

House Transportation Committee

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Bill: 3rd substitute SB 242 - Transportation Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Harper

Floor Sponsor: Representative Christofferson

UASD Position: Track

This Bill amends provisions related to transportation, including road usage charge, towing dispatch, and local option sales tax use.

Discussion: The sponsor presented House Amendment 1, explaining that it addresses outstanding towing issues. The Committee adopted House Amendment 1. The sponsor explained that the Bill builds on the existing working relationship between the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) and Salt Lake City by encouraging coordination between the entities and helping ensure that Salt Lake City roads remain safe. The sponsor stated that the Bill builds on SB 195 by allowing Salt Lake City to recognize transportation network efficiencies, address safety concerns, and respond to rapid growth.

Representative Thurston asked about lines 437–439, which modify when a school bus or transit vehicle may occupy a bike lane and asked about the intent of the change. The sponsor responded that the Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) requested the amendment because buses sometimes run ahead of schedule and need to temporarily pull over so they do not miss picking up passengers. Representative Christofferson asked for input from Colonel Holly regarding the towing provisions. The sponsor indicated that Colonel Holly was satisfied with the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Roberts presented House Amendment 2, addressing lines 3418–3419 and 3430–3433, and explained that additional time is needed to discuss certain road projects and how they fit within the broader transportation investment program, specifically projects in Bluffdale, Midvale, and Taylorsville. The sponsor responded that the projects should move forward and expressed the view that they need to be completed. The Committee adopted House Amendment 2.

Representative Thurston presented House Amendment 3, explaining that the amendment replaces the word “operating” on line 400 with “unloading or loading passengers or making a time point adjustment”. The amendment also modifies line 4307 to restore language specifying that a vehicle may stop to load or unload passengers or make a time point adjustment along the vehicle’s planned route or schedule. The Committee adopted House Amendment 3.

The Utah Towing Alliance and Weber Towing spoke in support of the Bill. Nine members of the public spoke in opposition to the Bill.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 1

N/V: 2

Outcome: 3rd substitute SB 242, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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