

Here is a quick view of the week so far:

HB49: Let Paul Ray know that we oppose his open carry bill. He wants to talk with law enforcement to see what will be need to have us all go neutral or support

HB94: Private competition impact analysis. This bill failed in committee (The ULCT took a large laboring oar in working the committee on this issue). The concept will be sent to interim for further study. Almost every institution covered by the bill expressed concerns. There was plenty of strong comments however to ensure local governments know that the legislature is growing frustrated with our perceived competitive activities...some of these comments came from legislators that were former city officials as well. This is going to be a growing issue

Billboards: Passed out of committee overwhelmingly. Niederhauser is continuing to work closely with us, however, to attempt to reach some compromise on this bill. We did get commitments to protect arena signs as well today. So this should hopefully address issues associated with REAL Salt Lake's sign and the Maverik sign in West Valley.

Good landlord programs: We were summoned to a meeting by President Waddoups to address some concerns he has with good landlord programs. That meeting will be held Friday. If you could please send us copies of any good landlord ordinances it would be helpful for this discussion. We will need it Wednesday or Thursday at the latest.

The **cable franchise rebate bill** also failed today. This bill would have provided cable companies a STATE subsidy for franchise fees paid to local governments. While it didn't have a direct impact, the bill spurred significant discussion on our franchise authority

We have also successfully amended the **economic development task-force** to include a ULCT appointee and amended the municipal election notice bill to allow for several "options" to provide notice of municipal elections.

We also successfully held a **bill governing the use of city buildings by political parties**, and the bill that changed to open and public meeting requirements to require full compliance with those provisions (noticing, minutes, etc) for just two members of a council if those members were informally tasked by the city council and met to address an issue dealing with the city.

Things we continue to work on:

- Addressing concerns with a bill that would govern HR provisions of local governments (HB310) it was held in committee today to allow us to provide more information on current practices
- Drafting our eminent domain for trails bill and our employee status bill
- Also addressing technical amendments to the judiciary to allow for simultaneous civil and criminal prosecution, and address clean up to last years bill concerning the appointment of city managers after a city election, but before new council takes office
- Working amendments to the billboard bill

- Working with the bill sponsor to address concerns with an anti-city bill to restrict a cities ability to pass idling ordinances and taxi cab regulation ordinances

All in all it has been a pretty successful first two days of the third week. We shall see how the rest of the week plays out.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns on issues that were not covered (or covered for that matter) in this update.

Thanks,
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