

Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee
Prepared by the Utah Association of Special Districts
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Bill: 1st substitute HB 405 - State Purchasing Reserve Funding

Sponsor: Representative Ivory
Floor Sponsor: Senator Johnson
UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies provisions related to state purchasing.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill did not receive funding and requested that it not be heard.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: 1st substitute HB 405 was not heard in the Committee today.

Bill: HB 530 - State Permitting Council

Sponsor: Representative Kyle
Floor Sponsor: Senator Hinkins
UASD Position: Track

This Bill creates a permitting coordinator within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill creates a permitting coordinator position within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, to be appointed by the Office's Executive Director. The Bill defines the duties of the permitting coordinator to include serving as a central point of contact for persons and entities with projects or activities requiring one or more state permits, providing permitting information and guidance, and facilitating coordination among state, federal, and tribal agencies. The Bill also authorizes the permitting coordinator to work with governmental entities to identify administrative and legislative changes that may improve the efficiency, transparency, and predictability of the state permitting process. The sponsor clarified that the permitting coordinator does not have authority to issue, approve, deny, or modify any permit.

Senator Vickers asked whether the fiscal note has been funded. The sponsor responded that he had not confirmed funding but assumed it had been. Senator Blouin expressed support for the Bill. There was no public comment.

Yeas: 6
Nays: 0
N/V: 1

Outcome: HB 530 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: 3rd substitute HB 422 - Public Infrastructure Districts Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Koford

Floor Sponsor: Senator McCay

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies requirements for public infrastructure districts.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 3rd substitute, explaining that it consolidates two previously introduced public infrastructure district (PID) measures into a single Bill. The 3rd substitute provides that a PID will dissolve 30 days after all indebtedness is retired and clarifies the statutory process governing dissolution. The substitute removes provisions related to convention center public infrastructure districts, eliminates language authorizing special tax financing districts associated with convention centers, and adds transparency provisions concerning board member conflicts of interest. The Committee adopted the 3rd substitute.

The sponsor stated that the Bill is intended as a clean-up measure to place additional guardrails around the PID financing tool and increase transparency. The Bill includes provisions intended to ensure that prospective homeowners purchasing property within a PID receive clearer information regarding the impact of PID financing on property taxes and related assessments.

There was no Committee discussion following the presentation, and no members of the public commented on the Bill.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: 3rd substitute HB 422 passed out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: HB 554 - State Debt Collecting Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Burton

Floor Sponsor: Senator Stratton

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies provisions related to government debt collection.

Discussion: The sponsor stated that the Bill seeks to increase the efficiency and clarity of the state's Office of State Debt Collection by codifying and modernizing standard practices related to governmental debt collection. The Bill directs the Utah State Tax Commission to apply an overpayment of corporate income tax to any amounts the taxpayer owes under the Crime Victims Restitution Act, rather than issuing a refund. The Bill provides that a governmental entity may engage in collection activity for amounts owed even if the liability has not yet been reduced to a

court judgment. The Bill makes consistent the definitions of certain terms related to collections and allows the Office of State Debt Collection to retain an amount equal to up to one year of its operating expenses in the State Debt Collection Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

There was no Committee discussion following the presentation, and no members of the public commented on the Bill.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: HB 554 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.