

Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee
02/11/2026

Bill: SB 275 - State-Endorsed Digital Identity Program Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Cullimore

Floor Sponsor: Representative Cutler

UASD Position: Track

This Bill creates the State-Endorsed Digital Identity Program.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that this Bill codifies a digital identity “bill of rights”. The Bill guarantees the right to use a physical ID or a digital ID, the right not to be compelled to use a digital ID, and the right to selective disclosure of identity attributes. It also provides the right to transparency regarding how the system operates. The Bill creates a state-endorsed digital identity program, requires formal rulemaking with public comment, and mandates annual reporting to the Legislature. It designates qualified program managers and keeps the technical infrastructure in a state-controlled data center in Utah. The Bill establishes clear identity proofing standards, regulates the entire ecosystem and creates enforcement and audit mechanisms to protect against government overreach. Local governmental entities will need to plan for technology updates, policy changes, and data privacy compliance when interacting with digital identities.

A County Commissioner spoke in support of the Bill, stating that it benefits both citizens and government. Utah Legislative Watch and a member of the public serving on the Utah Privacy Commission spoke in favor, noting that the Bill shifts control back to the individual.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: SB 275 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.