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Business

HB 31

Agritourism Amendments

Albrecht, C.

This bill addresses agritourism activities.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- expands agricultural nuisance liability protections in relation to an agritourism activity;
- provides that an agricultural protection area may include an agritourism activity;
- requires the Department of Agriculture and Food to maintain an agritourism registry and describes requirements relating to the registry;
- includes additional risks inherent to participating in an agritourism activity;
- requires an agritourism operator to post signage regarding the inherent risks of participating in an agritourism activity;
- expands civil liability protections for an operator of an agritourism activity; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 153

Child Care Revisions

Pulsipher, S.

This bill modifies provisions related to caring for children.

This bill:

- requires the Utah Office of Regulatory Relief to:
- makes optional the requirement to obtain a certificate from the Department of Health and Human Services to provide residential child care;
- limits the number of children under three years old for which a residential child care provider operating without a license may provide care;
- requires a residential child care provider operating without a license or a certificate to submit to criminal history check requirements;
- authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to make rules regarding submission to criminal history checks;
- raises the age of a child dependent for whom an individual taxpayer may claim a child tax credit; and
- makes technical changes.

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HB 282

Utah Office of Regulatory Relief Amendments

Maloy, A. Cory

This bill amends provisions related to the Utah Office of Regulatory Relief.

This bill:

- requires the Utah Office of Regulatory Relief to:
- review laws and regulations each year affecting different industries to determine if there are laws or regulations that are unnecessarily burdensome to those industries; and
- submit a report to the Legislature; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 297

Utah Bee Inspection Act Amendments

Shipp, R.P.

This bill modifies the Utah Bee Inspection Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- restricts the ability of a governmental entity to regulate beekeeping on private property;
- provides exceptions for governmental entities to restrict beekeeping in a governmental entity's jurisdiction;
- requires the Department of Agriculture and Food to convene a working group to develop recommendations for standards that governmental entities must follow when restricting beekeeping;
- authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Food to adopt rules based on the working group's recommendations; and
- provides an automatic repeal date for the working group once the Department of Agriculture and Food has implemented the working group's recommendations into rule.

HB 548

Alcohol Amendments

Burton, J.

This bill modifies provisions related to alcohol.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates an exception to the proximity requirements for an outlet or restaurant located within a specified area;
- requires the director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services to form a workgroup to make recommendations related to:



- alcohol training and education for licensees; and
- recordkeeping for certain cash transactions involving the sale of an alcoholic beverage;
- authorizes the department to establish a round up program, under which a state store customer could elect to round up the customer's purchase to the nearest dollar for deposit into the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Account;
- increases the state markup on spirituous liquor, wine, and flavored malt beverages;
- clarifies the markup on spirituous liquor, wine, heavy beer, and flavored malt beverages sold by a package agency located at a manufacturing facility;
- increases the tax on beer and uses the additional revenue to fund three new alcohol-related law enforcement officers who are dedicated to compliance;
- prohibits a state store or off-premise beer retailer from selling liquor or beer that is intended to be frozen and consumed in a manner other than as a beverage;
- prohibits a state store or package agency from selling liquor that contains more than 80% alcohol by volume;
- requires the department to initiate disciplinary proceedings under certain circumstances;
- prohibits a person from selling in the state vaporized alcohol;
- requires the commission to issue any available retail license, including through a conditional retail license, if an applicant satisfies the requirements for the retail license;
- allows a retail licensee to sell, offer for sale, or furnish spirituous liquor in a pre-mixed beverage, if the beverage is in the original, sealed container and satisfies other requirements, including requirements related to volume, alcohol content, and labeling;
- increases the number of full-service restaurant and bar establishment licenses the commission is authorized to issue;
- requires the department to prorate the initial licensing fee for retail licenses;
- decreases the required capacity of a sports facility or concert venue to qualify as a recreational amenity for purposes of an on-premise beer retailer license;
- provides that a patron in a hotel with a hotel license or resort license may carry an alcoholic beverage between specified locations within the hotel, provided the patron travels within a designated conveyance area and the alcoholic beverage is in an approved container;
- allows an entity that is not an airline to obtain a public service permit for the purpose of operating a hospitality room at an international airport;
- modifies the required showing for prima facie evidence of dram shop liability;
- allows an individual to obtain a DUI investigative report if the individual suffered loss or injury as a result of the defendant's actions;
- establishes a place of last drink program, operated by the Department of Public Safety;
- clarifies that the beer tax applies to beer and heavy beer;
- repeals the Alcoholic Beverage Services Advisory Board; and



- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 55

Employment Confidentiality Amendments

Birkeland, K.

This bill enacts provisions related to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the workplace.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- makes nondisclosure and non-disparagement clauses (confidentiality clauses), related to sexual assault and sexual harassment, as a condition of employment, unenforceable; and
- provides that a person who attempts to enforce a confidentiality clause described in the preceding paragraph may be liable for costs and attorney fees under certain conditions.

SB 31

Insurance Amendments

Bramble, C.

This bill updates the Insurance Code.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- exempts a health care sharing ministry from regulation under the Insurance Code, provided the health care sharing ministry makes certain disclosures to participants;
- requires that the commissioner evaluate annually the state's health insurance market and provide that evaluation to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee;
- removes provisions relating to the commissioner declaring a rule in effect during a transition period;
- clarifies the scope of the consumer assistance that the commissioner provides;
- authorizes an insurer to electronically deliver a policy document to an insured under certain conditions;
- expands the list of prohibited life insurance policy provisions;
- updates the duties of the Office of Consumer Health Assistance;
- modifies the commissioner's enforcement authority to allow the commissioner to accept or compromise a forfeiture after the filing of a complaint;
- amends provisions relating to mutual insurance holding companies;
- amends the enforcement provisions under this chapter;
- removes the filing fee for a rate filing;
- addresses the allowable amount of a rate or other charge used by a title insurer;



- allows a licensee to make installment payments on a judgment if the payments are not more than 60 days overdue;
- requires that certain licensees and prospective licensees report to the commissioner any civil action that is filed against the licensee or prospective licensee and involves conduct related to a professional or occupational license;
- institutes new capital and net worth requirements for title insurance producers;
- removes the requirement that an individual title insurance producer file an annual report with the commissioner;
- allows a federal home loan bank to obtain collateral pledged by an insurer-member when the member-insurer is in receivership;
- requires that the commissioner conduct a study and produce a report relating to lowering health benefit plan insurance premiums and market stabilization;
- increases the fee that the commissioner may assess certain admitted and nonadmitted insurers;
- authorizes an association captive insurance company to provide homeowners' insurance, subject to commissioner approval; and
- makes technical changes.

Criminal Offenses

HB 30

Road Rage Amendments

Cutler, P.

This bill addresses road rage events.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- addresses the seizure and possession of a vehicle for a road rage event;
- allows for an administrative impound fee when a vehicle involved in a road rage event is seized and impounded;
- creates the Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account to pay for an education and media campaign on road rage awareness and prevention;
- includes a sunset date for the Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account;
- allows for the suspension or revocation of an individual's driver license when the individual is convicted of an offense that is enhanced for road rage;
- creates an enhancement of an offense for road rage;
- modifies the elements of aggravated assault to address the use of a motor vehicle;
- requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to collect data regarding road rage enhancements; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HB 68

Drug Sentencing Modifications

Stoddard, A.

This bill addresses the sentencing for an individual who uses or has a dangerous weapon readily accessible for immediate use while distributing illegal drugs.

This bill:

- requires a court, with certain exceptions, to sentence an individual convicted of distributing drugs to an indeterminate prison term if the individual, while distributing the drugs, intentionally or knowingly:
 - had a dangerous weapon readily accessible for immediate use; or
 - distributed a firearm or possessed a firearm with intent to distribute the firearm; and
 - makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 225

Unlawful Kissing of a Child or Minor

Stoddard, A.

This bill concerns unlawful kissing of a child or minor.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides that a mistake as to the victim's age is not a defense to the offense of:
 - unlawfully kissing a child; or
 - unlawfully kissing a minor;
- creates the offenses of unlawfully kissing a child and unlawfully kissing a minor;
- establishes criminal penalties; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 238

Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

Brammer, B.

This bill criminalizes certain conduct relating to child sexual abuse material.

This bill:

- amends the definition of child sexual abuse material;
- provides a severability clause; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HB 432

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Amendments

Loubet, A.

This bill amends provisions regarding child abuse and neglect reporting requirements.

This bill:

- provides that a member of the clergy may report ongoing abuse or neglect even if the perpetrator made a confession to the clergy member;
- provides that a report by a member of the clergy is not intended to affect the application of any privilege under the Utah Rules of Evidence; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Education (K12)

HB 29

Sensitive Material Review Amendments

Ivory, K.

This bill amends provisions regarding the evaluation of instructional material to identify and remove pornographic or indecent material.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the prioritization of protecting children from illicit pornography over other considerations in evaluating instructional material;
- specifies individuals who may trigger a formal sensitive material review;
- establishes certain required processes for the evaluation and review of sensitive material allegations, including distinct requirements for objective sensitive material and subjective sensitive material;
- requires certain actions statewide if a certain threshold of local education agencies determine that the instructional material constitutes objective sensitive material, subject to a vote of the state board to overturn the statewide action in certain circumstances;
- provides indemnification for claims arising from sensitive materials requirements;
- requires the Office of the Legislative Auditor General to audit school district compliance with sensitive materials requirements; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HB 84

School Safety Amendments

Wilcox, R.

This bill establishes a system for school safety incidents.

This bill:

- amends the International Fire Code;
- requires certain state buildings and schools to have emergency communication systems;
- requires school resource officer training to be developed by the state security chief;
- establishes duties of the state security chief and a county security chief in relation to school safety initiatives;
- establishes a school guardian program;
- amends the International Fire Code;
- requires certain state buildings and schools to have emergency communication systems;
- requires school resource officer training to be developed by the state security chief;
- establishes duties of the state security chief and a county security chief in relation to school safety initiatives;
- establishes a school guardian program;
- requires threat reporting by state employees and others if they become aware of threats to schools;
- establishes some reporting from the SafeUT Crisis Line to the state's intelligence databases;
- requires certain school safety data to be included in the annual school disciplinary report;
- expands requirements for school resource officer contracts and policies;
- requires a local education agency (LEA) to ensure that each school within the LEA conduct a school safety needs assessment;
- requires designation of certain school safety personnel;
- clarifies that a school may share certain information regarding an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation with a parent upon request;
- requires a school to provide regular communication updates to a parent regarding the implementation of an action plan to address an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation;
- requires an LEA to update the LEA's bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation policy related to certain social media use of a student;
- requires an LEA to designate an individual for bullying incident response and outlines the individual's duties;
- requires panic alert devices and video camera access for schools and classrooms;
- requires coordination of emergency call information with the state's intelligence system;
- amends process for secure firearm storage under certain circumstances to include school guardians; and
- makes technical changes.



HB 182

Student Survey Amendments

Lisonbee, K.

This bill amends student survey requirements
This bill:

- removes references to the Utah Student Health and Risk Prevention Statewide Survey;
- requires an LEA to:
 - update policies to require parental consent for certain surveys given to a student;
 - obtain the certain parental consent annually in writing;
 - obtain new parental consent from parent's of a transferring student; and
 - provide a parent a list of recipients of any data collected;
- prohibits an LEA from offering a reward or consequence to a student related to survey participation;
- allows an LEA to opt into administering the model school climate survey created by the State Board of Education; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 221

Stipends for Future Educators

Peterson, K.

This bill creates the Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program; and
- provides a sunset date.

HB 269

Public School History Curricula Amendments

Petersen, M.

This bill adds the "Ten Commandments" and the Magna Carta to a list of historical documents and principles that school curricula and activities may include for a thorough study.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- adds the "Ten Commandments" and the Magna Carta to a list of historical documents and principles that school curricula and activities may include for a thorough study; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HB 517

Half-day Kindergarten Amendments

Lee, T.

This bill amends provisions regarding half-day kindergarten to ensure that a student attending half-day kindergarten receives instruction in all of the kindergarten core competencies.

This bill:

- amends provisions regarding half-day kindergarten to ensure that a student attending half-day kindergarten receives instruction that meets minimum standards for half-day kindergarten that the State Board of Education sets;
- requires a local education agency governing board to:
 - inform parents of the availability of the half-day kindergarten option; and
 - provide a designated half-day kindergarten class when half-day enrollment reaches a certain threshold; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HCR 18 House Concurrent Resolution condemning and censuring State School Board Member Natalie Cline Spendlove, R.

This resolution censures Utah State Board of Education member Natalie Cline.

This bill:

- recognizes the constitutional duties of a member of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) and that a member swears to discharge those duties with fidelity;
- acknowledges that USBE bylaws require a member of USBE to treat students with dignity and respect each student's privacy;
- strongly condemns USBE member Natalie Cline's social media post questioning a student's gender, which exposed the student to relentless harassment and bullying, including threats of violence; and
- censures board member Cline for her conduct.



SB 13

Education Entity Amendments

Fillmore, L.

This bill provides a home-based microschool and micro-education entity with certain similar duties, requirements, waivers, and rights as private and charter schools.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a county and municipality to consider a home-based microschool and micro-education entity as a permitted use in all zoning districts within a county and municipality;
- identifies the occupancy requirements to which a micro-education entity is subject; requires a local school board to excuse a student who attends a home-based microschool or micro-education entity under certain circumstances;
- provides that an instructor of a school-age child who attends a home-based microschool or micro-education entity is solely responsible for instruction, materials, and evaluation;
- prohibits a local school board from requiring a home-based microschool or micro-education entity to provide teaching credentials, submit to inspection, and conduct testing;
- prevents government entities from regulating home-based microschool and micro-education entity food preparation and distribution under certain circumstances;
- requires a home-based microschool and micro-education entity to register as a business;
- exempts a student who attends a home-based microschool or micro-education entity from immunization requirements; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 92

Student Communication Methods

Pitcher, S.

This bill requires local school boards to develop policies and procedures for students to have non-electronic notification of and access to certain activities and events.

This bill:

- requires local school boards to develop polices and procedures to ensure that students have non-electronic notification of and access to certain activities and events; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



Education (General)

SB 115

Higher Education Tuition Amendments

Winterton, R.

This bill amends when resident student status for tuition purposes can be given.
This bill:

- extends resident tuition status to immediate family members of military service members under certain circumstances; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 262

School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments

Snider, C.

This bill makes changes relating to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act.
This bill:

- exempts the sale or lease of certain large aggregations of trust lands from advertising requirements;
- excludes certain lands from sale or lease under the large aggregation exemption;
- requires rulemaking for determining the fair market value of trust lands; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 122

Youth Apprenticeship Governance Structure Amendments

Millner, A.

This bill creates a youth apprenticeship governance study.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a youth apprenticeship governance study;
- establishes the entities charged with conducting the study;
- provides the required components of the study;
- provides for staffing of the study; and
- requires a report of the findings.



Elections

HB 79

Initiatives and Referenda Amendments

Dailey-Provost, J.

This bill amends provisions relating to collecting signatures for, or removing signatures from, an initiative petition or a referendum petition. This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies requirements for a form to remove a signature from an initiative petition or a referendum petition;
- clarifies that a particular document that a signature gatherer is required to provide to a petition signer must only be offered to the petition signer;
- establishes an alternate procedure for an individual with a disability to sign, or to request removal of a signature from, an initiative petition or a referendum petition and an alternate procedure for verifying the individual's signature;
- in relation to the alternate procedure described in the preceding paragraph:
 - modifies certain forms to reflect the alternate procedure; and
 - makes it a crime to engage in certain fraudulent activity;
- modifies the requirements that must be fulfilled before circulating a statewide initiative or a statewide referendum;
- provides that an individual who signs an initiative packet or a referendum packet must read the entire statement included with the packet;
- provides that the attestation relating to reading a statement provided with an initiative packet or a referendum packet or reading the law to which the initiative or referendum relates, does not require the signature-gatherer to attest that the individual understands the statement or law;
- modifies the verification form for a signature packet;
- modifies certain mailing requirements to permit other delivery methods;
- requires a local clerk to provide petition sponsors with a copy of the voter information pamphlet to be included in the signature packet; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**HB 176****Elected Official Vacancy Amendments****Wilcox, R.**

This bill addresses elected officials of political subdivisions who are reservists of the armed forces.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- conforms to U.S. Department of Defense policy directives regarding members of the armed forces reserves who hold elective office and who are called to active duty military service by:
 - specifying who qualifies as an armed forces reservist; and
 - permitting an elected official reservist, depending upon the length of active duty service, to continue to exercise the functions of the elected official's office or take a military leave of absence from office;
- clarifies that an elected official reservist who takes a military leave of absence does not create a vacancy in the elected official's office; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 515**Election Administration Modifications****Peterson, K.**

This bill modifies provisions related to recounts and tie votes in elections.
This bill:

- requires an election officer to automatically conduct a recount if the board of canvassers certifies a tie vote;
- consolidates provisions related to tie votes in an election;
- provides that the selection of a winning candidate by lot occurs when, following the automatic recount described above, the board of canvassers certifies a tie vote;
- provides that the public meeting at which certain elected officials select the winning candidate among the candidates subject to a tie vote must occur no later than three days after the recount canvass;
- allows, but does not require, certain candidates subject to a tie vote to attend the public meeting described above;
- clarifies that the political subdivision administering an election shall pay for the cost of a recount; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



SB 107

Election Process Amendments

Weiler, T.

This bill modifies provisions related to petitions.
This bill:

- repeals the in-state residency requirement for individuals who collect petition signatures;
- repeals provisions related to the in-state residency requirement described above;
- establishes the deadline by which a candidate for public office who is not affiliated with a political party must submit signatures to the county clerk for verification;
- establishes a deadline for the county clerk to count and certify the number of registered voters who signed a signature packet;
- expands the time period within which a candidate described above may file the certificate of nomination with a filing officer; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Employment and Benefits

HB 251

Postretirement Reemployment Restrictions Amendments

Gwynn, M.

This bill modifies provisions governing postretirement reemployment.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates an alternative method for a retiree within the Utah Retirement Systems (URS) to be eligible to return to work with a URS participating employer and receive a retirement allowance;
- establishes reporting requirements; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HCR 12

Employer Disclosure for Veterans

Bennion, G.

This resolution encourages Utah employers to post a notice of benefits for veterans.
This bill:

- encourages public and private employers to post for their employees a list of resources made available through the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to active military members, veterans, and their spouses.

**SB 35****Infertility Treatment Coverage Amendments****Escamilla, L.**

This bill modifies provisions related to the expanded infertility treatment coverage health benefit.

This bill:

- eliminates the scheduled repeal of the expanded infertility treatment coverage pilot program;
- makes permanent the benefit for assisted reproductive technology for individuals within the state health insurance risk pool; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 158**Youth Service Organizations****Grover, K.**

This bill addresses requirements for certain organizations that hire individuals or use volunteers to care for or supervise children.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires youth service organizations to:
 - conduct a search of the Utah and national sex offender registries before employing or using as a volunteer an individual who would be responsible to care for or supervise children; and
 - provide training and have policies and procedures concerning the identification and reporting of sexual abuse;
- provides that for certain purposes, a youth service organization is considered negligent if it fails to conduct a sex offender registry search, or employs or uses as a volunteer an individual who was on the Utah or national sex offender registry;
- allows an insurer to request information from a youth service organization concerning compliance with the requirements of this bill; and
- states that the provisions of the bill do not abrogate any existing cause of action or create a new private right of action.

SB 174**Safe Leave Amendments****Pitcher, S.**

This bill addresses paid leave for certain state employees.

This bill:

- establishes safe leave as a form of paid leave available to certain state employees;
- subject to certain requirements, requires certain state employers to allow an employee described above to use up to one week of paid safe leave per calendar year for a reason related to:
 - the employee having been the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or



- the employee's immediate family member having been the victim of an incident described above;
- requires an employee to use all accrued annual, compensatory, and excess leave before using safe leave;
- prohibits a state employer from:
 - taking retaliatory action against an employee for using safe leave; or
 - compensating an employee for unused safe leave upon the employee's termination of employment;
- subject to an exception, requires a state employee to give a state employer at least seven days notice before using safe leave;
- provides that unused safe leave does not accrue annually; and
- requires the Department of Human Resource Management to adopt rules to administer safe leave.

SB 206

Young Adult Service Fellowship

Millner, A.

This bill creates the One Utah Service Fellowship Program.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the One Utah Service Fellowship Program;
- directs the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism to provide oversight and policy guidance to the One Utah Service Fellowship Program;
- authorizes the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement to enter into an agreement with a third-party administrator;
- requires a written report to the Education Interim Committee;
- provides a sunset date; and
- makes technical changes.

SB 248

Permitted Occupations for Minors Amendments

Kwan, K.

This bill amends provisions related to employment of minors.

This bill:

- modifies the working hours requirements for minors 16 years old and younger;
- amends certain occupations permitted for minors;
- amends exemptions for permitted occupations with no specific age limit;
- defines terms; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



Energy

HB 48

Utah Energy Act Amendments

Jack, C.

This bill modifies the Utah Energy Act

This bill:

- modifies reporting requirements for the Office of Energy Development;
- modifies the purposes of the Office of Energy Development to include:
 - developing strategies to advocate for state interests on federal energy and environmental programs;
 - overseeing legal strategy on federal overreach and permitting delays; and
 - engaging in federal rulemaking and advocacy for regulatory reform;
- directs the Office of Energy Development to adopt a master plan with data-driven modeling at a statewide level;
- requires adoption of best practices in development of state energy plans; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 124

Energy Infrastructure Amendments

Albrecht, C.

This bill modifies provisions related to energy infrastructure.

This bill:

- modifies definitions and qualifications applicable to the high cost infrastructure development tax credit (tax credit);
- provides for the issuance of a tax credit for certain emissions reduction projects, mineral processing projects, water purification projects, and water resource forecasting projects;
- modifies the membership of the Utah Energy Infrastructure Board; and
- makes technical corrections.

HB 374

State Energy Policy Amendments

Jack, C.

This bill modifies the state energy policy.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides that the state energy policy:

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- is focused on human well-being and quality of life;
- encourages the use of dispatchable energy resources;
- fosters innovation and development to meet future energy demand; and
- allows for market-based solutions; and
- requires the Office of Energy Development to report annually to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee regarding:
 - development and implementation of the state energy plan; and
 - the state energy plan's compliance with the state energy policy; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 410

Utah San Rafael State Energy Lab

Watkins, C.

This bill establishes the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab and creates the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab Board.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab;
- creates the Utah Energy Research Fund;
- establishes the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab Board (board);
- establishes the membership and duties of the board and the lab;
- outlines the purpose and duties of the board and the lab; and
- establishes a project proposal solicitation and approval process.

SB 224

Energy Independence Amendments

Sandall, S.

This bill modifies provisions related to planning and cost recovery for certain energy resource decisions and allows a large-scale electric utility to establish a Utah fire fund.

This bill:

- modifies the factors the Public Service Commission (commission) must consider when evaluating certain proposed energy resource decisions;
- establishes parameters for an affected electrical utility's recovery of costs associated with proven dispatchable generation resources located within the state;
- encourages the commission to evaluate the purchase of excess proven dispatchable generation capacity;



- allows a large-scale electric utility to create a Utah fire fund to supplement other insurance for making certain fire damage payments;
- establishes requirements for administration, funding, and access to a Utah fire fund; and
- enacts provisions related to filing and resolving claims against an electrical corporation for damages caused by wildfire.

Government Operations

HB 36

Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments

Dunnigan, J.

This bill modifies provisions of the Open and Public Meetings Act.

This bill:

- modifies definitions applicable to the Open and Public Meetings Act, including:
 - deleting the definitions of "convening," "monitor," and "transmit";
 - modifying the definitions of "anchor location," "meeting," and "quorum"; and
 - enacting a definition for "relevant matter";
- modifies a provision relating to the transmission of electronic messages;
- repeals language relating to posting a written notice of an electronic meeting;
- modifies a provision relating to an anchor location for an electronic meeting;
- modifies language relating to the recording of a vote at an electronic meeting;
- repeals language relating to chance or social meetings and replaces it with language prohibiting individuals constituting a quorum of a public body from taking certain action; and
- repeals obsolete language and makes conforming and technical changes.

HB 87

Department of Government Operations Revisions

Gricius, S.

This bill amends provisions related to the Division of Finance and the Division of Purchasing and General Services.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- removes the requirement that a state agency submit a purchase request for a copy machine to the director of the Division of Purchasing and General Services;
- modifies provisions on tax refund liens and release of liens;
- modifies provisions related to the collection of interest and fees by the Office of State Debt Collection;
- modifies how funds from the Office of State Debt Collection may be used; and

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- amends provisions related to wage garnishments.

HB 257 Sex-based Designations for Privacy, Anti-bullying, and Women’s Opportunities Birkeland, K.

This bill establishes a standard regarding distinctions on the basis of sex and applies the standard in certain facilities and opportunities where designations on the basis of sex address individual privacy, bullying, and women's opportunities.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- defines certain terms for the entire Utah Code;
- establishes a legal standard for distinctions on the basis of sex in certain publicly owned or controlled circumstances;
- establishes acceptable and prohibited distinctions on the basis of sex;
- enacts provisions regarding sex-designated restroom, shower, or locker room facilities that students use within the public education system;
- requires local education agencies to establish a privacy plan with parents and students in certain cases to address gender identity and fear of bullying;
- enacts provisions regarding sex-designated shower or locker room facilities where the general public has an expectation of privacy;
- establishes components of the crimes of voyeurism and criminal trespass for certain actions within a covered sex-designated shower or locker room;
- requires government entities to:
 - report allegations of certain criminal offenses to law enforcement;
 - adopt a privacy compliance plan;
 - provide a single-occupant facility in new construction; and
 - consider the feasibility of certain retrofit or remodel projects;
- provides indemnification for government entities for certain claims;
- requires the state auditor to investigate government entity compliance with certain requirements;
- requires the attorney general to impose fines on political subdivisions that fail to cure noncompliance that the state auditor identifies;
- amends certain crimes to establish a reasonable expectation of privacy in public restrooms, including enhanced penalties for:
- committing multiple offenses concurrently within a public restroom, shower, or locker room; and
- committing certain offenses within a public restroom, shower, or locker room that is designated for the opposite sex;
- enacts a criminal offense for loitering in a restroom, shower, or locker room where the general public has an expectation of privacy;



- establishes elements of the crime of emergency reporting abuse for making repeated false reports alleging a violation of a sex-designation in a publicly owned or controlled shower or locker room facility where the general public has an expectation of privacy; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 261

Equal Opportunities Initiatives

Hall, K.

This bill prohibits an institution of higher education, the public education system, and a governmental employer from taking certain actions and engaging in discriminatory practices.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits an institution of higher education, the public education system, and a governmental employer from:
 - requiring an individual, before, during, or after admission or employment, to provide certain submissions or attend certain training that promotes differential treatment;
 - using an individual's certain characteristics in decisions regarding aspects of employment or education; and
 - engaging in certain practices;
- requires the Utah Board of Higher Education (board), the State Board of Education (state board), the state auditor, and executive agency directors to review and report compliance with certain requirements;
- prohibits an institution of higher education, the state board, and a governmental employer from establishing or maintaining an office that engages in certain practices;
- requires an institution of higher education to:
 - contract with a third party to conduct campus climate surveys;
 - provide certain training; and
 - collect and send the surveys to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (OLRGC);
- requires OLRGC to provide campus climate survey summaries to the Education Interim Committee at certain times;
- provides for certain measures of legislative oversight;
- appropriates funding for a certain institution of higher education program;
- provides that an individual may submit a complaint for noncompliance to:
 - for an institution, the board; or
 - for public education, the state board;
- limited exceptions to the prohibitions in this bill; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HB 335

State Grant Process Amendments

Peterson, V.

This bill enacts provisions governing the administration of state grants.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires that a grant recipient provide a proposed budget and agree to deliverables, reporting, audit, and clawback requirements before receiving any grant funds;
- addresses the disbursement schedule for grant funds;
- provides for review after a specified time of a grant funded by an ongoing appropriation;
- provides requirements specific to direct award grants and competitive grants; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 516

State Land Purchase Amendments

Pierucci, C.

This bill deals with land conveyances to restricted foreign entities in the state.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the definition of restricted foreign entity to prevent the following entities from obtaining an interest in land in the state:
 - an entity that is owned or directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; and
 - an entity in which a restricted foreign entity owns a majority interest;
- requires that a restricted foreign entity alienate any interest in the state within one year;
- requires that the Department of Public Safety:
 - maintain a publicly available list of restricted foreign entities;
 - create a process for reporting a land conveyance to a restricted foreign entity;
 - provide an annual notice regarding restricted foreign entities to each county auditor in the state; and
 - investigate any conveyance to a restricted foreign entity;
- describes the duties of a county recorder in relation to restricted foreign entities; and
- provides the Division of Facilities Construction and Management authority to sell an interest in land that a restricted foreign entity fails to timely alienate.



HB 532

State Boards and Commissions Modifications

Musselman, C.R.

This bill modifies or repeals various boards and commissions

This bill:

- repeals the Utah Museums Advisory Board on October 1, 2024;
- repeals the arts collection committee on October 1, 2024;
- renames and modifies the Utah Arts Advisory Board as the Utah Arts and Museums Advisory Board and repeals the board with review on July 1, 2029;
- repeals the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee;
- repeals the Opioid and Overdose Fatality Review Committee;
- modifies membership of the Employment Advisory Council and repeals the council with review on July 1, 2029;
- repeals the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities on October 1, 2024;
- repeals the advisory council to advise and assist the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;
- renames and modifies the Criminal Justice Data Management Task Force as the Public Safety Data Management Task Force and repeals the task force on July 1, 2029;
- repeals the Domestic Violence Data Task Force on October 1, 2024;
- repeals the Private Investigator Hearing and Licensure Board on October 1, 2024;
- renames and modifies the Bail Bond Recovery Licensure Board as the Bail Bond Recovery and Private Investigator Licensure Board and repeals the board with review on July 1, 2029;
- modifies the duties of the Emergency Management Administration Council and repeals the council with review on July 1, 2029;
- repeals the Statewide Mutual Aid Committee on October 1, 2024;
- renames and modifies the State Emergency Medical Services Committee as the Trauma System and Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee and repeals the committee with review on July 1, 2029;
- repeals the Trauma System Advisory Committee on October 1, 2024;
- repeals the Stroke Registry Advisory Committee;
- repeals the Cardiac Registry Advisory Committee;
- repeals the Multi-Disciplinary Trauma-Informed Committee;
- modifies the membership of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
- requires law enforcement agencies and other organizations that provide domestic violence services to submit certain data to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
- modifies the Utah Victim Services Commission and repeals the commission with review on July 1, 2029;
- repeals the Crime Victim Reparations Assistance Board on October 1, 2024;
- repeals the Utah Council on Victims of Crime on October 1, 2024;



- repeals the Rural Online Working Hubs Grant Advisory Committee;
- repeals the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program Advisory Committee on July 1, 2026;
- enacts language for the appointment of individuals to new or modified committees; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 534

Boards and Commission Modifications

Musselman, C.R.

This bill modifies boards and commissions.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- repeals on May 1, 2024, the following boards, commissions, and entities and provisions related to the following boards, commissions, and entities:
 - Air Quality Policy Advisory Board;
 - Alcoholic Beverage Services Advisory Board;
 - Board of State Parks;
 - Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force;
 - Decision and Action Committee;
 - Deep Technology Talent Advisory Council;
 - Heritage Trees Advisory Committee;
 - Interpreter Certification Board;
 - Labor Relations Board;
 - Local Food Advisory Council;
 - Mental Health Protections for First Responders Workgroup;
 - Pawnshop, Secondhand Merchandise, and Catalytic Converter Advisory Board;
 - Sex Offense Management Board;
 - State Instruction Materials Commission;
 - Technology Initiative Advisory Board;
 - Transportation Advisory Committee;
 - the advisory board for motor vehicle business regulation;
 - the advisory council to the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and
 - the committee to review requests for the Charter School Revolving Account;
- as of October 1, 2024:



- renames the Physical Therapy Licensing Board as the Physical Therapies Licensing Board and modifies the board to include the duties of the Board of Occupational Therapy;
- renames the Board of Nursing as the Board of Nursing and Certified Nurse Midwives and modifies the board to include the duties of the Certified Nurse Midwife Board;
- renames the Architects Licensing Board to the Architects and Landscape Architects Licensing Board and modifies the board to include the duties of the Landscape Architects Board;
- renames the Plumbers Licensing Board as the Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board and modifies the board to include the duties of the Electricians Licensing Board;
- modifies the membership of the Construction Services Commission;
- renames the Board of Massage Therapy as the Board of Massage Therapy and Acupuncture and modifies the board to include the duties of the Acupuncture Licensing Board; and
- renames the Physicians Licensing Board as the Medical Licensing Board and modifies the board to include the duties of the Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon's Licensing Board and the Physician Assistant Licensing Board;
- repeals on October 1, 2024, the following boards:
 - Board of Occupational Therapy;
 - Certified Nurse Midwife Board;
 - Landscape Architects Board;
 - Electricians Licensing Board;
 - Acupuncture Licensing Board;
 - Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon's Licensing Board;
 - Physician Assistant Licensing Board;
 - Utah Motor Vehicle Franchise Advisory Board;
 - Utah Powersport Vehicle Franchise Advisory Board;
 - Board of Bank Advisors; and
 - Board of Credit Union Advisors; and
- repeals on July 1, 2026, the following:
 - Cannabis Research Review Board; and
 - Title 53, Chapter 2c, COVID-19 Health and Economic Response Act.



HCR 2

Concurrent Resolution for State Health Plan Benefit Changes

Dunnigan, J.

This resolution directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to modify certain health insurance benefits for state employees. This resolution:

- directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to:
 - increase the deductible for the STAR HSA Plan;
 - add an individual out-of-pocket maximum to the STAR HSA Plan for double and family coverage;
 - Increase the total out-of-pocket maximum for the STAR HSA Plan for all levels of coverage;
 - modify the state's HSA contribution for single coverage on the STAR HSA Plan and for the Consumer Plus Plan; and
 - adjust the percentage of premium paid by the employee.

HJR 17

Joint Rules Resolution – Agency Fees

Christofferson, K.

This joint rules resolution addresses the review of agency fees. This resolution:

- defines terms;
- requires an appropriations subcommittee to review agency fees during an accountable budget process; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 57

Utah Constitutional Sovereignty Act

Sandall, S.

This bill enacts the Utah Constitutional Sovereignty Act. This bill:

- defines terms;
- establishes a framework for the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to prohibit the enforcement of a federal directive within the state by government officers if the Legislature determines the federal directive violates the principles of state sovereignty;
- describes the ways in which a federal directive violates the principles of state sovereignty;
- limits the authority for requesting a concurrent resolution under the bill;
- requires the Legislature to consult with the attorney general regarding the potential impact of a concurrent resolution on litigation and to provide notice to representatives of tribal governments;
- specifies the required contents of a concurrent resolution;
- clarifies the effects of a concurrent resolution upon adoption;



- establishes requirements for the termination of a concurrent resolution; and
- clarifies the effects of legislative inaction on a federal directive.

SB 97

Operations of State Government

Fillmore, L.

This bill modifies and repeals provisions related to government operations.
This bill:

- modifies or repeals provisions related to legislative process that are intended for incorporation into legislative rules;
- gives the Legislative Management Committee the authority to reappoint an individual as the legislative auditor general, the legislative fiscal analyst, the director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, or the legislative general counsel;
- changes the membership of the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee, and the Budget Subcommittee;
- modifies the duties of the Subcommittee on Oversight;
- repeals the statewide elected official summit;
- addresses the State Capitol Preservation Board's, the governor's, and the Legislature's authority over areas on capitol hill; and
- updates inconsistent terminology.

SB 150

Exercise of Religion Amendments

Weiler, T.

This bill provides legal protections related to the free exercise of religion.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- recognizes the freedom of religion as a fundamental right;
- prohibits a government entity from substantially burdening a person's free exercise of religion, unless the burden is essential to furthering a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest;
- addresses the assertion of claims or defenses under this bill; and
- provides that a person who prevails in an action to enforce the provisions of this bill against a government entity is entitled to recover attorney fees and costs.



SB 231

Public Surveillance Prohibition Amendments

McCay, D.

This bill prohibits a governmental entity from obtaining certain types of surveillance information.
This bill:

- defines and modifies terms;
- prohibits a governmental entity from obtaining certain types of surveillance information without a warrant;
- provides exceptions; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 241

State Funding Amendments

Ipson, D.

This bill modifies provisions related to state funding.
This bill:

- changes the Brain Injury Fund to a restricted account and renames it the Brain Injury Account;
- clarifies how carry forward funds are deposited into the Division of Services for People with Disabilities Restricted Account;
- changes the Alternative Eligibility Expendable Revenue Fund to a restricted account and renames it the Alternative Eligibility Account;
- creates the State Armory Fund;
- increases the amount the Legislature may appropriate from the Uninsured Motorist Identification Restricted Account to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division for certain law enforcement training;
- modifies the Department of Government Operations' authority to transfer money appropriated for certain costs;
- allows the Division of Finance to transfer money from the Income Tax Fund to the Uniform School Fund under certain circumstances;
- increases the amount of revenue bonds the Utah Board of Higher Education may issue to finance the West Valley Health and Community Center;
- changes the Transient Room Tax Fund to a fiduciary fund;
- repeals:
 - the Invasive Species Mitigation Account; and
 - the Prison Project Fund; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



SB 254

Boards and Commissions Amendments

McCay, D.

This bill modifies provisions related to executive boards.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the frequency by which an executive board is required to submit a report to the governor's office;
- modifies reporting requirements;
- requires an interim committee to unanimously approve the creation of certain new executive boards;
- subject to certain exceptions, authorizes the Legislature or the governor to deactivate or reactivate certain boards and commissions; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Health

HB 51

Health and Human Services Funding Amendments

Spendlove, R.

This bill addresses risk analysis and budgetary buffers related to the Medicaid program.

This bill:

- directs the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, to analyze risks associated with the funding of the Medicaid program and to recommend budgetary actions based on that analysis;
- renames the Medicaid Expansion Fund as the Medicaid ACA Fund and extends that fund's sunset date;
- merges the Medicaid Restricted Account into the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account;
- allows the Legislature to appropriate money to and from the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account, with certain conditions; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HB 405

Public Health Amendments

Birkeland, K.

This bill amends provisions related to public health.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies when the Department of Health and Human Services and a local health department may invoke an order of restriction; and
- repeals an exception for medical students related to vaccination and face covering requirements implemented by an institution of higher education.

SB 27

Behavioral Health System Amendments

Vickers, E.

This bill creates the Utah Behavioral Health Commission.

This bill:

- creates the Utah Behavioral Health Commission (commission) within the Department of Health and Human Services;
- describes the commission's purpose and duties;
- creates certain subcommittees under the commission, including moving certain existing behavioral health entities under the direction of the commission;
- creates the Legislative Policy Committee under the direction of the commission, and describes that committee's duties;
- provides a sunset date for the commission;
- renumbers and amends provisions relating to the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Committee, and removes the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice as staff to that committee;
- modifies the membership of certain existing behavioral health entities;
- amends the sunset date for the Education and Mental Health Coordinating Committee;
- repeals the Behavioral Health Delivery Working Group;
- repeals the Drug-related Offenses Reform Act; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



SB 61

Electronic Cigarette Amendments

Plumb, J.

This bill modifies provisions related to electronic cigarettes.

This bill:

- prohibits the sale of electronic cigarette products that have not received market authorization or are pending market authorization from the federal Food and Drug Administration;
- codifies a nicotine limit for electronic cigarette products;
- prohibits the sale of flavored electronic cigarette products; and
- creates a registry for electronic cigarette products.

SB 181

Native American Health Amendments

Escamilla, L.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Service to apply for a Medicaid waiver related to traditional healing services.

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires the department to apply for a Medicaid waiver to reimburse traditional healing services under certain circumstances.

Homelessness

HB 298

Homelessness Services Amendments

Clancy, T.

This bill modifies provisions related to the provision of homeless services.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- renames the Utah Homelessness Council to the Utah Homeless Services Board (the board);
- changes the size and membership of the board;
- changes the size, membership, and duties of the executive committee of the board;
- exempts the executive committee from the Open and Public Meetings Act;
- expands the board's duties;
- establishes additional data that the Office of Homeless Services shall report to the public and the Legislature;



- requires the state and local homelessness councils to establish goals for making progress towards exiting individuals from homelessness;
- establishes the Shelter Cities Advisory Board and provides the advisory board's responsibilities;
- modifies provisions related to the winter response plan for a county of the first or second class;
- changes the limitations in effect during a code blue event; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 394

Homeless Services Funding Amendments

Strong, M.A.

This bill authorizes the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee to develop a funding formula.

This bill:

- authorizes the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee to develop a funding formula for the provision of homeless services;
- describes the criteria the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee shall use in developing a funding formula for the provision of homeless services;
- requires the Utah Homelessness Council to approve any funding formula developed by the Utah Homeless Network Steering Committee by a two-thirds vote;
- requires the state homelessness coordinator to utilize an approved funding formula in disbursing funds for the provision of homeless services; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 421

Homelessness and Vulnerable Populations Amendments

Eliason, S.

This bill modifies provisions related to the oversight and provision of services for individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

This bill:

- authorizes the Utah State Hospital to contract for certain services;
- establishes the HOME Court Pilot Program to provide for comprehensive, court-supervised treatment and services to individuals in Salt Lake County with mental illness;
- provides for the duty of the executive committee of the Utah Homelessness Council (council) to serve in an advisory capacity for the council;
- requires the council to establish standards for prioritizing beds in homeless shelters;



- prohibits a homeless shelter from receiving funds from the Office of Homeless Services (office) upon failing to comply with the council's prioritization standards;
- allows a homeless shelter to receive grants from the council upon providing any amount of matching funds;
- requires the council to consider the amount of matching grants provided by a homeless shelter in awarding grants;
- allows the Department of Public Safety to receive Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account funds (mitigation funds) under certain circumstances;
- clarifies that mitigation funds are nonlapsing and allows the office to disburse uncommitted mitigation funds to municipalities in the following year;
- prohibits a municipality from receiving mitigation funds unless the municipality enforces certain prohibitions and demonstrates improvement in reducing certain conduct;
- exempts certain counties from winter response plan requirements if a county develops a year-round plan for addressing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness;
- increases the temperature for a code blue alert to take effect;
- allows a municipality to implement emergency measures to assist individuals experiencing homelessness during dangerous weather conditions;
- amends provisions concerning how a health care provider submits a request for an individual who voluntarily requests to be restricted from purchasing or possessing firearms; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Housing

HB 465

Housing Affordability Revisions

Whyte, S.

This bill addresses funding issues related to housing affordability.

This bill:

- defines terms and modifies definitions;
- modifies the requirements for a moderate income housing report;
- authorizes redevelopment agencies and community development agencies to use funding to pay for or contribute to the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of income targeted housing, under certain circumstances;
- authorizes up to 6% of the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund to be used to offset administrative expenses;
- requires the Department of Workforce Services to create pass-through funding agreements;
- describes the minimum requirements of a pass-through funding agreement, including requirements that state funds be spent on certain affordable housing investments;

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- modifies the Utah low-income housing tax credit;
- encourages the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority to, if appropriate, utilize land use authority to increase the supply of housing in the state;
- modifies reporting requirements; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 572

State Treasurer Investment Amendments

Spendlove, R.

This bill directs the state treasurer to deposit into the Utah Homes Investment Program.

This bill:

- creates the Utah Homes Investment Program (the program);
- directs the state treasurer to deposit certain funds into the program;
- provides for the terms of deposit in the program; and
- exempts deposits into the program from the Money Management Act.

SB 168

Affordable Building Amendments

Fillmore, L.

This bill modifies provisions facilitating affordable buildings.

This bill:

- defines terms and modifies definitions;
- adopts a statewide building code for modular building units;
- modifies the membership of the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Board by adding a member representing the interests of modular housing;
- modifies provisions related to reinvestment fee covenants or transfer fee covenants;
- modifies provisions of the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program;
- authorizes a municipality or county to create a home ownership promotion zone of 10 acres or less;
- describes the purposes and requirements of a home ownership promotion zone;
- allows a home ownership promotion zone to capture tax increment for up to 15 consecutive years to finance the objectives of the home ownership promotion zone;
- authorizes the creation of a home ownership promotion zone to be included in a municipality or county's moderate income housing plan; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



SB 268

First Home Investment Zone Act

Harper, W.

This bill enacts the First Home Investment Zone Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- enacts the First Home Investment Zone Act;
- allows a municipality to create a first home investment zone to:
- provide affordable, owner-occupied housing;
- encourage mixed use development;
- encourage strategic and efficient land use planning;
- improve access to opportunities; and
- increase opportunities for home ownership;
- allows a first home investment zone to capture tax increment to finance the objectives of a first home investment zone;
- provides certain requirements regarding housing density, affordability, development size, and other characteristics of a first home investment zone;
- requires the housing and transit reinvestment zone committee to review and approve first home investment zone proposals;
- allows a first home investment zone to count toward requirements for moderate income housing plans; and
- makes technical changes.

Judiciary

HB 220

Divorce Amendments

Teuscher, J.

This bill modifies provisions related to alimony determinations.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- adds factors to be considered when determining the standard of living that existed during a marriage;
- requires a look-back period for information provided to demonstrate the financial conditions and needs of a spouse seeking to be awarded alimony;
- places restrictions on when a court can reduce a showing of need related to alimony;
- provides means for demonstrating income and the standard of living during a marriage;
- modifies provisions related to when a court may elect to equalize income between parties by means of an alimony award; and

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- provides potential limitations on imputation of income for alimony purposes in some circumstances where the recipient spouse has no recent full-time work history or has been diagnosed with a disability.

HB 272

Child Custody Proceedings Amendments

Cutler, P.

This bill concerns the protection of children in certain judicial proceedings.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- in certain proceedings involving child custody and parent-time:
- specifies requirements for the admission of expert evidence; and
- requires a court to consider specific evidence when determining custody and parent-time;
- amends provisions regarding the supervision of supervised parent-time;
- imposes certain requirements and limitations regarding orders to improve the relationship between a parent and a child;
- requires the state court administrator to make recommendations regarding the education and training of court personnel involving child custody and related proceedings;
- requires that certain protective order proceedings comply with specific standards; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 352

Amendments to Expungement

Lisonbee, K.

This bill addresses the expungement of records.

This bill:

- repeals sunset dates regarding issuance and filing fees for expungement;
- repeals language relating to the suspension of issuance fees for certificates of eligibility for expungement and filing fees for petitions for expungement;
- creates a sunset date for an expungement working group;
- creates an expungement working group to study issues related to automatic expungement;
- allows a court to issue an order of expungement for a plea in abeyance when the defendant has completed a problem solving court program and the court dismisses the case against the defendant;
- defines terms related to expungement;
- clarifies automatic deletion of a traffic offense;
- amends provisions related to the automatic expungement of a case, including:



- requiring an individual to submit a form to receive an automatic expungement on and after October 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2026;
- providing that a court automatically expunge cases that are eligible for expungement on and after January 1, 2026;
- for an individual seeking an automatic expungement on and after January 1, 2025, prohibiting an automatic expungement if the individual is incarcerated in the state prison or on probation or parole that is supervised by the Department of Corrections; and
- prohibiting an automatic expungement if there is a criminal proceeding pending in this state against the individual for a misdemeanor or felony offense, unless the proceeding is for a traffic offense;
- provides that the court and Bureau of Criminal Identification are the only agencies that expunge records affected by an automatic expungement order;
- clarifies the certificate of eligibility process;
- allows for the waiver of an issuance fee for a certificate of eligibility or a special certificate if a court finds that the individual filing the petition for expungement is indigent;
- requires a court to consider the total number of cases for which an individual has received a certificate of expungement when determining whether the individual is indigent;
- requires a subsequent court to waive a filing fee for a petition for expungement if a prior court found the individual to be indigent within 180 days before the filing of the petition for expungement;
- clarifies the distribution of an expungement order based on a petition and the expungement of records affected by an expungement order based on a petition;
- establishes the priority of expungement orders that are processed by a court and the Bureau of Criminal Identification;
- requires an agency to develop and implement a process to identify expunged records and keep, index, and maintain all expunged records of arrest;
- clarifies the effect of an expungement;
- addresses the waiver of a fee for a petition for expungement when the individual has previously received a waiver for a petition for expungement from a prior court;
- requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to include a warning on an affidavit of indigency;
- clarifies the expungement of records regarding protective orders, stalking injunctions, and juvenile records;
- repeals a statute regarding the time periods for expungement or deletion and identifying and processing clean slate eligible cases; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



HJR 8 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Civil Procedure on Change of Judge as a Matter of Civil Right Griscius, S.

This joint resolution amends Rule 63A of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure regarding the change of a judge as a matter of right.
This joint resolution:

- amends Rule 63A of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure to allow for a change of judge by a party in civil action; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

HB 21 Criminal Accounts Receivable Amendments Wheatley, M.

This bill amends provisions related to a criminal accounts receivable.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a process to allow certain individuals to request a credit towards debt owed as part of a criminal judgment upon a payment of restitution;
- requires the Office of State Debt Collection to provide notice and written confirmation to certain individuals who are eligible for the credit;
- grants the Office of State Debt Collection with the authority to make rules regarding the administration of the credit;
- requires the Office of State Debt Collection to report to the Judiciary Interim Committee before November 30, 2025;
- clarifies the term, "criminal accounts receivable";
- provides that a defendant is required to pay \$50 per month towards a criminal accounts receivable when a court is unable to determine, or does not provide, an amount for the payment schedule; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**HB 218****Restitution Revisions****Eliason, S.**

This bill amends provisions related to restitution.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- addresses restitution owed by a defendant to an individual for financial support that a deceased victim, or a permanently impaired victim, had a legal obligation to provide to the individual at the time of the defendant's criminal conduct;
- addresses restitution payments with regard to a civil action for the defendant's criminal conduct; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 271**Law Enforcement Employee Overtime Amendments****Lisonbee, K.**

This bill addresses overtime pay for certain state and local employees.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- subject to certain exceptions, modifies provisions relating to the number of hours that a state employee engaged in law enforcement activities must work to qualify for overtime pay;
- authorizes a city or county employing an individual engaged in law enforcement activities to compensate that individual for overtime pay in accordance with the modification described above; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 418**Student Offender Reintegration Amendments****Matthews, A.**

This bill enacts provisions related to a student who has committed a violent or sexual crime.

This bill:

- requires an LEA to adopt a policy regarding a student who commits a violent or sexual crime;
- prohibits a student who has committed a violent or sexual crime from attending school in certain circumstances;
- creates civil liability for a parent of a student under certain circumstances; and
- makes technical changes.

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**HB 531****Laser Pointer Amendments****Eliason, S.**

This bill concerns the criminal offense of unlawful use of a laser pointer.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- amends the criminal offense of unlawful use of a laser pointer to include conduct concerning an aircraft or the aircraft's occupants;
- provides criminal penalties; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 109**Corrections Modifications****Owens, D.R.**

This bill amends provisions related to the Department of Corrections.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- clarifies the roles of county sheriffs and the Department of Corrections regarding the detention of probationers and parolees who have allegedly violated a condition of probation or parole;
- prohibits a county jail from releasing an individual booked on an allegation of violating probation or parole if the Department of Corrections has placed a hold on that individual under certain circumstances;
- clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide comprehensive health care to inmates at each health care facility owned or operated by the Department of Corrections;
- directs the Department of Corrections to create a reentry division that focuses on the successful reentry of inmates into the community;
- allows the Department of Corrections to use an inmate supervision model other than a direct supervision model in certain circumstances;
- clarifies the role of the Department of Corrections in probation supervision;
- provides that the executive director of the Department of Corrections may authorize the personal off-duty use of state vehicles;
- removes an internal Department of Corrections audit requirement of certain programs;
- prohibits the disclosure of information and records related to an execution; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



SB 213

Criminal Justice Modifications

Cullimore, K.A.

This bill amends provisions related to the criminal justice system.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the Utah Sentencing Commission to review and revise, on or before October 31, 2024, supervision guidelines regarding appropriate sanctions and incentives;
- requires the Utah Sentencing Commission to establish sentencing guidelines to address habitual offenders;
- requires the Department of Corrections to create a program to provide incentives for maintaining eligible employment for certain offenders on probation or parole;
- modifies the crime of unlawful sexual activity with a minor to address a defendant who is 18 years old and enrolled in high school at the time the sexual activity occurred;
- modifies the crime of unlawful adolescent sexual activity to include an actor who is 18 years old and enrolled in high school at the time the sexual activity occurred;
- addresses the sentencing of an individual who has been previously convicted of felony offenses;
- addresses pretrial detention of certain individuals who have committed a felony offense;
- modifies the requirements for a magistrate or judge when ordering pretrial release;
- addresses the means by which the Board of Pardons and Parole notifies a victim of any hearing or decision;
- allows a victim to submit a written statement for a hearing by the Board of Pardons and Parole;
- addresses consideration of a victim's written statement by the Board of Pardons and Parole;
- addresses the information that a court and a prosecuting attorney forwards to the Board of Pardons and Parole;
- modifies the duties of a law enforcement officer with regard to a victim;
- amends the requirements for a drug court program; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Licensure

HB 44

Social Work Licensure Compact

Hollins, S.

This bill enacts the Social Work Licensure Compact.

This bill:

- enacts the Social Work Licensure Compact;
- provides rulemaking authority

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HB 58

Licensing Amendments

Maloy, A. Cory

This bill addresses licensing.
This bill:

- permits the Department of Agriculture to establish the minimum experience required for licensure under the Utah Pesticide Control Act;
- broadens the Division of Professional Licensing's (division) discretion to accept substantially similar education or experience in satisfaction of standard licensing requirements;
- permits the division to issue a limited supervised training permit to an applicant seeking licensure by endorsement under certain circumstances;
- establishes a licensure by endorsement process that applies to all other statutory licensure by endorsement processes;
- requires that the division create an annual report related to licensure by endorsement; and
- defines terms.
- provides for an eyelash and eyebrow technician apprenticeship; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 26

Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments

Bramble, C.

This bill amends behavioral health licensing provisions.
This bill:

- requires the division to consider interstate portability and make recommendations regarding Utah's membership in any interstate licensing compacts;
- expands the types of licensees who may participate in the Utah Professionals Health Program, and removes the absolute requirement for formal proceedings to terminate a Utah Professionals Health Program contract and requires the division to make rules for probation after termination of a Utah Professionals Health Program contract;
- establishes that substance use disorders qualify an individual licensee for the Utah Professionals Health Program's alternative path to public disciplinary action;
- creates the Behavioral Health Board, a multi-professional board to replace certain individual licensing boards;
- establishes training and certification requirements for clinical supervisors;
- changes supervision requirements for mental health therapists to include direct observation;
- defines direct client care, direct clinical supervision, and direct observation of mental health therapists;



- defines unlawful conduct to include failure to provide or disclose certain information to patients in a mental health therapy setting;
- requires a criminal background check for mental health therapists and authorizes the division to use the FBI Rap Back System;
- creates an alternative pathway to certain licensures through increased direct client care hours and supervised clinical hours, in lieu of examination requirements;
- creates the licenses of master addiction counselor and associate master addiction counselor;
- creates the license of behavioral health coach and certification of behavioral health technician;
- expands the scope of practice of social service workers and advanced substance use disorder counselors to include drafting treatment plans and updates and providing manualized therapeutic interventions in limited circumstances and under supervision;
- repeals the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Licensing Act; and
- makes technical corrections.

SB 112

Cosmetology Licensing Amendments

Hinkins, D.

This bill modifies the Cosmetology and Associated Professions Licensing.

This bill:

- establishes a state license for each of the following:
 - an eyelash and eyebrow technician;
 - an eyelash and eyebrow technician instructor; and
 - an eyelash and eyebrow technology school;
- clarifies the definition of "direct supervision";
- allows a licensed instructor to teach the instructor's scope of practice at any licensed school;
- modifies the membership of the Cosmetology and Associated Professions Licensing Board;
- reduces the training and experience requirements for the following licenses:
 - a barber instructor;
 - a cosmetologist/barber instructor;
 - an electrologist instructor;
 - an esthetician instructor;
 - a hair designer instructor; and
 - a nail technician instructor;



Political Subdivisions

HB 35

Metro Township Modifications

Teuscher, J.

This bill modifies and enacts provisions relating to metro townships.

This bill:

- converts metro townships into municipalities;
- provides for the classification and governance of the converted municipalities;
- enacts language governing the transition from a metro township to a municipality; and
- makes conforming changes and repeals obsolete language due to the elimination of metro townships.

HB 330

Unincorporated Areas Amendments

Teuscher, J.

This bill modifies provisions relating to unincorporated areas of a county of the first class.

This bill:

- provides for unincorporated islands within a county of the first class to be automatically annexed to an adjoining municipality;
- allows unincorporated islands within a community council area in a county of the first class to incorporate as a municipality;
- modifies provisions relating to a feasibility study for a proposed incorporation;
- enacts language relating to a feasibility consultant and feasibility study for a proposed incorporation of a community council area;
- enacts language regarding the effects of an incorporation of a community council area;
- modifies a provision relating to the membership of a board of trustees of a municipal services district;
- provides for provisions relating to a community council incorporation to be repealed; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 154

Independent Entities Amendments

McKell, M.

This bill addresses independent entities.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- upon designation by the Legislative Management Committee, requires independent entities to utilize best practices tools provided by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and provide the results to the governor and a consensus group comprising the

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Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst;

- requires the consensus group to provide reports on independent entities' assessments to the Legislative Management Committee, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee, and the Executive Appropriations Committee;
- allows the Legislative Management Committee, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee, and the Executive Appropriations Committee to each take action based on reports from the consensus group; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 171

Municipal Rental Dwelling Licensing Amendments

Kwan, K.

This bill modifies provisions of the municipal code regarding rental dwellings.

This bill:

- provides that a municipal ordinance on the licensing of an owner of a rental dwelling does not apply to an owner who does not receive compensation for the use of the rental dwelling.

SCR 2 Concurrent Resolution Honoring the 100th Year Anniversary of the Utah Association of Counties Vickers, E.

This resolution commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Utah Association of Counties, recognizing its significant contributions to effective county governance in Utah.

This resolution:

- celebrates the centennial anniversary of the Utah Association of Counties;
- recognizes the Utah Association of Counties as a vital resource for training, legislative representation, legal services, information, and cost savings for Utah's counties; and
- commends the Utah Association of Counties for its dedication to enhancing the professionalism and performance of county officials.



Revenue and Taxation

HB 43

Charitable Solicitations Act Amendments

Maloy, A. Cory

This bill amends provisions related to charitable solicitations.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- removes a requirement that charitable organizations register with the Division of Consumer Protection;
- requires a charitable organization to provide certain tax documents in a manner described by the Division of Consumer Protection;
- prohibits deceptive acts related to charitable solicitations;
- adds regulations and filing requirements for professional fund raisers and professional fund raising campaigns;
- grants rulemaking authority; and
- makes technical changes.

SB 29

Truth in Taxation Modifications

Wilson, C.

This bill modifies notice and public hearing requirements in the property tax code.

This bill:

- modifies the requirements for public hearings held in connection with judgment levies and property tax increases;
- excludes certain revenue sources from the calculation of a taxing entity's budgeted property tax revenue for the prior year;
- requires a taxing entity proposing a property tax increase to provide notice of the scope and purpose of the tax increase and the taxing entity's public website;
- a public auditor to resolve any conflicts in public hearing dates for affected taxing entities;
- allows a county auditor to audit a taxing entity's compliance with the notice and public hearings requirements for a property tax increase;
- prohibits the State Tax Commission from certifying a property tax rate increase if the taxing entity fails to meet notice and public hearing requirements;
- modifies the required contents of the property tax valuation notice provided by a county auditor;
- modifies the requirements for a county auditor in connection with consolidated public hearings;



- allows the State Tax Commission to make certain revenue adjustments based on errors associated with uniform fees; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB 69

Income Tax Amendments

Wilson, C.

This bill modifies income tax provisions.

This bill:

- amends the corporate franchise and income tax rates; and
- amends the individual income tax rate.

SB 182

Property Tax Assessment Amendments

Harper, W.

This bill modifies provisions related to property tax assessment.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides additional remedies for a property owner who experiences an increase in valuation over a certain threshold solely due to valuation when there are no significant changes to the property;
- requires reporting to the State Tax Commission and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee when a county values property over the threshold;
- modifies the burdens of proof for parties to an appeal at the county board of equalization and State Tax Commission;
- directs county assessors in rural areas to seek assistance in the assessment process;
- requires a county assessor to classify types of real property for purposes of property tax assessments and provides that the classification is public information;
- provides that the State Tax Commission will conduct an education and training program for county assessors;
- provides for a penalty for a county assessor who fails to comply with the education and training requirement;
- modifies provisions related to the Multicounty Appraisal Trust;
- provides the requirements for adopting the statewide property tax system;
- establishes when a tax is delinquent after receiving a deferral for property with an increase in valuation over a certain threshold;
- provides for posting of payment when a partial payment is made on property subject to deferral; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



Revitalization

HB 12

Tax Incentive Revisions

Dunnigan, J.

This bill modifies provisions relating to tax incentives for new development projects.

This bill:

- authorizes a community reinvestment agency to enter into a participation agreement and moves the language relating to a participation agreement from the definition of participation agreement to the provision authorizing the agency to enter into a participation agreement;
- modifies a provision relating to information that an agency is required to provide to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity for inclusion in a database maintained by the Office;
- requires an agency with no active project area to submit a report to the Office;
- requires the Office to refer an agency to the state auditor and post a notice on the Office's website or report the agency to the county auditor and treasurer if an agency fails to comply with applicable reporting requirements;
- requires an agency with unexpended project area funds more than five years after the expiration of the project area funds collection period to use those funds for housing;
- requires an analysis of whether project development would be likely to occur with the use of tax incentives; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 13

Infrastructure Financing Districts

Dunnigan, J.

This bill enacts and modifies provisions related to infrastructure financing districts.

This bill:

- authorizes the creation of a type of special district for the purpose of financing infrastructure;
- provides a process for the creation of an infrastructure financing district;
- provides for the powers and governance of an infrastructure financing district;
- authorizes an infrastructure financing district to impose an assessment on property within the district and to issue assessment bonds to finance infrastructure within the district;
- authorizes specified local entities to provide for a longer installment payment period for assessments imposed in an assessment area;

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- provides for the district to have bonding authority, with limitations;
- authorizes the district to levy a property tax;
- requires a district to provide proof to a county or municipality that an assessment bond has been paid in full on owner-occupied residential property before the county or municipality may issue a certificate of occupancy;
- provides for the annexation of an area to an infrastructure financing district, the withdrawal of an area from a district, and for dissolution of a district;
- authorizes sponsors of a petition to create an infrastructure financing district to create a governing document with provisions that govern the district, including providing for board membership and the transition from appointed board positions to elected board positions; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 562

Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District

Wilcox, R.

This bill enacts and modifies provisions relating to the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District.

This bill:

- creates the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District;
- provides for the district's powers and duties;
- defines the district boundary;
- creates a board to govern the district and provides for board membership;
- authorizes the district to levy:
 - an energy sales and use tax;
 - a telecommunications license tax;
 - a transient room tax;
 - a resort communities sales and use tax;
 - an additional resort communities sales and use tax; and
 - an accommodations and services tax;
- provides for an increase in a transient room tax if a franchise agreement is executed, changes how transient room tax revenue is to be spent, and provides for the transient room tax to be discontinued;
- provides for an increase in a car rental tax, provides for how the additional revenue is to be spent, and provides for the tax to be discontinued;
- provides for state-owned land within the district boundary to be subject to a privilege tax;
- expands a prohibition on the imposition of certain impact fees;
- provides for enhanced property tax revenue from privately owned property to be paid to the district;



- the use of district funds;
- authorizes the district to adopt one or more project area plans, including a project area, with the consent of the property owner, for the development and construction of a qualified stadium;
- provides for the district to own the land on which a qualified stadium is built and to own the qualified stadium;
- provides a maximum for district contributions for the development and construction of a qualified stadium;
- expands the purpose for which a county-imposed transient room tax may be used;
- provides a sales tax exemption for construction materials used for the construction of a qualified stadium;
- provides for income tax on nonresident professional athletes generated from within the district to be used for at-risk students;
- modifies provisions relating to the State Fair Park Authority;
- authorizes the district board to approve loans from an infrastructure loan fund; and
- makes technical and conforming changes. Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District Boundary Information:
 - The boundary information for the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District boundary:
 - is delineated in a shapefile that:
 - is enacted as part of this bill in electronic form;
 - may be found at: https://le.utah.gov/~2024/documents/HB0562_shapefile.zip; and
 - has the following electronic file security code: cf4d4953297c3ea4c936028b 7c89e3c0; and
 - is also depicted in a format that:
 - is intended to be more accessible to the general public and is provided for informational purposes only;
 - shows the boundary as delineated in the shapefile, but is not enacted as part of this bill; and
 - may be found at: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=140hCtPp_tbgfo4lm2PFBCipH5bJmFTs.

SB 272

Capital City Revitalization Zone

McCay, D.

This bill enacts provisions to enable a local government to create a revitalization zone.

This bill:

- establishes procedures to create a revitalization zone for the use of tax revenue for the benefit of creating or improving infrastructure within a designated project area that is located within the local government's boundaries;
- provides requirements for the project area;
- authorizes a qualifying local government to levy a sales and use tax within the local government's boundaries and for use within the project area, subject to certain procedures and approvals;
- provides requirements and procedures for a local government to create a revitalization zone and negotiate a project participation agreement that would allow a project participant to participate in the use of funds collected within the project area;
- provides requirements for allowable uses of revenue and funds;



- provides requirements for a participation agreement;
- requires termination of access to funds and repayment of funds in the event of breach or ceasing to operate or regularly use a stadium in the project area;
- creates procedures for the Revitalization Zone Committee to give its approval to a project area and participation that has been endorsed by the local government;
- creates the Revitalization Zone Committee to approve project areas and project participation agreements created and endorsed by the local government, and to review expenditures and activities in relation to a project area and project participants;
- creates procedures for the Revitalization Zone Committee to give its approval to a project area and participation that has been endorsed by the local government;
- allows a local government to give final approval to a project area and a participation plan that has been endorsed by the local government and approved by the Revitalization Zone Committee;
- requires a local government with a revitalization zone to provide reports to the Revitalization Zone Committee; and
- requires a local government to provide reports to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

State Parks

HCR 8

Concurrent Resolution Creating the Butch Cassidy State Monument

Albrecht, C.

This concurrent resolution creates the Butch Cassidy State Monument. This bill:

- describes the general process for proposing the creation of the Butch Cassidy State Monument;
- details the benefits to the counties and the state in creating the state monument;
- states that the Butch Cassidy State Monument shall be included in the state parks system; and
- approves the creation of the Butch Cassidy State Monument.

SCR 6

Concurrent Resolution Creating the Golden Spike State Park

Sandall, S.

This concurrent resolution creates the Golden Spike State Monument.

This bill:

- describes the general process for proposing the creation of the Golden Spike State Monument;
- details the benefits of the proposed Golden Spike State Monument for the local communities and the state;
- states that the Golden Spike State Monument shall be included in the state parks system; and
- approves the creation of the Golden Spike State Monument.



Technology

HB 464

Social Media Amendments

Teuscher, J.

This bill concerns harm to minors from social media.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- amends the criminal offense of electronic communication harassment and creates a civil cause of action to address certain conduct involving minors;
- enacts legislative findings regarding potential harms of excessive social media use by minors;
- allows a private right of action related to harms to minors from excessive social media use and establishes related provisions;
- establishes an affirmative defense for a social media company to defend against the private right of action;
- prohibits waivers of rights and protections; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 491

Data Privacy Amendments

Moss, J.

This bill enacts the Government Data Privacy Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- describes governmental entity duties related to personal data privacy, including:
 - breach notification;
 - limits on data collection and use; and
 - the ability to correct and access personal data;
- creates the state data privacy policy that outlines the broad data privacy goals for the state;
- creates the Utah Privacy Governing Board to recommend changes in the state data privacy policy;
- establishes the Office of Data Privacy to coordinate implementation of privacy protections; and
- renames the Personal Privacy Oversight Commission to the Utah Privacy Commission (commission) and amends the commission's duties.



SB 149

Artificial Intelligence Amendments

Cullimore, K.A.

This bill creates the Artificial Intelligence Policy Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- establishes liability for use of artificial intelligence (AI) that violates consumer protection laws if not properly disclosed;
- creates the Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy (office) and a regulatory AI analysis program;
- enables temporary mitigation of regulatory impacts during AI pilot testing;
- establishes the Artificial Intelligence Learning Laboratory Program to assess technologies, risks, and policy;
- requires disclosure when an individual interacts with AI in a regulated occupation; and
- grants the office rulemaking authority over AI programs and regulatory exemptions.

SB 194

Social Media Regulation Amendments

McKell, M.

This bill enacts provisions related to age assurance and protecting minors in the Utah Minor Protection in Social Media Act (Act).

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires social media companies to verify a new account holder's age using an approved system;
- requires a social media service to:
 - enable maximum default privacy settings on a Utah minor account holder's account;
 - provide supervisory tools and verifiable parental consent mechanisms on a Utah minor account holder's account; and
 - provide confidentiality protections for minors' data;
- establishes the Division of Consumer Protection's enforcement powers relating to the Act;
- provides compliance safe harbors when social media companies implement approved systems for age assurance and verifiable parental consent; and
- contains a severability clause.



Transportation

HB 210

Disabled Parking Amendments

Matthews, A.

This bill allows certain individuals with a disability to obtain a permanent disability special group license plate or removable windshield placard.

This bill:

- allows a person with a permanent disability to obtain a disability special group license plate or removable windshield placard on a permanent basis;
- allows a person to establish parking spaces for a veteran or service member, including those with a disability; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 430

Local Government Transportation Services Amendments

Pierucci, C.

This bill allows certain individuals with a disability to obtain a permanent disability special group license plate or removable windshield placard.

This bill:

- allows a person with a permanent disability to obtain a disability special group license plate or removable windshield placard on a permanent basis;
- allows a person to establish parking spaces for a veteran or service member, including those with a disability; and
- makes technical changes.
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HB 488

Transportation Funding Modifications

Spendlove, R.

This bill permits public transit innovation grants and amends provisions related to allocation of certain local option sales and use taxes for transportation.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- allows certain local option sales and use tax revenue and Transit Transportation Investment Fund money to be used for public transit innovation grants;



- requires the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Commission to coordinate grant proposals for public transit innovation and administer certain grants;
- grants rulemaking authority to the Transportation Commission to create a prioritization process and to administer grant proposals;
- requires grant recipients to report on the use and progress of public transit innovation grant operations;
- requires a large public transit district to provide a report to each municipality regarding expenditures, transit service, and ridership utilized by residents; and
- makes technical changes.

SB 45

License Plate Revisions

McCay, D.

This bill amends provisions related to license plates, including requirements for display, fees, distribution, design, and funding. This bill:

- removes the requirement for the Motor Vehicle Division to issue two license plates in most circumstances;
- removes the requirement for an owner of a vehicle to display a license plate on the front of a vehicle;
- removes the requirement for two registration decals for both the month and year, and consolidates the registration information into one decal;
- requires a license plate design or redesign to be approved by the License Plate Design Review Board;
- requires an additional fee for personalized license plates;
- allows the Motor Vehicle Division to use funds in the License Plate Restricted Account for certain additional purposes;
- allows an institution of higher education to design the collegiate special group license plate for the institution, subject to approval by the license plate design review board;
- requires a person applying to create a new sponsored special group license plate to pay an additional fee to cover the costs of designing and administering the new license plate;
- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to transition to central distribution of license plates;
- amends certain design characteristics of license plates regarding embossing;
- prohibits a license plate cover and prohibits a license plate frame that obscures the license plate number or decals;
- requires \$1 from certain license plate fees to be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted Account;
- allows law enforcement to use license plate reading technology to access information in the Utah Criminal Justice Information System for certain purposes;
- grants rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission related to license plate administration; and
- makes technical changes.



Water

HB 11

Water Efficient Landscaping Requirements

Owens, D.

This bill addresses use of overhead spray irrigation.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- restricts the use of overhead spray irrigation by certain governmental entities; and
- makes technical changes.

HB 453

Great Salt Lake Revisions

Snider, S.

This bill addresses actions affecting the Great Salt Lake.

This bill:

- modifies provisions related to severance taxes including:
- distribution of severance taxes; and
- disclosure of certain severance tax information;
- exempts challenges to a distribution management plan from the Administrative Procedures Act;
- addresses mineral lease and royalty agreement provisions, including:
 - providing for the loss of certain rights for failure to use;
 - providing for royalty discounts under certain circumstances; and
 - providing for small projects;
- enacts the Great Salt Lake Preservation Act, including:
 - defining terms;
 - addressing management responsibilities;
 - requiring certain provisions within royalty agreements;
 - providing for acquisition of property interests or mineral estates, including through eminent domain;
 - requiring payment of royalties;
 - addressing the Great Salt Lake as a multiple mineral development area;
 - addressing concurrent operations on the Great Salt Lake; and
 - clarifying what constitutes waste;
- enacts the Great Salt Lake Distribution Management chapter, including:
 - defining terms;

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- directing the state engineer to develop a Great Salt Lake distribution management plan related to water rights;
- allowing for voluntary agreements;
- providing for challenges to a distribution management plan;
- addressing the measurement of the volume and quality of water; and
- addressing the scope of the chapter;
- amends provision regarding approval of a water right related application related to the extraction of minerals or elements;
- addresses rulemaking;
- addresses eminent domain; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB 280

Water Related Changes

Snider, C.

This bill addresses issues related to water.

This bill:

- modifies provisions related to the formulation of a state water plan;
- requires a study of the financing of water infrastructure projects and provides a sunset date for the study;
- modifies provisions related to the Water Development Coordinating Council;
- defines terms;
- creates the Water Infrastructure Fund;
- modifies provisions of the Watershed Councils Act;
- provides for rulemaking;
- enacts planning and prioritization provisions, including:
 - defining terms;
 - requiring a unified water infrastructure plan;
 - providing for ranking and prioritizing of water infrastructure projects;
 - addressing duties; and
 - requiring reserve studies and capital asset management; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**SB 211****Generational Water Infrastructure Amendments****Adams, J. Stewart**

This bill addresses the development of water resources.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- directs the creation of the Water District Water Development Council (council) under the Interlocal Cooperation Act;
- outlines restrictions on the council;
- provides for the powers and duties of the council;
- requires reporting by the council;
- requires consultation by the council;
- provides for access to documents of state or local agencies;
- amends provisions related to meetings and records of the council;
- addresses the powers and duties of the Board of Water Resources and the Division of Water Resources;
- addresses expenditures from the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account;
- provides for the appointment of the Utah water agent (water agent);
- provides for the powers and duties of the water agent;
- requires reporting by the water agent;
- requires consultation by the water agent;
- addresses negotiations of the water agent;
- amends provisions related to procurement and records of the water agent;
- addresses access to documents of state or local agencies;
- includes a sunset date regarding the water agent; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.