

Utah League of Cities and Towns
Legislative Policy Committee Minutes – February 12, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
Utah State Capitol (and USU webcast)

1. Welcome, introductions, logistics, and adoption of February 5, 2018 minutes
 - ULCT 1st Vice Pres. Jon Pike welcomed the committee. The committee adopted minutes from the previous meeting.
2. 4. Small cell infrastructure proposal
 - ULCT Senior Policy Advisor Roger Tew updated the committee on the Small Cell legislation. He explained that several city representatives have been negotiating with industry to come up with a mutually bill. Roger introduced Tara Tuey and two other representatives (David Tate and Bob Igneo) from AT&T to answer questions about the small cell legislation. Tuey stated that industry wants predictable process, fees, and access to the right of way.
3. ULCT-UAC Legislative Prism
 - ULCT Executive Director Cameron Diehl discussed the local government policy prism for evaluating legislation. Using HB 175 – Government Oversight Committee Creation as an example, Diehl explained the 4 questions of the prism:
 - i. What is the problem the bill is trying to solve?
 - ii. Is the bill a “one size fits all” approach?
 - iii. Does the bill empower or restrict the “local control” of local governments?
 - iv. Does the bill have a financial impact on local governments?
4. H.B. 111 Sub. Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments
 - Representative Kim Coleman presented HB 111 to the LPC. She explained that since the Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA) was created in statute, no funds from the 10% have reached the Olene Walker Housing Fund. HB 111 restores the Economic Development Agency (EDA) track, which does not have the 10% housing set-aside requirement.
5. HB 361 Billboard Amendments
 - Councilmember Lynn Pace briefed the committee on HB 361. HB 361 would allow a billboard owner to relocate their sign when their current lease expires at will, without a permit from a city. The language would also allow the billboard owner to change their billboard to an electronic billboard at will. The committee voted to oppose the bill.
6. HB 256 – Electric Service District
 - Seth Perrins, City Manager of Spanish Fork, contextualized HB 256 for the committee. He explained that HB 256 would allow the state to intervene in an on-going contract negotiation between a city and the state’s only electric service district. The committee voted to oppose the bill.
7. SB 120 – Local Government Fees and Taxes Amendments
 - Cameron Diehl updated the committee on SB 120. SB 120 codifies the Transportation Utilities Fee but would limit which entities it could apply to.
8. Rep. Eliason’s homeless shelter proposal

- Cameron Diehl briefed the committee on the policy concepts contained in Rep. Eliason's homeless services funding bill including:
 - i. Should the state impose a fee/tax on local governments?
 - ii. Should local governments without a homeless resource center contribute to O&M?
 - iii. Should local governments without a homeless resource center help mitigate the impacts of the centers, either in the cities who house them or in their own cities?
 - iv. Which homeless resource centers will qualify?
 - v. Is the proposed fee outcome based or formula based?
 - vi. If there is a fee, who decides the amount and collects/manages/expends it?
 - Diehl also explained the multiple alternatives to Eliason's bill.
9. Ratify staff positions (ULCT 1st Vice Pres. Jon Pike)
- The committee voted to ratify staff positions.
10. Adjournment