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## Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held September 20, 2017, or as noted

### Administrative Rules Review Committee

September 07, 2017

#### Higher Education: Policies and Procedures Development

Received presentations from [Southern Utah University](#) and [Snow College](#) regarding the institutions' processes for developing and approving campus policies and procedures.

#### Immunization Exemptions for Students

Introduced issues related to the Department of Health's application of [statutes](#) regarding immunization exemptions for students.

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

#### Construction Code Recommendations

Received a [report](#) from the [Uniform Building Code Commission](#) that was written as a result of an update to the 2017 National Electric Code. The commission submitted its report to the committee and made recommendations to amend the building code.

**Action:** *Opened a committee bill file to amend the building code based on the Uniform Building Code Commission's recommendations.*

#### Non-Opioid Medication Study

**Action:** *The Senate chair directed staff to open a committee bill file to pursue a study on non-opioid medications as a viable alternative for pain management.*

**Worker Classification Coordinated Enforcement Council Report**

Received an annual [report](#) from the Worker Classification Coordinated Enforcement Council on:

- the nature and extent of misclassification of workers in the state;
- the results of regulatory and law enforcement efforts related to the council;
- the status of information sharing between member agencies; and
- recommended changes to state statute.

**Occupational Licensing Barriers**

Received a [presentation](#) from a legislator about occupational licensing barriers. The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing explained [professional licensing in Utah](#).

Discussed the expanded jurisdiction of the Occupational and Professional Licensing Review Committee to review all state licensed lawful occupations every 10 years. Staff presented [information](#) about the Occupational Licensing Policy Learning Consortium that the Legislature applied to on behalf of the state and discussed the [application](#).

**Chairs:** Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

**Staff:** Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Christine R. Gilbert (Attorney) / Andrea Crabb (Legislative Assistant)

**Economic Development and Workforce Services****Affordable Housing - Community Reinvestment Agencies**

Received presentations from the Department of Workforce Services and the Utah Redevelopment Association regarding a provision in the Community Reinvestment Agency Act that requires certain community reinvestment areas to use a portion of the tax increment collected for affordable housing.

**Affordable Housing - New Programs**

Received an update from a legislator and the Department of Workforce Services regarding the following three affordable housing programs that were created or modified during the 2017 General Session:

- an increase in the value of income tax credits for available low-income housing;
- the establishment of the Economic Revitalization and Investment Fund; and
- the establishment of a pilot program to reimburse landlords for damages caused by tenants using Federal Housing Choice Vouchers.

**Economic Development Incentives**

Received a [document](#) from committee staff describing actions that have been taken to evaluate economic development and workforce services related incentives in the state.

**Enterprise Zone Act**

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "[Enterprise Zone Sunset Amendments](#)," that would extend the sunset date of the Enterprise Zone Act to 2028.*

**Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)**

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "[Office of Economic Development Amendments](#)" that would:*

- *eliminate the Utah Broadband Outreach Center and move a few of its key functions to the GOED;*
- *allow the GOED to establish advisory committees for targeted industries;*
- *eliminate the role of State Science Advisor;*
- *repeal the Health System Reform Act, which includes the Avenue H small employer health insurance exchange; and*
- *move the administration of Private Activity Bonds to the Department of Workforce Services.*

**Utah Capital Investment Corporation**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Capital Investment Corporation outlining the corporation's annual [report](#). The presentation highlighted the corporation's success in refinancing the debt that initially funded the Utah Fund of Funds on more favorable terms. The presentation also highlighted the corporation's efforts to connect Utah entrepreneurs with venture capital.

**Utah's Entrepreneurship Environment**

Received a presentation from Silicon Slopes, a nonprofit organization focused on high-tech entrepreneurship in the state, regarding Utah's entrepreneurship environment. The organization identified three specific initiatives it has undertaken:

- the Silicon Slopes Tech Summit, which brings thousands of attendees to Utah each January;
- the ParityPledge, which invites CEOs to pledge to interview at least one qualified female candidate for any position of vice president or above; and
- a new Pathways program in which Silicon Slopes will provide high school students and adults experience and skills needed for tech careers.

**Chairs:** Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards/ Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg

**Staff:** Ryan M. Hunter (Policy Analyst) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Debra Hale (Legislative Assistant)

**Education**

September 13, 2017

**School Leader (Principal) Preparation and Development**

Held a full-day meeting with stakeholders to address state policy options for principal preparation and development. Committee members and stakeholders:

- reviewed the [results](#) of the committee's December 19, 2016, meeting about school leadership;



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- received a [presentation](#) from the State Board of Education (the board) about the role of principals in achieving the board's strategic plan;
- discussed [proposed revisions to the Utah Educational Leadership Standards](#);
- received [presentations](#) from national experts on a residency program for school administrators in Maryland and a [study](#) about the cost of operating and maintaining a principal pipeline; and
- developed solutions to improve student achievement through residencies as part of preparation for new principals.

#### Assessment and Accountability Report

Received a [statutorily](#) required [report](#) from the State Board of Education regarding performance thresholds and the criteria for assigning a school an [overall rating](#). The board also provided the committee with a sample [report card](#) for a school under the proposed criteria and thresholds.

#### Educator Licensing

Received a [presentation](#) from the State Board of Education regarding recommendations on changes to educator licensure. The State Board of Education formed a task force to study licensing and recommended changes. The State Board of Education voted to recommend a three-tier licensing structure in Utah.

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to address educator licensing changes.

#### Recodification of the Public Education Code

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding the draft public education code recodification. The committee chairs requested that the public and committee members provide feedback on the draft recodification bills by September 30, 2017.

#### Statewide Goals and Outcome Metrics for Education, Preschool through Advanced Degrees and Careers (P-20)

Received a presentation from committee staff regarding a [table](#) and a [summary document](#) describing work done by stakeholders to prepare statewide goals and metrics for education.

**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

Continued the committee's study of boards and commissions with legislators by receiving reports from nine boards and commissions.

**Action:** Voted to repeal the Rural Development Legislative Liaison Committee.

#### Election Law Modifications

**Action:** Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "[Election Law Modifications](#)," which corrects errors in the code identified by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor with regard to the Election Code.









### Political Activities and Elections

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Political Activities and Elections," which corrects errors in the code identified by staff in relation to the regulation of candidates, officeholders, and lobbyists.*

### Federal Funds Commission

Received a report from the Federal Funds Commission regarding the commission's activities over the previous year.

### Free Market Protection and Privatization Board

Received a report from the Free Market Protection and Privatization Board regarding the board's history and lack of appropriated funding. The board identified a need for \$70,000 ongoing to fund the board's activities.

### Capital Maintenance

Received reports from the State Building Board and the Division of Facilities Construction and Management regarding the qualification and management of capital maintenance projects and the conduct of state building maintenance audits.

### Required Reports

Received a presentation from committee staff regarding the reports required to be given to the committee each year.

**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 draft legislation that would require the Department of Health to seek a federal Medicaid waiver authorizing the creation of a four-year pilot program to extend Medicaid family planning services to individuals not otherwise eligible for Medicaid. The legislation also would require the state's Medicaid program to separately pay for long-acting reversible contraception provided at the time of childbirth, apart from other services provided at the time of birth.

### Mental Health

Received a report from the Department of Human Services on steps that could be taken within the next two years to improve services for individuals experiencing serious mental illness or substance use disorders.

Also received a report from the department on the impacts of the 21st Century Cures Act, passed by Congress in December 2017.

Received a report from the Utah Association of Counties on behavioral healthcare services provided because of Operation Rio

Grande.

**Action:** *Requested draft legislation to amend the Utah Code to reflect the provisions of a recent settlement agreement entered into by the state and the Disability Law Center. The agreement specifies limits on the amount of time that an individual charged with a crime but declared incompetent to proceed must wait to receive competency restoration services.*

### Skilled Nursing Facilities -- Licensure

Briefed by the Utah HealthCARE Association on the rationale for the state's moratorium on the construction of skilled nursing facilities.

### Step Therapy

Received input from health insurers and others on legislation considered during the 2017 General Session that would have required a health insurer who uses a step therapy protocol to authorize bypass of one or more drugs in the protocol under certain conditions.

### Electronic Death Entry Network (EDEN)

Briefed by the Department of Health on an online system that expedites the process for recording a death certificate prior to the transport or disposition of a person's remains.

**Chairs:** Rep. Brad M. Daw / Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
**Staff:** Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Brent Palmer (Policy Analyst) / Tara Harrison (Attorney) / Eric N. Weeks (Deputy General Counsel) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Joshua M. Weber (Legislative Assistant)

## Judicial Rules Review Committee

September 14, 2017

### Review of Supreme Court Rules

Reviewed selected Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules of Juvenile Procedure, Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rules of Evidence, and Rules of Professional Conduct, which were recently approved by the Utah Supreme Court or posted for public comment. The committee also reviewed public comments to the selected rules.

**Chairs:** Rep. Daniel McCay / Sen. Todd Weiler  
**Staff:** Joseph T. Wade (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Andrea Crabb (Legislative Assistant)

## Judiciary

### Administrative Office of the Courts - Sunset Review

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Administrative Office of the Courts Amendments," which would remove the Office of the Court Administrator from the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act; provide for consistent use of the terms "Administrative Office of the Courts" and "state court administrator"; and clarify that the state court administrator serves at the pleasure of the Judicial Council and the Supreme Court.*

### Child Support Guidelines

Received a report from the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee regarding the committee's review of the child support guidelines.

**Action:** *Opened a committee bill file to clarify provisions regarding the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee and to implement the committee's recommendations.*

### DNA - Post Conviction Testing and Fees

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "DNA Amendments," which would correct the amount of a fee collected by a sheriff for obtaining a DNA specimen and repeal language regarding when post-conviction testing of DNA may be requested.*

### Family Law - Conciliation Petition

Discussed and received comments on conciliation petition statutes.

### Family Law - Education Decisions

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Parenting Plan Amendments," which would modify provisions relating to parenting plans to list decisions related to an education plan and address who makes the education plan.*

### Mens Rea Reform

Discussed the adequacy of current state statutes regarding mens rea requirements.

### Reports to Judiciary Interim Committee

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Repeal of Health Related Pilot Program," which would repeal a provision addressing a pilot program of the Department of Health.*

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Obscenity and Pornography Complaints Ombudsman," which would repeal the provision creating the obscenity and pornography complaints ombudsman.*

### Warrant Requirements

Received a briefing on current statutes and case law regarding warrant requirements.

**Action:** *Opened a committee bill file regarding warrant requirements.*

**Chairs:** Rep. Mike K. McKell / Sen. Todd Weller  
**Staff:** Joseph T. Wade (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Andrea Crabb (Legislative Assistant)

## Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

### Alcohol Abuse Tracking Committee Relocation

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Alcohol Abuse Tracking Committee Relocation," which reassigns the Alcohol Tracking Committee from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Human Services.*

### Bail Issues

Discussed the pending implementation of statewide pretrial public safety assessments and heard remarks from the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Utah Association of Professional Bondsmen and Agents.

### Department of Public Safety Fee Amendments

Heard remarks from the National Rifle Association, the Utah Shooting Sports Council, and the Department of Public Safety regarding proposed increases to Department of Public Safety fees.

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Public Safety Fee Revisions," which changes fee amounts for services provided by the Department of Public Safety.*

### Law Enforcement Retention and Recruiting

Received a presentation from the Department of Human Resource Management on national and statewide recruitment and retention trends within law enforcement agencies. Also heard remarks from Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training on how lower recruitment rates have impacted the training process for law enforcement agencies.

### Public Safety Peer Counseling

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Public Safety Peer Counseling Provisions," which creates provisions for peer support and counseling services within public safety agencies.*

**Chairs:** Rep. Lee B. Perry / Sen. Don L. Ipson  
**Staff:** John Feinauer (Policy Analyst) / Esther Chelsea-McCarty (Attorney) / Joshua M. Weber (Legislative Assistant)

## Legislative Water Development Commission

September 13, 2017

### Utah Lake Restoration

Visited Utah Lake and discussed the role of publicly owned sewage treatment plants, nutrient pollution, algae blooms, wastewater infrastructure, and water quality research.

### Management and Protection of Watersheds - Working Group

Received a report from a working group, jointly comprised of members of the commission and members of the Executive Water Task Force, on plans to study ways to better cooperate with the federal government and other stakeholders on the management and protection of Utah watersheds.

### Duty of Water

Received a report from the Division of Water Rights on the role of the state engineer in establishing the amount of water, as determined by the Division of Water Rights, needed to satisfy the irrigation requirements of a specified farm area.



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### Farm Bureau Update on Water Issues

Received a [report](#) from the Utah Farm Bureau Federation on water rights issues affecting the state, including federal assertions of diligence claims, which are water right claims that assert beneficial use of surface water prior to 1903 or groundwater prior to 1935.

### Produced Water

Received a [report](#) from the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining on the potential use of produced water.

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

## Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

September 13, 2017

### Utah Lake Restoration

Visited Utah Lake and [discussed](#) the role of publicly owned sewage treatment plants, nutrient pollution, algae blooms, wastewater infrastructure, and water quality research.

### Brian Head Wildfire

Viewed a video prepared by a legislator, on the causes and consequences of the 2017 Brian Head wildfire.

### Conservation Commission Amendments

Discussed draft legislation "[Conservation Commission Amendments](#)," which:

- modifies the Conservation Commission membership;
- modifies the procedure for making loans or grants from the Agriculture Resource Development Fund;
- authorizes an advisory board of the Conservation Commission to approve loans;
- modifies the duties of a conservation district to include responsibility for planning watershed and flood control projects; and
- modifies the procedure for electing an individual to the board of supervisors of a conservation district.

### Water Quality

Received a report from the Wasatch Front Water Quality Council, interested [parties](#), and the Division of Water Quality on the role of publicly owned sewage treatment plants, nutrient pollution, algae blooms, wastewater infrastructure, and water quality research in the state.

### Wild Horses and Burros

Received a [report](#) from the Department of Natural Resources on the Wild Horse and Burro Management Summit that took place August 22 - 24th in Salt Lake City.

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



## Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee

August 31, 2017

### Ten Year Review

Discussed the preferred methods of organizing and sorting each licensed lawful occupation for review over the next 10 years. Identified occupations licensed by [Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing](#) and occupations licensed by [other](#) state agencies.

### Private Investigators

Discussed the licensure requirements for private investigators in the Private Investigator Regulation Act. The Bureau of Criminal Identification described the private investigator application process and reported on the types of licenses that are issued annually for private investigator agency licenses, registrant licenses, and apprentice licenses.

## Political Subdivisions

### Animal Shelters

Discussed policy changes proposed by S.B. 56, "Animal Shelter Amendments," which the Legislature considered but did not pass during the 2017 General Session. S.B. 56 would have addressed the methods by which an animal shelter may euthanize animals and required a shelter to adopt a euthanasia policy and training program.

### A Review of Best Practices for Internal Control of Limited Purpose Entities

Discussed [recommendations](#) of the committee's working group regarding issues raised in the Office of the Legislative Auditor General's report, "A Review of Best Practices for Internal Control of Limited Purpose Entities."

### Local Government Disposition of Property

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "[Community Reinvestment Agencies Revisions](#)," which authorizes a public entity to dispose of or lease the public entity's property to a Community Reinvestment Agency for less than fair market value.*

**Chairs:** Rep. Brian M. Greene / Sen. Todd Weiler

**Staff:** Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Debra Hale (Legislative Assistant)



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### Municipal Encroachment on Local and Special Service Districts

Received an update from a legislator regarding meetings and discussions with stakeholders.

**Action:** *Recommended that no further study is required and this issue does not require legislation during the 2018 General Session.*

### Removal of Local Officials

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Local Elected Officer Amendments," which establishes a process that a county may adopt to remove an elected county official from office for mental incapacity.*

### Statewide Crisis Line

Received a presentation from the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission regarding the extent to which the commission fulfilled its duties and recommendations for future legislation related to integrating local mental health crisis lines or establishing a statewide mental health crisis line.

**Action:** *Directed staff to open committee bill files, as necessary, to address the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission's recommendations.*

**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

### Audit Report

Received a report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General summarizing its audit findings and recommendations regarding control improvements at the Utah Communications Authority. The Utah Communications Authority reported on implementation of control improvements.

### Communications System Overhaul

Received an update from the Utah Communications Authority regarding its newly appointed board and plan relative to the timing and process for its communications system overhaul.

### Status of Battery Storage

Received presentations from battery manufacturing company BYD America, the Governor's Office of Energy Development, and the Department of Chemical Engineering, Brigham Young University regarding the status of battery technology.

### Sunset Review

Conducted a sunset review of Utah Code Section 36-12-20, Development of proposed energy producer states' agreement--Membership selection--Agreements--Goals--Meetings--Reports.

**Action:** *Opened a committee bill file to reauthorize Utah Code Section 36-20-12 for five years.*

**Chairs:** Rep. Stephen G. Handy / Sen. Daniel Hemmert  
**Staff:** Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Robert H. Rees (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Legislative Assistant)

## Retirement and Independent Entities

September 07, 2017

### State Employee Compensation

Received presentations from the Department of Human Resource Management and from a consulting firm outlining the department's process for performing market analyses and determining compensation structures for state employees.

### Utah Retirement Systems (URS) Preliminary Retirement Contribution Rates and Assumed Rate of Return

Received a presentation from URS that reviewed recently adopted preliminary contribution rates and changes to the assumed rate of return on investments.

### Utah Retirement Systems Actuary Update

Received a presentation from URS's consulting actuary regarding the actuary's role with URS; actuarial methods, valuations, and assumptions; and URS's current actuarial soundness.

**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

August 30, 2017

### Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption Under Subsection 59-12-104(14)

Received a presentation from the State Auditor on the report and recommendations of the Tax Review Commission's 2008 Sales and Use Tax Working Group.

Received presentations from committee staff on Utah's sales tax system, sales taxation of business inputs and services in other states, Utah's sales tax exemption for certain equipment and machinery, the history of the exemption, sales tax exemptions for manufacturing in other states, sales tax exemptions for certain machinery and equipment in other states, a summary of reviews of Utah's sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment, and draft legislation "Sales and Use Tax Reform."

Received a presentation from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the fiscal impacts of the draft legislation.

Received comments from the Tax commission and businesses regarding the potential impacts of the draft legislation and administrative issues associated with the three-year economic life component of the current sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment.

### Report on Centrally Assessed Property Value

Received a statutorily required report regarding the impacts of 2016 General Session H.B. 25, "Property Tax Changes."

### Sales Taxation of Food and Food Ingredients

Received presentations from committee staff on Utah's tax policies regarding [food and food ingredients](#), administering these policies, [other states' tax treatment of food and food ingredients](#), and [other items, the streamlined sales tax agreement](#), and [states' earned income tax credits](#).

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the fiscal impacts of changing the tax rate imposed on food and food ingredients.

Received presentations from the State Tax Commission and Utah Retail Merchants Association on administering changes to tax policies regarding food and food ingredients.

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### Impact of Sales Tax Exemptions on Local Revenue

Received comments from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding the impact that adopting a sales tax exemption for food or further exempting certain machinery and equipment would have on all cities.

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on options for mitigating the impacts on cities.

### Apportionment of Business Income

Continued discussing draft legislation "[Income Tax Reform](#)," which would, beginning in tax year 2019, phase in a single sales factor method of apportionment over three years and requires certain taxpayers that choose to apportion business income using the single sales factor method to continue to use the single sales factor method of apportionment in subsequent tax years.

Received a [presentation](#) from the State Tax Commission regarding the administrative rule that governs how broadly Utah's corporate income tax is applied to businesses.

Discussed a Tax Foundation [document](#) and the need to evaluate the [income tax credits](#) for jobs, research, and investment.

### Distribution of Local Option Sales Tax Revenue

Received a presentation from the State Tax Commission on distributing certain local sales and use tax revenue by population only ([distribution 1](#); [distribution 2](#)) instead of 50% based on population and 50% based on point of sale. Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on daytime population and [options](#) for a distribution formula that would account for daytime population.

### Sales Taxation of Food and Food Ingredients

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the fiscal impacts of removing candy, soda, dietary supplements, and bottled water from the sales tax base.

### Technical Cleanup of Local Option Sales and Use Tax Distribution Formula

**Action:** *Approved as a committee bill draft legislation "Local Option Sales and Use Tax Distribution Formula Amendments," which primarily repeals obsolete language.*

**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)

## Transportation

### Autonomous, Connected, and Electrified Vehicles

Received a [presentation](#) from the National Conference of State Legislatures regarding autonomous and connected vehicles and how other states and the federal government are addressing the technology.

### Flatiron/Harper Joint Venture Proposed Settlement Agreement

Received an update from a legislator regarding 2017 First Special Session S.J.R. 101, "[Joint Resolution Approving the Flatiron/Harper Joint Venture Proposed Settlement Agreement](#)."

### Requests for Legislation

Received an update from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) on current issues that UDOT believes could be addressed with legislation.

**Action:** *The committee voted to open three committee bill files to address UDOT's issues related to:*

- *private donations to the "Zero Fatalities" program;*
- *mineral lease funding; and*
- *background checks for prospective UDOT employees requested by the Department of Human Resource Management and performed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.*

### Road Closure Amendments

Received an update from legislators regarding 2017 First Special Session H.B. 1002, "[Road Closure Amendments](#)."

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