of Cities and Towns, and Utah Legislative Watch spoke in support of the Bill, while three members of the public spoke in opposition.

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 79 passed out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.