

## House Floor Time

2/26/26

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### **Bill: 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute HB 330 – Liability Limitations Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Jack

Floor Sponsor: Senator Winterton

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill creates an affirmative defense.

Discussion: The sponsor spoke to the changes made in the 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute which was adopted in the Senate. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 50

Nays: 15

N/V: 10

**Outcome: The House concurred with the changes made in the Senate and 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute HB 330 passed out of the House.**

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### **Bill: 4<sup>th</sup> substitute SB 151 – Public Safety Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Pierucci

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill modifies provisions related to funding for public safety employees.

Discussion: The sponsor moved to circle the Bill.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

**Outcome: 4<sup>th</sup> substitute SB 151 was circled.**

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### **Bill: SB 123 – Privacy and Cybersecurity Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill modifies provisions related to the Utah Cyber Center.

Discussion: The sponsor moved to circle the Bill.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

**Outcome: SB 123 was circled.**

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**Bill: SB 68 – Disability Litigation Amendments**

Sponsor: Senator Brammer

Floor Sponsor: Representative Abbott

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill addresses website access litigation brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 58

Nays: 15

N/V: 2

**Outcome: SB 68 passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: 6<sup>th</sup> substitute HB 44 – School Security Personnel Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill provides amendments to school safety standards regarding requirements for various safety related personnel.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 6<sup>th</sup> substitute, which was adopted by the House. The 6<sup>th</sup> substitute does not include broad new policy language or shift training, authority, or personnel standards compared to the 5<sup>th</sup> substitute. It primarily updates an effective date or related date-specific language. The sponsor presented the Bill.

Representative Arthur questioned the purpose of the special function officer. The sponsor clarified the scope and qualifications associated with the position. Representative Fiefla raised concerns regarding the implementation date of the Bill, particularly in relation to funding considerations. Representative Wilcox spoke to the importance of emergency alert devices directly contacting 911 to ensure the fastest possible law enforcement response time.

Representative Shelley asked about the current state of school security. The sponsor explained that the Bill establishes a more standardized and enhanced approach to school safety across the state.

Yeas: 71

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

**Outcome: 6<sup>th</sup> substitute HB 44 passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 514 – Utah Energy Council Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Walter

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: TBD**

This Bill creates the Utah Energy Infrastructure Service District and modifies provisions relating to the Utah Energy Council.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 1<sup>st</sup> substitute and House Amendment #1, both of which were adopted by the House. The sponsor explained that the Bill creates a special district for the purpose of developing energy generation infrastructure and stated that the creation of the district would not impact existing energy provider entities currently serving consumers.

Representative Whyte questioned the potential impact on local governments. The sponsor clarified that the special district would facilitate the development of energy infrastructure but would not interfere with current service providers. Representative Jack spoke in support of the Bill. Representative Chevrier questioned lines 186 and 187, specifically concerning the process for acquiring water and air rights and whether it overlaps with eminent domain authority. The sponsor clarified that power generation projects require access to air shed, water, and land, but emphasized that eminent domain does not play a role in that process. The sponsor further explained that while state lands are exempt from property taxes, the Bill includes a provision for a privilege tax, which would be distributed to the county in which the property is located. Representative Albrecht also spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 68

Nays: 1

N/V: 6

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 514 passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute HB 338 – First Responder Health Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

Floor Sponsor: Senator Ipson

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill amends requirements for providing health coverage and resources to first responders.

Discussion: The sponsor presented 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute, which was adopted by the House. The sponsor informed his colleague of the loss of two firefighters in the past week and noted the need for first responders from smaller agencies to be able to access affordable mental healthcare. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 67

Nays: 0

N/V: 8

**Outcome: 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute HB 338 passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 494 – Transfer of Water Interests**

Sponsor: Representative Owens

Floor Sponsor: Senator Owens

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill addresses water rights, shares in water companies, and their relationship to land conveyances.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. The House adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> substitute. The substitute revises language governing the transfer of water company shares and clarifies that ownership of a share is determined by the water company's records rather than by records of the State Engineer. It rewrites provisions addressing the conveyance of water rights by clarifying recording requirements, specifying what documents constitute a valid conveyance, and updating procedures for reporting conveyances to the State Engineer. The 1<sup>st</sup> substitute also modifies the State Engineer's rulemaking authority regarding information required in conveyance reports. In addition, it clarifies provisions related to appurtenant water rights, including how those rights pass with land and what evidence may be used to establish appurtenance.

Yeas: 62

Nays: 0

N/V: 13

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute 494 passed out of the House.**

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