

**Utah League of Cities and Towns**  
**Legislative Policy Committee Minutes – February 26, 2018, 12:00 p.m.**  
**Utah State Capitol (and USU webcast)**

**1. Welcome, introductions, logistics, and adoption of minutes**

- ULCT 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jon Pike Welcomed the committee. The committee voted to adopt the minutes from the LPC meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2. S.B. 189: Small Wireless Facilities Deployment**

- ULCT Senior Advisor Roger Tew introduced Senator Curtis Bramble to discuss his small cells bill. Senator Bramble explained that in most other states small cell legislation has been passed without input from municipalities. He wanted to ensure that both municipalities and industry had input on his legislation. Senator Bramble explained that SB 189 creates a uniform framework for deployment of small cell devices. He stated that he's willing to revisit the legislation next year to address concerns that arise.

**3. Week 4-5 recap**

- ULCT Director of Government Relations Rachel Otto updated the committee on the prior two weeks. She explained that ULCT staff are currently tracking more than 277 bills.

**4. H.B. 175 Oversight Committee**

- UCLT Executive Director, Cameron Diehl briefed the committee on the status of HB 175 – Oversight Committee Creation. ULCT collaborated with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), Utah School Boards Association (UASB), and the Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) to lobby legislators against the bill. The bill failed 54-20 on the house floor but was later brought back. Diehl encouraged members to remind their legislators that they're still opposed to the bill.

**5. S.B. 120 Local Government Fees and Taxes Amendments**

- Rachel Otto updated the committee on the status of SB 120 – Local Government Fees and Taxes Amendments. SB 120 codifies the use of the transportation utility fee but would exempt counties and chartered cities from the fee. Cameron Diehl emphasized the importance of codifying the use of a transportation utility fees, since a number of legislators are opposed to the use of it.

**6. UDOT analytics update/S.B. 136**

- Shane Marshall, Deputy Director of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) spoke to the committee about UDOT's new analytics tools to measure transportation performance. He explained that UDOT is adding real-time measures of progress on strategic goals and showed the committee how to use their data.
- Cameron Diehl also updated the committee on changes made to SB 136 – Transportation Governance Amendments. SB 136 adds several new funding mechanisms include a .15% state sales tax diversion to the TTIF and possibly a county-imposed 5<sup>th</sup> quarter cent local option increase. More likely than the 5<sup>th</sup> quarter is returning to the “use them or lose them” status of the existing 4 quarters (1.05%). Increased registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles are anticipated as well.

#### **7. Homelessness bills**

- Cameron Diehl updated the committee on the 2 different bills that address homeless funding:
  - i. Senator Davis' concept addresses public safety needs of cities who host homeless shelters (*the impact outside of the building*). It would divert approximately \$5.3 million from local options sales taxes, based on a municipality's population.
  - ii. Representative Eliason's proposal would pay for ongoing operation and maintenance costs (*the impact inside the shelter*) for homeless shelters. This bill would assess cities based on their low-income, affordable housing
- Diehl requested that members of the committee complete a survey to provide feedback on the League's strategic direction. The committee voted to oppose Representative Eliason's bill while giving discretion on Sen. Davis' concept.

#### **8. H.B. 225 Third Sub. Initiatives, Referenda, and Other Political Activities**

- Cameron Diehl explained that HB 225 – Initiatives, Referenda, and Other Political Activities has been under work for more than a year. Current referenda code has many inconsistencies. HB 225 cleans up several components of the current referenda timeline including the fiscal/legal impacts, for/against arguments and signature gathering. Diehl mentioned that Representative Brad Daw and the League were successful in combatting several hostile amendments during the committee hearing. The LPC adopted a position of support on HB 225.

#### **9. Ratify staff positions**

- The LPC Voted to ratify suggested staff positions.

**10. Adjourn**

- The LPC adjourned.