

Date: 02/12/2026
Senate Floor Time

Bill: 1st substitute HB 33 - Political Signs Amendment

Sponsor: Representative Teuscher

Floor Sponsor: Senator Vickers

UASD Position: Track

This Bill amends provisions related to political signs.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill, and the Senate adopted the 1st substitute. The substitute addresses two issues. First, it establishes a presumption of ownership for campaign signs. If a sign is placed for a candidate, it is presumed to be owned by that candidate. If the sign is placed by another individual or entity, a sticker must be affixed identifying the responsible party. Second, the substitute allows a campaign sign to be placed in a parking or mowing strip if the property owner adjacent to the mowing strip grants permission.

Senator Riebe raised concerns regarding the penalty provision on line 201, which classifies certain violations as a class B misdemeanor. She expressed that the penalty may be overly aggressive and suggested that a higher fine dedicated to a specific cause could serve as a more effective deterrent. She also referenced line 225, which requires signs to be removed within 14 days, and suggested that the Bill should specifically address overpasses and consider implementing a substantial fine for violations in those areas.

The sponsor responded that the Bill does not create an enhanced penalty, noting that the relevant penalty provisions already exist in statute but may not be widely known. The sponsor further clarified that placing signs on overpasses is already prohibited under current law. He explained the intent of the Bill is to provide a reasonable timeframe for compliance and enforcement of fines. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 33 passed out of the Senate and was sent to the House for concurrence.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 79 - Governmental Immunity Amendment

Sponsor: Representative Gwynn

Floor Sponsor: Senator Brammer

UASD Position: Support

This Bill amends the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 79 passed out of the Senate.