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Mr. Speaker:

The Political Subdivisions Committee recommends **H.B. 215**, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AUTHORITY, by Representative T. W. Peterson, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **1st Sub. H.B. 215**, LANDSCAPING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENTS with the following amendments:

Amendment 1

1 Line 47 through 54:

- 47 (iii) use of other landscape design features that:
- 48 (A) minimize the need of the landscape for supplemental water from irrigation; or
- 49 (B) reduce the landscape area dedicated to lawn or turf.
- 50 (g) "Wildland-urban interface" means the same as that term is defined in {Section}
- 51 {65A-1-1} **the edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted**
- under Section 15A-2-103** .
- 52 (2) A municipality may not enact or enforce [~~an ordinance, resolution~~] a land use
- 53 regulation ,
- 54 or adopt or enforce a policy, that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, a property
- 54 owner from incorporating water wise landscaping on the property owner's property.

2 Line 72 through 81:

- 72 or modification of an ordinance, resolution, or policy that implements regional-based
- 73 water use efficiency standards established by the Division of Water Resources by rule
- 74 under Section 73-10-37.

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75 (6) { Except as permitted by the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted under
 Section }

76 { 15A-2-103, a } A municipality may not enact or enforce a land use regulation, or adopt or
77 enforce a policy, that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, a property owner from
78 removing vegetation from { the property owner's property that is within a designated }
79 { wildland-urban interface area } a portion of the property owner's property:
 (a) that is within a designated wildland-urban interface area; and
 (b) where removal is required to comply with the defensible space requirements of
 the edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted under Section
 15A-2-103 .

80 [(6)](7) A municipality may enforce a municipal landscaping ordinance in compliance
 with
81 this section.

3 *Line 104 through 111:*

104 (iii) the use of other landscape design features that:

105 (A) minimize the need of the landscape for supplemental water from irrigation; or

106 (B) reduce the landscape area dedicated to lawn or turf.

107 (g) "Wildland-urban interface" means the same as that term is defined in { Section }
108 { 65A-1-1 } the edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted
 under Section 15A-2-103 .

109 (2) A county may not enact or enforce [an ordinance, resolution] a land use regulation , or
110 adopt or enforce a policy, that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, a property
111 owner from incorporating water wise landscaping on the property owner's property.

4 *Line 129 through 138:*

129 modification of an ordinance, resolution, or policy that implements regional-based water
130 use efficiency standards established by the Division of Water Resources by rule under
131 Section 73-10-37.

132 (6) { ~~Except as permitted by the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted under~~
~~Section~~ }

133 { ~~15A-2-103, a~~ } A county may not enact or enforce a land use regulation, or adopt or
enforce
134 a policy, that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, a property owner from removing
135 vegetation from { ~~the property owner's property that is within a designated wildland-~~
~~urban~~ }
136 { ~~interface area~~ } a portion of the property owner's property:
(a) that is within a designated wildland-urban interface area; and
(b) where removal is required to comply with the defensible space requirements of
the edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted under Section
15A-2-103 .

137 [(6)](7) A county may enforce a county landscaping ordinance in compliance with this
138 section.

Respectfully,

James A. Dunnigan
Chair

Voting: 9-0-3