

Bill: HB 296 - Water Commitment Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Nguyen

Floor Sponsor: Senator Sandall

UASD Position: Support

This Bill addresses commitments of water by water providers.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that HB 296 authorizes the inclusion of a commitment of available water for uses benefiting the Great Salt Lake within a water conservation plan. The sponsor noted that the Bill has no fiscal note and emphasized that it does not require an entity to commit water, but instead provides the option to do so.

Senator Owens asked whether, if water is committed under such a plan, there would still be options to allocate water for other uses. The sponsor responded that the Bill does not mandate any commitment to the Great Salt Lake and simply grants water providers the flexibility to include a water commitment if they choose. There was no public comment.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: HB 296 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.