

Bill: SB 280 – Damages Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Winterton

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill addresses the recovery of damages in a civil action.

Discussion: As per the sponsor's request, the Bill was not heard in the Committee.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: SB 280 was not heard in the Committee.

Bill: HB 240 – Carbon Dioxide Systems Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Nguyen

Floor Sponsor: Senator Owens

UASD Position: Support

This Bill concerns carbon dioxide systems.

Discussion: HB 240 establishes regulatory oversight for carbon dioxide systems in order to improve public safety. The Bill creates a Life Safety Certification. It defines key terms related to carbon dioxide systems and creates licensing requirements for individuals and businesses that install, service, or maintain those systems. It authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to oversee the licensing process and directs the Utah Fire Prevention Board to adopt rules establishing standards, qualifications, and compliance procedures. The Bill also includes provisions related to inspections, enforcement, and penalties for noncompliance, with the intent of ensuring that carbon dioxide systems are installed and serviced by properly qualified professionals. The sponsor explained that the Bill affects large carbon dioxide tanks over 100 pounds.

Currently, Fire Marshals are designated to inspect these tanks. A State Fire Marshal spoke to the technical aspects of installing carbon dioxide systems and explained that the State Fire Marshal's Office would assume responsibility for training third-party organizations to inspect and install these systems. A member of the public spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: HB 240 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
