

House Transportation Committee
02/25/2026

Bill: 1st substitute HB 398 - Towing Dispatch Amendments

Sponsor: Representative T. Peterson

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill changes the requirements for products that tow truck dispatch vendors can provide to tow truck motor carriers.

Discussion:

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 398 was not heard in the Committee today.

Bill: SB 172 - Airport and Air Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Welton

UASD Position: Track

This Bill amends laws relating to airports and drones.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill amends provisions relating to the license required to operate an airport, modifies requirements governing how an airport handles lost and unclaimed property, and amends restrictions on how law enforcement may use a drone within an airport.

Representative Thurston asked, with respect to unclaimed property that includes cash, why the funds could not instead be transferred to the State Treasurer for administration. The sponsor responded that cash found at an airport goes to the locality where it was found, as law enforcement serves as the repository for lost and unclaimed property, including cash.

Representative Thurston further asked what constitutes a “public interest” use if unclaimed cash is ultimately disposed of. The sponsor explained that “public interest” is one of several authorized options and that local jurisdictions determine how to handle unclaimed property and cash. In practice, unclaimed cash would likely be directed to the airport’s operating budget.

In response to a question regarding federal rules governing property left at Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) - secured areas, the sponsor stated that such items are handled similarly, with the TSA transferring items left in its area to the airport for processing under the same procedures.

The Utah General Aviation Association and the Utah Aviation Coalition spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 9
Nays: 0
N/V: 3

Outcome: SB 172 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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