

Study Items

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 Orders

- 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.
- Consider/modify local government emergency powers and local health department powers.

Fiscal Issues

- 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).
- Suspend state agency fines.
- Fiscal impact of COVID-19 on local government.
- Reconsider increasing municipal reserve fund caps.
- Set property tax rate floor.
- Increase local tax revenue flexibility.
- Increase local rainy-day fund limits.
- Increase local budget flexibility.
- Allow borrowing for local government operations.

Government Operations

- Modify city/county council vacancy requirements in situation where a quorum cannot be convened.
- Modify local government quorum requirements.
- 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.
- EMS services classified as an essential service.
- Extend all RDAs, CDAs, and CRAs for one year.
- Ease land use paperwork/processes.
- Compel COVID-19 testing when public safety personnel exposed.
- Study whether there needs to be clarification in statute to authorize political subdivisions to conduct business virtually.

- Study expanding teleworking capabilities and allowing for additional paid leave for state employees.

NON COVID Issues

- 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

Required Reports

1. [Quality Growth Commission \(Utah Code 11-38-202\)](#)
 - Give an annual report by November 30 of each year to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee (a verbal report vs a written report is not specified in code).
2. [Division of Emergency Management \(Utah Code 53-2a-104\)](#), H.B. 188 passed in the 2020 General Session and the reporting requirement is new.)
 - Give an annual report *in writing* no later than October 31. The report shall include:
 - Status summary of the number of alerting authorities in Utah;
 - Any changes in that number;
 - Administrative actions taken; and
 - Any other information considered necessary by the division.

Sunset Review

1. [Section 13-43-202, Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board](#) July 1, 2021 SECTION 63I-1-213