

## Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee

2/25/2026

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### **Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute SB 193 – State Legal Holiday Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Stratton

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill amends provisions relating to legal holidays.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that the Bill recognizes the role of faith within Utah's culture and discussed two substitute options. The 1<sup>st</sup> substitute would allow school districts, charter, schools, and institute of higher education to designate non-school days in alignment with state-recognized holy days and establishes Good Friday as a state holiday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute would require school districts, charter, schools, and institute of higher education to give priority to aligning school days off with Good Friday.

Senator McCay asked if the education community had a preference between the two options. The sponsor clarified that the 1<sup>st</sup> substitute is preferred. Gayle Ruzicka, of the Utah Eagle Forum, and several members of the public spoke in support of the Bill. The Committee adopted the first substitute and Senator Brammer noted the importance of Good Friday to many Utahns.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 1

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute SB 193 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.**

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