

House Government Operations Committee
2/13/2026

Bill: HB 530 – State Permitting Council

Sponsor: Representative Kyle

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill creates a permitting coordinator within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that the Bill creates a new position within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity ("GOEO") to improve the coordination of permitting processes. The position would serve as a single point of contact for federal permitting agencies and facilitate coordination among state and federal entities to enhance transparency and efficiency. The sponsor noted that the coordinator role is advisory in nature. No clarifying questions were raised by Committee members, and no public comments were made on the Bill.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

N/V: 5

Outcome: HB 530 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: HB 446 – Conflict of Interest Disclosure Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Acton

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track and amend

This Bill addresses candidate and officeholder disclosures.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that the Bill requires certain information about public officials and candidates for public office to be made public, including criminal convictions and tax liens. The Bill explicitly excludes traffic violations, juvenile convictions, and any matters that have been expunged. The sponsor stated that the purpose of the Bill is to preserve the integrity and transparency of individuals serving in public office.

Representative McPherson questioned the Bill's openness to an amendment regarding unresolved tax liens and what circumstances should require disclosure. The Committee discussed the appropriate situations and timelines for informing the public about tax liens. Representative McPherson proposed an amendment to require disclosure of tax liens that have remained unresolved for more than two years. The amendment was adopted by the Committee.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 3

N/V: 2

Outcome: HB 446, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: HB 511 – Procurement Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Shallenberger

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code.

Discussion: HB 511 was not heard in the Committee.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: HB 511 was not heard in the Committee.
