

HJR 26: Joint Resolution on Transit Operator Safety Awareness

The Problem: Nationwide assaults on operators have risen 4x in the last decade (UTA: 46% increase in 5 years)

Man refuses to pay for fare, threatens UTA driver, police say



In January, Joseph Jameau Mateos, 21, was charged with assault with intent to commit a bus hijacking after police say he refused to pay for a fare and insinuated to the driver he had a gun.

Man charged in attack on UTA bus driver and police officers



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Salt Lake man charged with trying to hijack UTA bus



In 2021, Francis Xavier Barth was charged with assault with intent to commit a bus hijacking and criminal mischief after threatening a driver and then trying to drive away with the bus after the driver exited for safety. He pleaded guilty in May and was sentenced to three years of probation.

HJR26: A Resolution of Support for Transit Workers

- The resolution acknowledges the critically important role transit operators play as part of the state's transportation infrastructure
- Expresses concern for the rise in assaults on transit operators
- Calls for perpetrators of assaults on transit workers to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law

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