

Afternoon Senate Floor Time

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Bill: 2nd substitute SB 201 - Shelter Animal Euthanasia Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Grover

Floor Sponsor: Representative Loubet

UASD Position: Track

This Bill deals with the treatment of dogs and cats in an animal shelter.

Discussion: The sponsor motioned to concur with the amendments adopted by the House. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 201 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 4th 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 motioned to circle.

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 4th substitute SB 242 was circled.

Bill: 4th substitute HB 507 - State Coordination of Regional and Local Economic Development Projects Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Roberts

Floor Sponsor: Senator Cullimore

UASD Position: Track and amend

This Bill addresses local and regional economic development projects and related provisions.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 4th substitute, which was adopted by the Conference Committee. The Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 27

Nays: 1

N/V: 1

Outcome: 4th substitute HB 507 passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 236 - Truth in Taxation Amendments

Sponsor: Representative K. Peterson

Floor Sponsor: Senator McCay

UASD Position: Track; amended

This Bill addresses property tax increases through truth in taxation.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 2nd substitute, explaining that it improves the process for how the initial budget is proposed. The sponsor also presented Senate Amendment 1, which clarifies the property impact schedule on line 174, defines what that schedule entails, and clarifies how a taxing entity's proposed tax increases for the fiscal year relate to the subsidy. The Senate adopted the 2nd substitute and Senate Amendment 1. The sponsor then presented the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 28

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, 2nd substitute HB 236, as amended, passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 7th substitute HB 44 - School Security Personnel Standards

Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

Floor Sponsor: Senator Milner

UASD Position: Support

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

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 7th substitute. The 7th substitute of HB 44 makes several substantive changes to the provisions governing the school guardian program and related administrative processes. The substitute revises requirements for how a school guardian may carry and temporarily store a firearm while on duty. Under the substitute, a guardian must carry the firearm concealed on the guardian's person during school hours while performing guardian duties, with limited exceptions allowing temporary storage in a biometric gun safe under specific circumstances approved by the school administrator. The substitute removes broader language

from the prior version that allowed firearm storage in a biometric safe located in the guardian's office while the guardian remained on school grounds and replaces it with more restrictive conditions governing when and how a firearm may be secured.

The substitute also adds reporting and post-incident procedures when a firearm is pointed at an individual or when deadly force is used. A school guardian who points a firearm at an individual must submit a report within 48 hours describing the incident and identifying the individuals involved, and the report must be provided to the school administrator, the school safety and security director, and the state security chief. The substitute further establishes procedures when a guardian uses deadly force, including placing the guardian on administrative leave pending investigation and providing protections regarding written reports and voluntary interviews during the investigation conducted by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the school.

In addition, the substitute modifies provisions governing the stipend for school guardians. The prior language directing a fixed stipend amount is removed and replaced with a framework under which the State Board of Education administers stipends in coordination with the State Security Chief, who verifies eligibility and certification of guardians who complete the required training. The substitute directs the State Board to determine the stipend amount each fiscal year based on legislative appropriations and projected participation and allows a limited reserve for guardians who are certified mid-year.

Finally, the substitute adds provisions directing the State Board of Education to maintain a parent portal that provides parents with access to information related to school safety, student conduct policies, bullying and harassment resources, ADA accommodation information, grievance procedures, constitutional rights information, and services available to military families, with additional school safety data required to be included beginning July 1, 2028.

The sponsor presented the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 24
Nays: 1
N/V: 4

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, 7th substitute HB 44 passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

Bill: HB 240 - Carbon Dioxide System Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Nguyen

Floor Sponsor: Senator Owens

UASD Position: Support

This Bill concerns carbon dioxide systems.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 17

Nays: 10
N/V: 2

Outcome: Under suspension of the rules, HB 240 passed the second and third readings and passed out of the Senate.

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 319 - Electronic Records Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Cutler

Floor Sponsor: Senator Harper

UASD Position: Support

This Bill modifies provisions relating to county recording of documents and digital authentication.

Discussion: A motion was made to circle the Bill because the sponsor was off of the floor.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: 2nd substitute HB 319 was circled.

Bill: 3rd substitute HB 416 - Firefighter Cancer Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Teuscher

Floor Sponsor: Senator Sandall

UASD Position: Support

This Bill creates the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Trust Fund.

Discussion: The 3rd substitute of HB 416 directs funding related to the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program. The substitute revises how certain insurance premium tax revenues are distributed and provides that those revenues are used to support firefighter retirement and disability programs and related benefits. The Senate adopted the 3rd substitute. The sponsor then moved to circle the Bill.

Yeas:
Nays:
N/V:

Outcome: 3rd substitute HB 416 was adopted and circled.