

Afternoon Senate Floor Time

Prepared by the Utah Association of Special Districts

Date: 03/05/2026

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 429 - Special District Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Pierucci

Floor Sponsor: Senator McCay

UASD Position: Oppose

This Bill addresses withdrawal of a county or a municipality from a special district under certain circumstances.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 2nd substitute, explaining that it incorporates the language from Senator Cullimore's SB 306. SB 306 updates Utah statute to allow a county of the first class (i.e., Salt Lake County) to withdraw from a first responder district on the same terms as municipalities currently may. The sponsor stated that the substitute does not change the funding, services, or core operations of first responder districts, but instead aligns the county withdrawal process with the withdrawal process that already applies to member cities. The substitute also provides that a city withdrawing from a garbage collection district operating in a county of the first class must submit the required withdrawal documents to the Lieutenant Governor's Office rather than to the district. The Senate adopted the substitute. The sponsor then presented the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 26

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd substitute HB 429 passed out of the Senate.