

House Transportation Committee

2/13/2026

Bill: SB 144 – Relocation Assistance Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Balderree

Floor Sponsor: Representative Hansen

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies the Utah Relocation Assistance Act.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that the Bill increases financial assistance available to business owners and nonprofits that are displaced through governmental eminent domain. Specifically, the Bill raises the maximum amount of assistance from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The Bill also requires the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) to annually evaluate whether the maximum payout amount should be adjusted. Senator Winterton asked whether this assistance would go to the leaser or lessee if a leased property were displaced through eminent domain. The sponsor stated that the assistance would go to the lessee. A small business is classified as a business making less than 1.5 million dollars.

The Utah Department of Transportation in support of the Bill.

Yea: 10

Nay: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: SB 144 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
