

House Business, Labor, and Commerce Committee
02/18/2026

Bill: HB 304 - Cash Payments Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Chevrier

Floor Sponsor: Senator Balderree

UASD Position: Track and amend

This Bill requires the acceptance of cash payments.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 1st substitute, which would have delayed implementation of the Bill until July 2027 and carved out businesses with fewer than 10 employees. The substitute was not adopted by the Committee.

The sponsor explained that the Bill applies only to places of business with 10 or more employees that regularly accept digital or card payments in person. The legislation is intended to preserve the ability for individuals in Utah to use cash in everyday transactions. The sponsor emphasized that the Bill does not prohibit businesses from accepting digital payments or adopting new technologies but rather ensures that lawful United States currency remains usable. The sponsor stated that the measure is not about preferring cash over digital payments, but about preserving consumer choice, system resilience, and practical access.

Representative Thurston asked whether the Bill would apply to a 60,000-seat football stadium. The sponsor confirmed that it would, noting that this consideration is reflected in the fiscal note due to potential system changes needed to accommodate cash transactions. Representative T. Peterson asked whether the Bill would apply to a city operating concessions staffed by teenagers. The sponsor responded that the Bill would apply in the context of concessions operating concessions within government buildings.

Representative Dunnigan questioned language in the Bill referencing a “supplier or government entity”, noting that the terms appear distinct and asking how they are defined. The sponsor indicated that the requirement applies to transactions occurring within a brick-and-mortar building.

The National Association of Royalty Owners (“NARO”) spoke in support of the Bill. The National Federation of Independent Business (“NFIB”) spoke in opposition, stating that small businesses that choose to operate as cashless establishments should retain that right. Three members of the public and the Utah Eagle Forum expressed support.

Representative T. Peterson made a motion to hold the Bill.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: HB 304 was held in Committee.

Bill: 1st substitute HB 244 - Employment Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Shepherd

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill concerns an employee's voluntary cooperation with law enforcement.

Discussion:

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 244 was not heard in the Committee today.