

Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee

Monday, March 6, 2017

Utah State Capitol, Senate Building 210

1. Welcome and adoption of minutes

- a. Beth Holbrook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review of ULCT legislative engagement

- a. Cameron Diehl introduced the list of 70 bills which the ULCT has provided language or testimony to. The full list is available online.

3. SB 276: Transportation Funding

- a. Abby Osborne (Utah Transportation Coalition) explained that with fallen gas prices, the index won't engage until 2028. SB 276 adjusts the index so it engages in 2019. She explains that it will still provide localities with revenue. Rep. Mike Shultz explained that other tax legislation makes the passage of 276 more difficult to pass and requested support of LPC.

4. SB110: Online sales tax bills

- a. Roger Tew updated the committee about the status of SB 110, which failed to pass out of committee. He suggested the League continue to support the passage of this bill.

5. SB 264: State transient room tax

- a. Cameron Diehl updated the committee on the status of the bill, which was waiting on the house floor. He also explained the mechanics of the tax that the revenue would be placed in the outdoor recreation infrastructure grant program. Tom Adams (Director of Outdoor Recreation) stated that the program had a lot of interest - \$10 million in requests and only \$1 million to grant. The .32% tax would generate roughly \$4 million in revenue.

6. HB 408: State Property and SITLA Amendments

- a. Jodi Hoffman explained concerns about HB 408 to the committee because it exempts School and Institutional Trust Lands from municipal zoning code. Dave Ure (Executive Director, SITLA) said that after speaking with Rep. Mike Noel, the bill would be circled on the calendar. He said he doesn't necessarily support the bill because he has been able to resolve conflicts with leases near cities.

7. HB 441: Housing and Homeless Reform

- a. Cameron Diehl updated the committee about the bill. He explained that despite pushing back on language that allows the housing task force to override city input with regard to shelter location, the sponsor persisted with it. Pat Reimherr (Salt Lake County) answered questions about Salt Lake County's position on the bill.

8. HB 452: Homeless Services Revenue

- a. Roger Tew Explained his opposition to the original funding mechanism and told the committee about his alternative suggestion to the bill sponsor. He said it would be substituted before committee. Cameron Diehl proposed that the group's position be to hold off until interim.

9. HB 442: Alcohol Amendments

- a. Cameron Diehl explained the inconsistencies within current state policy. He suggested streamlining the DABC variance process with tentative support from the Governor's office.

10. Other Legislative Issues

- a. Cameron Diehl summarized the status of other bills that were being considered or voted on, including HB 253, SB 198, and HB 441.

11. Adjournment