

Potential Interim Study Items

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Business and Labor Interim Committee

COVID Related

- Study requiring financial institutions to provide flexibility to customers regarding deferring payments and late fees.
- Study relaxing restaurant alcohol policies.
- Study providing assistance to small businesses with their rent or mortgage.
- Study strengthening consumer protections.

Non COVID Related

- **Prescribed medical foods:** study policies to establish authority of physicians to prescribe medical foods, require insurers to qualify medical food coverage for prescribed medical foods, and establish pharmacists authority to fill prescriptions for medical foods.
- **Surgical smoke:** study requiring surgical facilities to develop policies to evacuate surgical smoke.
- **Physician Assistants:** study physician assistant's scope of practice.
- **Building Code:** review political subdivisions' application of building code standards.
- **Unreinforced Masonry (URM) disclosure:** study requiring disclosure in the sale of a home if the home is a URM because of an earthquake hazard.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units:** study how Utah could increase the supply of housing by allowing a broader adoption of Accessory Dwelling Units in pre-existing housing. Building codes for older homes often make it prohibitively expensive for a homeowner to retrofit their home to rent a portion of the home. Many homes that used to have seven or eight inhabitants (all of a single family) may now only have an older couple. If they were more easily able to rent a portion of their home, they would be able to have income and stay in the home longer, and the increase in housing "supply" would slow the increase of the cost of housings.
- **Alcohol related policies:** study online ordering and in store pick-up for DABC and the alcoholic beverage arena in general. The committee will also study changing the funding mechanism for DABC.
- Study the anti-boycott, divestment, sanctions (BDS) movement and how to prohibit government entities from contracting with a person that boycotts the State of Israel.
- Study issues relating to a prevailing wage.

Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Unemployment insurance:** study implementation of CARES Act unemployment benefit programs, trends in new claims, and how to best maintain the health of the Unemployment Fund.
- **Small business assistance:** study on-going needs of small businesses and the effectiveness of existing small business assistance programs at mitigating the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of Covid-19.
- **Housing issues:** study on-going needs and effectiveness of housing-related measures and programs at mitigating the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of Covid-19.
- **Non-profit grant program:** study effectiveness of DHA grants to non-profits at mitigating the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of Covid-19.
- **Business assistance education:** study on-going needs and effectiveness of existing efforts to educate businesses on available federal and state economic assistance.

- **Workforce development:** study workforce training needs related to re-engaging workers displaced by measures taken to slow the spread of Covid-19.
- **Redevelopment agencies:** study on-going needs of redevelopment agencies related to the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of Covid-19.
- **Rural economic development:** study rural workforce and economic development needs and issues, including those related to measures taken to slow the spread of Covid-19.
- **Safety net programs:** study safety net program requirements and any changes needed as a result of Covid-19, including to work/work search requirements and periods of eligibility.
- **Air quality:** Study improvements in air quality resulting from measures taken in response to Covid-19 and market-based options for maintaining the improved air quality,
- **Other Covid-19 issues:** study other COVID-19 related issues affecting economic development and workforce services that arise during the interim.

Education Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Financial issues:** study financial issues for the State Board of Education and local education agencies caused by the COVID-19 emergency, and how the State Board of Education has responded.
- **Federal legislation impact:** study the impact of federal legislation related to COVID-19 on public and higher education, including information about the status of the federal CARES Act money in Utah, and waivers from the Department of Education.
- **School accountability and statewide assessment:** review report required in 2020 3rd Special Session S.B. 3005, “Education Modifications,” on school accountability system issues and statewide assessment waivers.
- **Online/distance learning:** study issues during public school closures and potential statutory issues identified during the closure.
- **Impact of school closures on Utah students:** study how the State Board of Education and local education agencies intend to address the impacts during the 2020-21 school year.
- **Compulsory attendance and absenteeism:** review issues related to the COVID-19 emergency, including considering whether the criminal penalties of compulsory education, which is based on attendance, should apply to parent-provided school.
- **Other COVID-19 issues:** study public or higher education issues related to the COVID-19 emergency or school or institutions closures that arise during the interim.

Non COVID Related

- **Transition to single higher education system:** study the transition from a technical college system and higher education systems to a single higher education system, established in 2020 S.B. 111, “Higher Education Amendments.”
- **Graduate medical education:** planning for healthcare workforce needs to inform policymaking related to graduate medical education.
- **Issues raised in 2020 S.B. 251, “Seizure-Related Student Accommodations,”:** study creating a seizure action plan for a student with a seizure disorder and training school staff to assist a student with a seizure disorder.
- **Audit Report:** study findings and recommendations made by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General in 2019-14 “A Performance Audit of Public Education Reporting Requirements.”

Government Operations Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Impact of COVID-19 on primary and general elections:** study implementation of 2020 3rd Special Session HB 3006, “Election Amendments,” and prepare to conduct the general election under different economic and health risk guidance levels.
- **Open and Public Meetings Act requirements:** study requirements during public health emergencies, including requirements related to anchor locations for electronic meetings in situations when public bodies need to meet remotely.
- **Continuity of government:** study issues related to the continuity of government, including the executive branch and legislative branch, during different economic and health risk guidance levels, particularly regarding how the government provides services remotely when individuals are unable to interact with the government in person.
- **Federal legislation related to COVID-19:** study federal laws and funding passed in related to COVID-19 that impact government operations.
- **Data-sharing:** study data-sharing related to testing and other data to help the state manage COVID-19.
- Study the inclusion of COVID-19 in list of diseases for which a court may compel testing if public safety personnel are exposed.
- **Other COVID-19 issues:** study other government operations issues that arise due to the COVID-19 emergency over the course of the 2020 interim.

Non COVID Related

- **Political action committees (PAC):** study PACs created under federal law attempting to mislead voters by misrepresenting who supports the PAC.
- **Advice and consent process:** study changes to the process for governor appointments and Senate confirmations enacted during the 2020 general session.
- **Legislative review of boards and commissions**
- **Eminent domain policy changes:** study the changes enacted by 2020 General Session H.B. 261, “Eminent Domain Revisions,” and 2020 General Session S.B. 205, “Eminent Domain Modifications.”
- **Public information website:** study revisions addressed in 2020 H.B. 286, “Public Information Website Revisions.”
- **Procurement requirements:** study procurement requirements on counties for small bids.
- Study local governments’ ability to request support from a state disaster task force.
- Study the expansion of the SafeUT app.

Health and Human Services Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **COVID-19 issues:** study oversight of response and recovery, how to prepare for the future, and other COVID-19 issues that arise during the interim.

Non COVID Related

- **Medical Cannabis:** study implementation oversight and use of cannabis for pain management and study qualified medical providers.
- **Behavioral Health:** study assisted outpatient treatment and other related issues
- **Health Care Cost Containment:** study prescription drugs and price transparency

- **Professional Licensing:** study licensing for nursing and physicians
- **Medicaid:** study the implementation of eligibility expansion

Judiciary Interim Committee

- **Requirements for withdrawing a guilty plea:** continue to study issues addressed in 2020 S.B. 252, “Plea Withdrawal Amendments.”
- **Business pursuit exclusion:** study the use of the business pursuit exclusion in personal lines insurance policies.
- **Court-ordered assessment for substance use disorder treatment:** study whether a private entity that conducts a court-ordered assessment of an individual to determine if the individual needs substance use disorder treatment should not also provide court-ordered substance use disorder treatment to the individual
- **Justice court reform task force:** study whether the legislature should form a task force to address justice court reform, specifically changes to the appellate process.
- **Indigent Defense Commission (IDC):** study the proposal of the brief provided by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst including: IDC's Core Principles; similarities and differences in indigent defense across states; effective measures of challenges and metrics for success; and appropriate state support for indigent defense in Utah.
- **Court nominating commission and process:** continue to study issues addressed in 2020 S.B. 172 “Court Nominating Commission Amendments.”
- **Violent crime pleas:** study the effect of plea bargains on the pre-trial risk assessment algorithm, especially for violent crimes.
- **Criminal restitution recodification:** study a recodification of criminal restitution. The Attorney General’s Office is seeking changes to criminal restitution and has been working with various stakeholders on legislation.
- **Juvenile Court recodification:** study a recodification of the Juvenile Court Act.
- **Calls for legislative action:** staff attorney will present and recommend opening committee bills on issues raised by Utah appellate courts regarding clarifying or fixing a statute.
- **Allow electronic submission for governmental Immunity Claims:** amend §63G-7-401(3)(b)(ii) to remove requirement that an entity must accept claims by hand delivery.
- **Authorize Electronic Wills:** authorize the use of electronic wills, as recommended by the Uniform Law Commission.
- **Tolling the Statute of Limitations:** tolling statutes of limitations for civil cases until September 1, 2020.
- **Limit Court Actions:** create a temporary moratorium on ability to petition the courts on a case against the state/local government, including lawsuits against state/local governments for closure of public lands for recreational activities.
- **Justice Reinvestment Initiative:** coordinate with the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee to study data on the Juvenile Reinvestment Initiative, including data on pretrial risk assessment.

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Testing for COVID-19:** study the possibility of making changes to Utah Code Section 78B-8-402, Petition – Disease testing – Notice – Payment for testing, to allow for mandated testing for COVID-19.

- **Clarify Disaster Response Statutes:** address authority ambiguities in Title 53-2a.
- **Fraud:** strengthen anti-fraud measures and look at how law enforcement can aggressively target scammers leveraging pandemic fears.
- **Correctional Facility COVID Protocols:** evaluate and possibly update healthcare standards and responses for jails and prisons. Study the effectiveness of efforts to reduce inmates in decreasing the likelihood that an infected individual will bring the virus into a facility.
- Peer support program and mental health services for first responders.

Non COVID Related

- **DUI code changes:** continue to study inconsistencies in DUI law identified during development of 2020 H.B. 350, "Impaired Driving Amendments," and revamp DUI code to remove duplications, contradictions, imbalances in penalties depending on substance, and address how to deal with marijuana metabolite DUI in light of legalized medical cannabis.
- **Liability for an injury caused by a dog:** study issues related to liability for an injury caused by a dog as a continuation of issues addressed in 2020 H.B. 445, "Canine Injury Amendments."
- **Stalking as it relates to social media:** study "electronic stalking," potentially removing "emotional distress" from the language.
- **Asset forfeiture:** study possible changes to asset forfeiture statute.
- **24/7 sobriety program expansion:** study the possibility of expanding the 24/7 sobriety program.
- **Facial recognition:** study the use and impact of facial recognition technology in the criminal justice system.
- **Firearms:** study topics related to firearms and firearm safety.
- **Student Data Privacy:** continue work on 2020 S.B. 166, "Student Data Privacy Amendments." This was a follow-up to a bill passed in 2018. It will be the State Board of Education's responsibility to track required data and will alleviate the need for law enforcement entities to update their RMS systems to provide the information.
- **Death penalty:** study issues related to the death penalty.
- **Justice Reinvestment Initiative:** coordinate with the Judiciary Interim Committee to study data on the Juvenile Reinvestment Initiative, including data on pretrial risk assessment.

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Agricultural issues:** study the impact of the coronavirus pandemic upon the food supply chain and access to markets.
- **Loans for agriculture:** study access to loans for the agricultural community.
- Reduce regulations on Oil, Gas, and Mining.
- Request federal PILT funds as stimulus money.

Non COVID Related

- **Air quality issues:**
 - Further study of the publication "Utah Roadmap: Positive Solutions on Climate and Air Quality".
 - Study the use of and access to Tier III fuels and its impact on air quality.
 - Review the anticipated impact and scope of HB 396 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Amendments, 2020 General Session.
 - Receive and consider any recommendations from the Clean Air Caucus.

- **Water issues:**
 - **Aquatic Invasive Species:** review the existing programs and study the next steps to address aquatic invasive species in Utah. The committee would also study creating a statewide emergency plan to address the spread of aquatic invasive species if other bodies of water are invaded.
 - **Water Testing:** currently, testing the purity and quality of water in streams and lakes is routed through the DEQ through the state lab at the Department of Health. The committee would evaluate whether DEQ should be allowed to order the testing through other labs.
 - **Water Supply:** study and review the existing and projected water supply in the state.
 - **Release of Water from Flaming Gorge:** continue to study 2020 H.C.R. 23, “Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge.”
 - **Water Quality in Utah Lake and other bodies of water:** study the current treatment and revitalization efforts.
 - **Water Task Force Recommendations:** receive and consider recommendations from the Utah Water Task Force.
 - **Public Entity Water Users:** study the use and development of water by public entities (S.B. 84, 2020 General Session).
 - **Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Municipalities in Watersheds:** study municipalities’ extraterritorial jurisdiction related to water sheds and water works. The 2019 Interim committee studied this issue and agreed that it warranted further discussion and study.
 - **Lake Powell Pipeline Project:** The 2019 Interim committee discussed a legislative audit regarding the repayment feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline. The committee passed motions to recommend that legislation be drafted to clarify the terms for repayment including state bond interest costs for the Lake Powell Pipeline, how repayment costs can be divided among and within repayment contracts, final repayment time frames for outstanding pipeline reimbursable costs, and whether multiple sources of funding for the Lake Powell Pipeline would be in the best interests of the state. Additionally, the committee would study the impact of Kane County’s decision to remove its support for the project.
- **Agricultural issues**
 - **Agricultural Nuisance Act Revisions:** continue to study issues addressed in 2020 S.B. 106, “Agricultural Amendments,” including the Agricultural Nuisance Act and applicability to local ordinances.
 - **Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Program:** follow up study on the medical cannabis and industrialized hemp programs in Utah.
- **Public land issues:** study recreational Opportunities/State Parks and Monuments, wildfire and care of public lands, and PILT payments and tax equivalency.
- **Satellite inland ports for rural areas:** study the potential use of satellite inland ports for rural products and economies.
- **Radon gas:** study the education of radon gas and the impacts of radon gas on the citizens of Utah. Are the state’s efforts enough?

Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Transient Room Tax (TRT):** study whether to amend TRT fund allocation requirements to divert TRT allocation or provide flexibility.
 - Consider suspending the allocation requirements, which would give counties more flexibility to spend money where needed.

- Consider changing the formula requirements, such as amending the percentages of money that are required to be spent on specific items and/or amending the specific items that are outlined in current code.
- **Shelter-in-place:**
 - Study whether to repeal or limit county and local health department powers to issue a shelter-in-place order. Alternatively, codify shelter-in-place order regulations for local opt-in—this could include guidance for law enforcement.
 - Modify city/county land use deadlines.
 - Modify city/town/county budget requirements.
 - Modify municipal annexation deadlines.
- **State employees:** study expanding teleworking capabilities and allowing for additional paid leave for state employees.
- Modify city/county council vacancy requirements in situation where a quorum cannot be convened.
 - Local budget issues, including disbursement of federal/state funding to political subdivisions.
- Delay payment of property taxes (more of a tax issue but has impact on local budgeting).
- Amend the Interlocal Cooperation Act to allow for regional emergency associations.
- Add services related to pandemic response/recovery to Special Service District and Local District allowable services.
- Suspend state agency fines.
- EMS services classified as an essential service.
- Fiscal impact of COVID-19 on local government.
- Reconsider increasing municipal reserve fund caps.
- Set property tax rate floor.
- Modify local government emergency powers and local health department powers.
- Modify local government quorum requirements.
- Increase local tax revenue flexibility.
- Increase local rainy day fund limits.
- Increase local budget flexibility.
- Extend all RDAs, CDAs, and CRAs for one year.
- Ease land use paperwork/processes.
- Compel COVID-19 testing when public safety personnel exposed.
- Allow borrowing for local government operations.
- Local government teleworking clarification: study whether there needs to be clarification in statute to authorize political subdivisions to conduct business virtually.

Non COVID Related

- Transition metro townships to cities.
- 2019 S.B. 34, “Affordable Housing Modifications” update.
- Multi-jurisdictional EMS services.
- Eminent domain.
- Municipal annexation/incorporation.
- Statutory definition of “urban development.”
- Interlocal agreements between community reinvestment agencies and taxing entities.

Public Utilities, Energy, Technology Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Support for maintaining strong infrastructure and virtual networks throughout the pandemic:**
 - Study ‘essential workers’ designation for public utilities employees and internet service providers (ISPs).
 - Study nexus with Utah’s Energy Emergency Plan and Energy Emergency Powers of the Governor Act, and other parts of the Emergency Management Act.
 - Receive a status update on sewer lines and septic systems impacts.
- **Utah’s energy industry and COVID-19:**
 - Follow up with investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, and cooperatives on status of waivers of customer service suspension and termination.
 - Follow-up on evaluating utilities’ load impacts due to forbearance, teleworking, and any considerations for future rate-making.
 - Receive status updates from stakeholders and regulators on impacts to demand, supply, and labor concerning weakening markets.
 - Discuss potential solutions, including reducing regulations on oil, gas, and mining, and analysis related to Utah’s Energy Emergency Plan and Energy Emergency Powers of the Governor Act.
- **Utah’s telecommunications industry and COVID-19:** receive a status update from ISPs that operate in Utah and Utah’s regulated public utilities telecommunications providers that have signed the Federal Communications Commission’s “Keep Americans Connected” pledge (waivers of customer service suspension and termination, etc.)
- **Public utilities consumers & COVID-19:** receive status update of Utah’s public utilities small commercial and residential consumers: low-income and vulnerable populations, consumer complaints, pandemic scams (<https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>), etc.
- **Data Privacy:** study and strengthen Utah’s current data privacy laws.

Non COVID Related

- **Earthquake preparation:** study best practices for earthquake preparation for Utah’s utilities and virtual network infrastructures.
- **A Performance Audit of the Utah Communications Authority and Statewide 911 Operations:**
 - For each recommendation to the Legislature, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee (Subcommittee) asks that the PUET Interim committee, in collaboration with other assigned committees, reach one of the following conclusions, or some combination of the three, by a motion and a vote:
 - Draft legislation for the next legislative general session, if applicable.
 - Conclude that the issues are significant but that more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus; or
 - Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issues further.
 - In addition, for other (non-legislative) recommendations, the Subcommittee asks that as part of your oversight role the interim committee determine whether appropriate action is being taken to address the audit findings.
 - The Subcommittee asks that the interim committee report back to the Subcommittee the conclusion(s) reached by the committee with a summary of the reasons for reaching this (these) conclusion(s).
- **2019 matrix consulting audit on SLC 911:** receive update on tangentially related item concerning 2019 SLC 911 audit findings.

- **Digital opportunity access amendments:** convene stakeholders to examine how to best break down barriers and disparities to comprehensive and robust access to the internet in order to mitigate issues that contribute to intergenerational poverty.
- **Status of public utilities' data sharing practices with their customers:** study including efforts toward digital integration of customers' utility data, engaging all electric and natural gas utility sectors in Utah (municipal utilities, cooperative utilities, and investor-owned utilities) and their differing classes of customers (residential, small commercial, industrial, and state government)
- **Stray current and voltage impacts to livestock review:** by November 2020 and in three-year intervals thereafter, the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee shall review industry standards and peer reviewed research regarding levels of stray current and voltage and impacts to livestock.
- **Limiting local control over imposing natural gas bans:** study Arizona legislation, signed into law February 21, 2020, that prohibits local governments from adopting measures that would ban natural gas hook-ups in new buildings.
- **Utah's energy portfolio policies:** study Utah's current energy portfolio policies for interlocal utilities (municipal utilities), electric cooperatives, and investor-owned utilities (large-scale electric utilities); potential to explore the range of energy portfolio policies, from those that target emissions-reduction to renewable portfolio standards.

Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee

COVID Related

- **Utah Retirement Systems (URS) funding updates**
 - Representatives from URS will provide updates on funding and contribution rate matters for its systems and plans. Funding and cost information may include:
 - The 2019 Utah Retirement Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report;
 - Preliminary contribution rates for fiscal year 2021–2022;
 - Funding status, investment performance, actuarial assumptions, and contribution rate processes; and
 - Information about other public pension systems generally.
- **Utah Education Network (UEN):** receive update from UEN on how the agency is coping with increased demands for network bandwidth.
- **Follow up on federal and state executive action pertaining to COVID-19 & retirement law**
 - URS and the Legislature/RIE Committee must work together this Interim and beyond to see what retirement challenges we will likely face and develop appropriate options to address them. Retirement issues have very long-term impacts and policy decisions need to be based on careful evaluation of potential options, sound financial and actuarial information and impacts, and careful analysis of many legal constraints and risks both at the state and federal levels. Representatives from URS will provide updates and information to the committee.
 - On March 30, 2020, Governor Gary R. Herbert issued Executive Order 2020-9 ordering, to a limited degree, the temporary suspension of specific provisions of the Utah Postretirement Reemployment Restrictions Act to provide state and local entities with the ability to meet staffing needs sufficient to address the impacts of COVID-19. The State Retirement Board approved Board Resolution #2020-02 on March 30, 2020, to provide the rules needed to administer the temporary reemployment during the governor's declared state of emergency. Representatives from URS can provide updates on these measures.

- **Current and projected impact of COVID-19 on state health insurance risk pool:** COVID-19 is a unique event for insurance purposes that PEHP is monitoring closely.
- **Utah Beef Council and COVID-19:** receive an update from the executive director on the entity's food chain supply, product capacity, and market.
- **Utah Dairy Commission and COVID-19:** receive an update from the executive director on the entity's food chain supply, product capacity, and market.
- **Utah State Fair Park Corporation:** receive an update from the executive director on the entity's current plans, finances, etc.

Non COVID Related

- **2020 HB 173, "Firefighter Retirement Amendments":**
 - Uncodified study consisting of the following:
 - During the 2020 Legislative interim, the Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee shall study:
 - modifications to the Firefighters' Retirement System and the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System.
 - whether existing members of the Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement Act and the New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act should be covered under the Firefighters' Retirement System and the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System if the members are employed as firefighter service employees who are:
 - (i) trained in firefighter techniques.
 - (ii) assigned to a position of a hazardous duty; and
 - (iii) employed by the state as a participating employer; and
 - other related issues.
 - The Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee may make recommendations for the 2021 Annual General Session based on the study described in Subsection (1).
- **2021 URS amendments bill:** annually, URS recommends changes in statute by addressing issues identified to make technical and administrative changes to keep the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act updated. This draft legislation will be proposed for potential recommendation for the 2021 General Session.
- **LAG Audit Report #2019-13, A Performance Audit of PEHP's Pharmacy Benefit Manager:**
 - For each recommendation to the Legislature, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee (Subcommittee) asks that the RIE Interim committee, in collaboration with the RIE Appropriations Subcommittee, reach one of the following conclusions, or some combination of the three, by a motion and a vote:
 - Draft legislation for the next legislative general session, if applicable.
 - Conclude that the issues are significant but that more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus; or
 - Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issues further.
 - In addition, for other (non-legislative) recommendations, the Subcommittee asks that as part of the interim committee's oversight role the committee determines whether appropriate action is being taken to address the audit findings.
 - The Subcommittee asks that the interim committee report back to the Legislative Audit Subcommittee the conclusion(s) reached by the committee with a summary of the reasons for reaching this (these) conclusion(s).

- **PEHP update on 2020 H.B. 272, “Pharmacy Benefit Amendments,” and other legislative changes:**
 - Issues from the Performance Audit of PEHP and our Pharmacy Benefit Manager were addressed in HB 272. Specifically, HB 272 gives PEHP, and other health plans, claims-level details on purchased drugs.
 - Two other 2020 General Session bills of potential interest to the committee:
 - S.C.R. 10 which made a number of significant changes to state employee benefits, including an incentive for opting out of coverage if other insurance is available
 - H.B. 207 which requires PEHP to make insulin generally available to Utahns at a post-rebate/wholesale price
- **Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority:** study of costs and benefits of transitioning the HVHRA from an independent entity to a private company versus remaining an independent entity (quasi-governmental).
- **Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement Systems:** study the costs of moving all Public Safety and Firefighter retirement systems participants under the Tier 1 System.
- **PEHP’s Migration to New Core IT System for July 2021:** PEHP is strengthening its operational integrity for years to come with adoption of new core IT system.
- Study the possible merger of the Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee, Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee, and Retirement and Independent Entities Standing Committees with other ongoing committees.

Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee

COVID Related

- Flexibility in local option tax expenditures.
- Flexibility in use of Capital Local Levy.
- Methods for taxing entities to extend personal property tax deadlines.
- Consider changes to corporate NOL (CARES Act federal changes).
- Proceeds from PPP loans be exempt from tax.
- Individual federal COVID tax credit be exempt from tax.
- Deep analysis of revenue in light of economic shutdown.
- **Purchasing bank loans to increase lending capacity:** allow the state treasurer to purchase Paycheck Protection Program loans from banks and credit unions who have maxed out lending capacity.
- **Set property tax rate floor:**
 - Add language in 59-2-1602 that the statutory established rate cannot be less than .000012 to ensure anticipated decline in property values will not destroy the levy that has been implemented.
 - Temporarily waive the 5-year reappraisal requirement.
- **Short term state borrowing/Tax Anticipation Notes:** update statutes that improve liquidity of state funds and prevent interruptions to authorized budgets by allowing short-term borrowing against anticipated forthcoming tax collections. Draft language available.

Non COVID Related

- Sales tax exemption overview, tax pyramiding, reporting requirements.
- Childcare tax credit.
- Rooftop solar panels impact on property tax valuation.
- Hotel and tourism tax and use.
- Review of local option taxes.

- How are revenues from county-imposed taxes distributed within county.
- Annual income tax credit review.
- Property tax levy to fund local Health Departments.
- Impact of federal tax reform on Utah residents.
- Income tax extension requirements.
- Prepayment for extension of time to file return.
- Authority to extend time for paying tax.
- Taxing consumption versus taxing productivity.

Transportation Interim Committee

COVID Related

- Other emerging issues related to COVID-19.
- Clarify process to change a driver license to a state ID card.
- Protect mass transit users.
- Suspend penalties for emission testing, registering cars and renewing driver licenses.

Non COVID Related

- 2020 H.B. 463, “Vehicle, Boat, and Trailer Registration Amendments.”
- 2020 H.B. 414, “Autonomous Vehicle Amendments,” for unaccompanied minors.
- **Front Runner upgrades:** study in conjunction with Utah Transit Authority comparing the total costs, and costs per commuter and comparative travel times over the long term of double tracking and electrifying the current system compared to those same costs for changing the train system out and replacing it with bus rapid transit running along the same line.
- **Vehicle and Driver License Registration:** Permit delays in vehicle registration and driver license registration, plus, in-person driver license renewal is required (for renewal and for federal travel compliance) and DMVs are not open or reachable. Discuss ways to expand services available online to replace in-person services. Should we act to change statute rather than cede issue to governor for executive order?
- Division of Aeronautics oversight and administration and agencies paying full cost of use of state planes.
- Review, use and future of state planes.
- Benefits of issuing a bond now with construction costs and low bond rates.
- Review of STIP and TIP and TTIF processes.
- Wasatch Front Regional Council/Mountainland Association of Governments role in long range planning, allocation and source of federal and other funds.
- Amount and use of recently imposed second, third and fourth quarters by UTA and other transit districts.
- Probable use of 5th quarter by transit districts, if imposed.
- Review of transportation commission programmed projects and through which years.
- Corridor preservation.
- Surplus property disposal.
- Study traffic congestion pricing.