

**House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee**  
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**Bill: HB 281 - Workers Compensation Cannabis Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Brooks

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill amends provisions related to workers' compensation and cannabis use.

Discussion:

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

**Outcome: HB 281 was not heard in the Committee today.**

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**Bill: SB 39 - Investment Zones Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Whyte

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill enacts, renumbers, amends, and repeals certain provisions of certain investment zones within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that SB 39 enacts, renumbers, and amends provisions related to convention center reinvestment zones, including convention center reinvestment zones in a capital city. The Bill also renumbers and amends provisions governing reinvestment zones more broadly. The sponsor explained that the legislation is a straightforward recodification with no substantive policy changes and is intended to reorganize the Code into a single, more accessible section for improved clarity and ease of reference.

Representative Cutler noted that recodification efforts can sometimes result in unintended policy changes and requested clarification. The sponsor responded that one policy change had originally been included but was removed in the Senate. He stated that all relevant stakeholders have reviewed the recodified language. Representative Shelley asked whether the Bill coincides with prior housing-related recodification efforts led by Representative Roberts. The sponsor responded that the measures are complementary but separate. Representative Hansen inquired about lines 5702 and 5703 and asked what it means when property tax increment is distributed to a public infrastructure district ("PID"). The sponsor explained that this provision already exists in current statute and is not new. Representative Fiebia asked whether the Bill increases the duration or scope of tax increment authority. The sponsor responded that it does not. There was no public comment.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 1  
N/V: 3

**Outcome: SB 39 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**

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