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Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held June 21, 2017, or as noted

Administrative Rules Review Committee

May 25, 2017

Constitutional Issues Related to Higher Education Policies

Discussed policies governing speech on the campuses of Utah's institutions of higher education and whether the committee should review potential constitutional issues related to these policies.

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Local Ordinances that Violate State Law

Discussed the reasons for the committee's potential review of local ordinances that could violate state law.

Higher Education: Policies and Procedures Development

Received a presentation from Utah State University regarding its process for developing and approving campus policies and procedures, and discussed the possible reasons for the committee's review of state education institution policies and procedures.

"Functional Ability in Driving: Guidelines and Standards for Health Care Professionals"

Discussed the potential impact that implementing the "Functional Ability" [document](#) has on the rights of citizens. Concluded that much, though not all, of the material contained in the document should go through the administrative rulemaking process. Driver License Division representatives agreed to prepare rules that include the pertinent portions of the document.

Chairs: Rep. Brian M. Greene / Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Staff: Art L. Hunsaker (Policy Analyst) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Legislative Assistant)

Business and Labor

Bail Bond Modifications

Received a presentation from Salt Lake County Behavioral Health Services regarding its Vivatrol Program, which provides increased access to treatment services and resources for substance use disorders to enable individuals to successfully transition back into their communities.

Received a presentation from a legislator regarding how the Vivatrol Program and similar programs may be used as a treatment option or alternative to bail within the criminal justice system.

Occupational Licensing

Discussed draft legislation seeking to remove licensing barriers for professionals who are licensed in other states and then move to Utah.

Review of Beer Production and Distribution

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Department of Alcoholic and Beverage Control (DABC) regarding recent changes to 3.2 beer legislation in other states and potential policy issues for Utah, which may include:

- Modifying the statutory definition of heavy beer in Utah;
- Addressing license shortages for those premises currently authorized to sell only 3.2 beer;
- Addressing higher prices, limited access, and loss of convenience should 3.2 beer production discontinue and Utah Code remain unchanged; and
- Preparing DABC to manage the additional workload and to increase the physical capacity of state liquor stores should 3.2 beer production be discontinued and Utah Code remain unchanged.

Sunset Review Reports

Discussed sunset review of Utah Code Section 63I-1-234 regarding the Industrial Accident Restricted Account.

***Action:** Approved as a committee bill draft legislation that removes the sunset provision and keeps in statute Section 34A-2-705 and Subsection 59-9-101(2)(c)(iv).*

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Staff: M'kynzi E. Newbold (Policy Analyst) / Samuel C. Johnston (Attorney) / Christine R. Gilbert (Attorney) / Lucy W. Daynes (Legislative Assistant)

Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands

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Law Enforcement Jurisdiction

Discussed issues relating to law enforcement jurisdiction on

public lands. Discussed concerns about federal law enforcement overreach and confusion regarding the level of jurisdiction federal agencies have in Utah.

National Monuments

Reviewed the Secretary of the Interior's interim [report](#) on the Bears Ears National Monument, which recommended that:

- The monument boundary be revised;
- The president request congressional authority to enable tribal comanagement of designated cultural areas within the revised monument boundary;
- Congress make more appropriate conservation designations within the current monument such as national recreation areas or national conservation areas; and
- Congress clarify the intent of the management practices of wilderness or wilderness study areas within a monument.

Discussed the efforts to submit a revised boundary map of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as requested by the secretary for the broader review of all national monument boundaries.

Overview of the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands

Received an [overview](#) from staff regarding the commission's statutory purpose and changes to public lands policies and events since 2012.

Resource Management Plans

Discussed county resource management plans with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office. Twenty-eight of 29 counties' plans have completed their respective county planning and zoning process. It is anticipated that all county plans will receive final approval on or shortly after the statutory deadline. Policies from the counties' plans will be used to build the state resource management plan, which will be brought to the Commission for a recommendation.

Updates from Utah's Federal Delegation

Discussed current priorities and federal-state relations regarding public lands issues and objectives with representatives of Utah's congressional delegation.

Chairs: Sen. David P. Hinkins / Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Staff: Megan L. Bolin (Policy Analyst) / RuthAnne Frost (Attorney) / Joshua M. Weber (Legislative Assistant)

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Commission on Federalism

Draft Letters to Federal Delegation and Federal Agencies

Received a presentation from committee staff regarding two draft letter templates that would be used to communicate with [Utah's congressional delegation](#) and [federal agencies](#) when the Commission on Federalism finds that a federal law or action violates the principles of federalism.

Update on Federalism Conference

Discussed with a legislator from Wisconsin the process and purpose of coordinating a symposium or conference on federalism issues and working with other states that have formed committees or commissions to address federalism.

Chairs: Rep. Ken Ivory / Sen. Allen M. Christensen

Staff: Jerry D. Howe (Managing Policy Analyst) / Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Robert H. Rees (Attorney) / Cassidy Hansen (Legislative Assistant)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

Career and Technical Education Board

Conducted a sunset review of the Career and Technical Education Board, which is scheduled to sunset in July 2018. As part of this review, the Department of Workforce Services and the Governor's Office of Economic Development provided a [presentation](#) describing the board's work.

Economic Development Incentives

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on economic development incentives in Utah. The presentation illustrated how Utah's use of incentives compares to the rest of the country and outlined the incentive programs currently available in the state. The presentation also provided detailed [information](#) regarding the Utah Small

Business Jobs Act and the Utah Rural Jobs Act.

Enterprise Zone Act

Conducted a sunset review of the Enterprise Zone Act, which is scheduled to sunset in July 2018. The Governor's Office of Economic Development provided a [presentation](#) describing the background of the enterprise zone program, recent changes to the program requiring a stricter verification process, and the impact of those changes, which reduced the number of tax credits claimed from over \$14 million in 2014 to just over \$3 million in 2016.

***Action:** Directed staff to open a committee bill file regarding the sunset of the Enterprise Zone Act.*

Rural Development

Received a joint [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Department of Workforce Services, and World Trade Center Utah regarding the

Governor's 25K Jobs in 25 Counties Initiative. The goals of the initiative include:

- Connecting rural businesses to available resources;
- supporting job seekers in finding employment;
- Introducing community leaders to available economic development tools; and
- Extending Wasatch Front economic success into rural communities.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Workforce Services overviewing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The presentation described the background of the program, the implementation of the program in Utah compared to other states, and the uses the



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Legislature has authorized for reserve funds from the program over the past four years.

Chairs: Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards / Sen. Jacob L. Andereg
Staff: Ryan M. Hunter (Policy Analyst) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Debra Hale (Legislative Assistant)

Education

Recodification of the Public Education Code

Received a [presentation](#) by committee staff regarding the proposed structure for the recodification of the public education code.

***Action:** Approved the recodification structure, as proposed by committee staff, with changes suggested by the State Board of Education.*

Directed staff to open a committee bill file to address external cross reference changes as a result of the recodification.

Statewide Goals and Outcome Metrics for Education

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Colleges of Applied Technology regarding their revised goals and metrics.

Heard a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding work done on compiling the [goals and metrics](#) as presented by the State Board of Education, the Governor's Office, the Utah System of Higher Education, and the Utah Colleges of Applied Technology into statewide P-20 goals and outcome metrics.

Discussed continuing work by the various stakeholders regarding the development of statewide goals and metrics to improve access and quality of education in Utah.

Use of Technology in Schools

Received a [presentation](#) by the State Board of Education and various [school district superintendents](#) regarding the implementation of, and barriers to, implementing technology programs in schools.

Chairs: Rep. Val L. Peterson / Sen. Ann Millner
Staff: Allyson R. Goldstein (Policy Analyst) / Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Rebekah M. Bradway (Attorney) / Victoria Ashby (Attorney) / Debra Hale (Legislative Assistant)

Government Operations

Boards and Commissions Review

Began the process of studying the [66 boards and commissions](#) for which statute requires the participation of legislators. The committee received a [presentation](#) from committee staff providing information about the entities that are included in the committee's study.

***Action:** Narrowed the committee's initial review of boards and commissions to those that met less than three times during the 2015 and 2016 calendar years.*

Campaign Finance

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor regarding inconsistencies in the campaign finance code, including inconsistencies in:

- Reporting thresholds for different persons;
- How statute applies to political issues committees and political action committees;
- Requirements for anonymous contributions; and
- How penalties are levied against county political parties for campaign finance violations.

***Action:** Directed Staff to open a committee bill file to address inconsistencies in the campaign finance code addressed by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.*

Candidate Replacement

***Action:** Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "[Candidate Replacement Amendments](#)," which provides a process for replacing a candidate who withdraws from a nonpartisan race after a primary election.*

Election Contests

Discussed whether election challenges should be appealed directly to the Utah Supreme Court and options to address the Supreme Court's inability to directly hear election challenges because of the Utah constitution.

Political Activities of Public Entities

Discussed a legislator's proposal to address a public entity's use of public resources to engage in political activities.

Poll Watchers

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor regarding outdated or obsolete sections of code that address poll watchers. The committee discussed whether to update the Utah Code to fit within current election administration practices.

Chairs: Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Brian J. Bean (Policy Analyst) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Attorney) / Brent M. Gage (Legislative Assistant)

Health and Human Services

Medicaid – Extending Family Planning Coverage

Considered the impacts of extending Medicaid coverage for [family planning services](#) to certain women not otherwise eligible for Medicaid. Received reports from a [committee member](#), a physician, and a [public health researcher](#).

Mental Health

Received [reports](#) from the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, public mental health providers, the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Workforce Services' Division of Housing and Community Development on:

- The resources available through the public mental health system for the treatment of persons experiencing a serious mental illness;
- The link between mental illness and homelessness;
- Actions taken by the Legislature to address the need of persons with a serious mental illness;
- Additional actions that could be taken by the Legislature; and
- The potential impact of recent federal legislation on the treatment of persons with a mental illness.

Chairs: Rep. Brad M. Daw / Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Staff: Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Tara Harrison (Attorney) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Joshua M. Weber (Legislative Assistant)

Health Reform Task Force

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Guaranty Associations

Considered whether managed care organizations and health insurers should be combined into a [guaranty association](#) that includes only issuers of health care coverage. Received reports from the Insurance Department and the [Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association](#). The task force will create a workgroup to study the issue further.

Health Insurance Exchanges – Update on Insurer Participation

Received a report from the Insurance Department that in 2018 a total of two health insurers are expected to offer plans on the state's federal health insurance exchange for small businesses (50 or fewer employees). Three insurers are expected to offer plans on the state's federal exchange for individuals.

Since 2013, the year immediately prior to the implementation of the exchanges, the number of insurers participating in the small business market, either on or off the exchange, has decreased from 17 to 10. During the same time, the number of insurers participating in the individual market, either on or off the exchange, has decreased from 39 to 6.

Update on Federal Regulations

Received a brief by committee by staff on upcoming

changes in enrollment policies for the federal government's two health insurance exchanges, [SHOP flexibility](#) and [proxy direct enrollment](#).

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Staff: Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Joshua M. Weber (Legislative Assistant)

Judiciary

Alimony

***Action:** Directed staff to open a bill file regarding alimony provisions.*

Department of Corrections' Performance Goals and Outcome Measurements

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) regarding the Department of Corrections' performance goals and outcome measurements. [Utah Code Section 64-13-25](#) requires the Department of Corrections to establish performance goals and outcome measurements, collect data to analyze and evaluate whether the goals and measurements are attained, and provide the data collected to CCJJ.

Drug Courts

Heard presentations from the [Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice](#) and the [Administrative Office of the Courts](#) regarding drug courts and how drug courts have been impacted by the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice regarding the implementation of 2015 General Session H.B. 348, "[Criminal Justice Programs and Amendments](#)," which addresses the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). The presentation:

- Reviewed JRI's objectives and appropriations;
- Discussed state, county, and other local partners;
- Reviewed penalty changes; and
- Discussed screening programs.

Restricting Contact to Protect the Personal Safety of an Individual

Heard a [presentation](#) by committee staff regarding the various types of protective orders and other methods of placing restrictions on an individual to protect the personal safety of another individual. The committee received comments from the [Administrative Office of the Courts](#), prosecutors, and defense attorneys regarding issues with the statute.

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Action: Directed staff to open a bill file regarding protective orders and other methods of placing restrictions on an individual to protect the personal safety of another individual.

Chairs: Rep. Mike K. McKell / Sen. Todd Weiler
Staff: Joseph T. Wade (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Lucy W. Daynes (Legislative Assistant)

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Department of Public Safety Fee Amendments

Received a presentation from a legislator on the need to draft legislation modeled after legislation that was proposed in 2017 General Session H.B. 388, "[Department of Public Safety Fee Amendments](#)."

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file that would increase certain fees for services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Increased Fees for Concealed Firearm Permits

Heard a presentation on the history of fee rates for concealed firearm permits from the Bureau of Criminal Identification. Received the 2017 Revenue and Expenses [report](#) for concealed firearm permits from the Bureau of Criminal Identification.

Injury and PTSD Among Law Enforcement Officers

Heard presentations from the Utah Highway Patrol, the Utah Department of Public Safety Peer Support Team, and a Peer Support Coordinator at the Salt Lake City Police Department on the difficulties facing law enforcement officers with PTSD. Heard a presentation from PEHP on the resources available for treating officers with PTSD through state health insurance coverage.

Review of the Master Offense List

Received a [presentation](#) of the Master Offense List from the Utah Sentencing Commission along with an overview of the process for creating the list.

Chairs: Rep. Lee B. Perry / Sen. Don L. Ipson
Staff: Esther Chelsea-McCarty (Attorney) / John L. Fellows (General Counsel) / Nathan Brady (Analyst) / John Feinauer (Staffing Analyst) / Joshua M. Weber (Legislative Assistant)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

Energy Advisor Report / Review of Energy Policy

Received a [report](#) and watched a [video](#) from the Governor's Office of Energy Development on the status and development of the state's energy resources and activities. The presenter reviewed [state energy policy](#) and discussed the importance of energy development and the impact of energy development on Utah's economy.

School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Received a [report](#) and watched a [video](#) on the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration's (SITLA) legal mandate, historical land exchanges, and possible future land exchange opportunities.

State Park Expansion

Received a report from the Division of State Parks and Recreation on the possible establishment of state park facilities at the Hole in the Rock area and Little Sahara recreation area. The committee also discussed the expansion of offerings and capacity at existing parks and the need to maintain current facilities.

Wild Horses and Burros

Received a report from the Department of Natural Resources on the impact of wild horses and burros on healthy range land and ways to promote more forage and feed available to livestock and wildlife.

Chairs: Rep. Keven J. Stratton / Sen. Margaret Dayton
Staff: J Brian Allred (Policy Analyst) / RuthAnne Frost (Attorney) / Cassidy Hansen (Legislative Assistant)

Political Subdivisions

Animal Shelters

Discussed whether to require an animal shelter to publish certain information regarding animals in the shelter's custody.

Local Government Disposition of Property

Discussed amending existing statute to allow a local

government to dispose of property for less than fair market value or for no compensation. The change would only apply to a local government disposing or leasing property to a community reinvestment agency.

Local Government Enforcement Mechanisms

Received an update from a legislator regarding work to address the various issues related to local government enforcement. One area of focus is to review statutory penalties that default to class B misdemeanors and determine whether the default penalty should be an infraction.

Local Government Regulation of Expressive Activity

***Action:** Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Free Expression Regulation Amendments," which would require political subdivisions to ensure that any restriction on expressive activity on public grounds complies with certain constitutional requirements and that any generally applicable restrictions are imposed by ordinance.*

Removal of Local Officials

Discussed a potential process for removing a local official who is found to be incompetent. The process would include actions by a legislative body and a competency determination by a judge. Also discussed constitutional inconsistencies related to this issue.

***Action:** Directed staff to open a committee bill to address the removal of local officials.*

Chairs: Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher / Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Staff: Megan L. Bolin (Policy Analyst) / Michael E. Curtis (Attorney) / Lori Rammell (Legislative Assistant)

Public Utilities, Energy and Technology

Combined Heat and Power

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff about Combined Heat and Power (CHP) with an accompanying [overview](#), [technology summary](#), and [benefits handout](#). The Governor's Office of Energy Development presented a [fact sheet](#) that addressed CHP development support. [Tesoro](#) discussed operation of its [CHP system](#) in support of its refinery activities. Horizon Power Systems and Solarc Energy Group presented on CHP benefits and configurations.

***Action:** Directed staff to open a committee bill file to address barriers to CHP operations.*

Long-Term Planning

Received a long-term planning [presentation](#) from the Broadband Outreach Center. Reviewed mapping tools usage and broadband development statistics for urban and

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rural Utah. Discussed current and future projects. Watched a [video](#) about Utah's energy and minerals future and recieved a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Energy Development about long-term goals, which include:

- Advancing sound energy policy;
- Seeking economic opportunities; and
- Advancing education and workforce development.

Public Utility Regulatory Discussion

Discussed regulating and restructuring public utilities. Received a staff [presentation](#) that included historical context, information about the regulatory compact (rights vs. obligation), Utah's public utility operations, and trends nationwide.

Heard a [presentation](#) from Rocky Mountain Power about deregulation and electricity rates. Wal-Mart [presented](#) the Texas Retail Energy, created in 2004 to buy energy for Wal-Mart operated facilities in Texas.

Received comments from the Division of Public Utilities,

Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and the Office of Consumer Services. Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Energy Development.

Chairs: Rep. Stephen G. Handy / Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Samuel C. Johnston (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Legislative Assistant)

Retirement and Independent Entities

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Agencies Overview

Received overview presentations from the [Department of Human Resource Management](#), the Career Service Review Office, and the [Public Employees Health Plan](#).

Historical Review of Retirement System Reforms

Received a [presentation](#) from representatives of the Utah Retirement Systems regarding changes to the retirement systems, including the implementation of the Tier II system.



Independent Entities Overview

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff summarizing Utah's various independent entities.

Retirement Systems Overview

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the various retirement systems administered by the Utah Retirement Systems for public employees in Utah.

Chairs: Rep. LaVar Christensen / Sen. Daniel Hemmert / Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Shannon C. Halverson (Attorney) / Cassidy Hansen (Legislative Assistant)

Revenue and Taxation**Apportionment of Business Income**

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on apportionment of business income, including a single sales factor.

Guiding Principles for Tax Reform

The committee discussed [principles](#) of sound tax policy that the committee should take into account as it considers tax reform proposals.

Income Taxation and Build America Bonds

Received a presentation on [draft legislation](#) which would authorize a deduction from adjusted gross income for individual income tax purposes for certain bonds and bond interest.

Sales Tax Exemption for Products Purchased for Resale

Received a presentation on [draft legislation](#), which would remove the requirement that a product purchased for resale be resold within the state to qualify for a sales and use tax exemption.

Sales Tax Exemption Study and Review

Received a presentation from committee staff on:

- [Sales tax exemptions](#);
- [2017 General Session HB 25](#);
- [Evaluating Tax Exceptions and Inducements](#); and
- [LFA's Exception and Inducement dashboard](#).

Chairs: Rep. Steve Eliason / Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Staff: Bryant R. Howe (Deputy Director) / Leif G. Elder (Policy Analyst) / Shannon C. Halverson (Attorney) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Attorney) / Brent M. Gage (Legislative Assistant)

Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee

June 13, 2017

Confirmation of Mr. Steven Beck

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Mr. Steven Beck as a judge to the Third District Juvenile Court. The Senate met in extraordinary session on June 21, 2017, and confirmed the appointment of Mr. Beck.

Confirmation of Ms. Susan Eisenman

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Ms. Susan Eisenman as a judge to the Third District Juvenile Court. The Senate met in extraordinary session on June 21, 2017, and confirmed the appointment of Ms. Eisenman.

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Confirmation of Mr. Jared Eldridge

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Mr. Jared Eldridge as a judge to the Fourth District Court. The Senate met in extraordinary session on June 21, 2017, and confirmed the appointment of Mr. Eldridge.

Confirmation of Ms. Jennifer Valencia

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Ms. Jennifer Valencia as a judge to the Second District Court. The Senate met in extraordinary session on June 21, 2017, and confirmed the appointment of Ms. Valencia.

Chair: Sen. Todd Weiler

Staff: Jerry D. Howe (Managing Policy Analyst) / Eric N. Weeks (Deputy General Counsel) / Lucy W. Daynes (Legislative Assistant)

State Fair Park Committee

June 12, 2017

Days of '47 Arena

Received an [update](#) regarding construction of the new Days of '47 arena at the Utah State Fairpark. The arena will be substantially complete by July 1, 2017, and cost nearly \$1 million more than originally budgeted. Representatives of the Fairpark Corporation discussed the possibilities and challenges associated with booking events at the new arena.

Salt Lake County Fair

Received an update from Salt Lake County regarding the possibility of relocating the Salt Lake County Fair to the Utah State Fairpark. The county received funding to improve the fair's current location and plans to survey this year's attendees in order to more accurately determine if relocation is a viable option.

Chairs: Rep. Mike Schultz / Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Staff: Megan L. Bolin (Policy Analyst) / Michael E. Curtis (Attorney) / Lori Rammell (Legislative Assistant)

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Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force

June 14, 2017

Other States' Transportation System Governance and Funding Models

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff highlighting different models of transportation system governance and funding utilized by other states.

Public Input

Received comments from representatives of Utah's cities and counties and concerned citizens regarding Utah's transportation systems.

Transportation Governance Recommendations for Utah

Received a presentation from a senator outlining potential alternative structures for the way public transit is governed in Utah.

Chairs: Rep. Mike Schultz / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Attorney) / Lori Rammell (Legislative Assistant)

Transportation

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

Received a [presentation](#) from the American Beverage Institute detailing that organization's concerns with the lowering the legal blood alcohol content limit for a per se DUI violation from 0.08% to 0.05% in Utah.

The committee participated in "Question and Answer" panel discussions with members of Utah's tourism, hospitality, restaurant, economic development, and insurance industries.

A legislator provided some [preliminary statistics](#) on alcohol sales and alcohol-related traffic deaths in Utah.

The committee also received comments from several members of the public regarding the new blood alcohol content limit.

Chairs: Rep. Mike Schultz / Sen. David G. Buxton
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Attorney) / Lori Rammell (Legislative Assistant)

Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission

June 06, 2017

Commemorative and Recognition Initiatives for Cold War Service

Discussed 2017 General Session [concurrent resolution](#) recognizing the Cold War service rendered by Utah veterans and ways to appropriately extend that recognition.

***Action:** Approved a motion expressing support for a resolution that urges the passage of federal legislation to honor cold war veterans.*

Impact of Military Installations Study

Received a [presentation](#) from representatives of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute regarding the impact of the military and veterans on Utah's economy.

Registration Requirements for Charities

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Consumer Protection regarding current law governing the registration of charities and discussed resources to help veterans and those who donate to help them avoid being victims of charity scams.

Chairs: Rep. Paul Ray / Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Staff: Art L. Hunsaker (Policy Analyst) / Esther Chelsea-McCarty (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Legislative Assistant)