

INTERIM HIGHLIGHTS

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Business and Labor

September 15, 2020

Gig Economy Worker Classification

Discussed whether the appropriate status for a gig economy worker is to be classified as an employee or an independent contractor.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to address gig economy worker classification.

Physician Assistants

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants (UAPA) about including psychiatric physician assistants in the Utah Mental Health Practice Act and discussed potential qualifications.

Heard a [presentation](#) from the UAPA about issues facing physician assistants, such as the supervising physician model, direct billing, and issues related to the regulation of practice.

Reviewed survey feedback from physician assistants and discussed ways to modernize the physician assistants' scope of practice.

Received a [letter](#) from the Utah Psychological Association requesting that any expansion of the scope of practice in behavioral and mental health address the significant and extensive training necessary to provide crucial and quality professional services. Additional information was shared by the Utah Medical Association.

Action: Voted to transfer two open bill files to the committee and to use the committee bill files to modernize the scope of practice for physician assistants and to create qualifications for independent psychiatric physician assistants specializing in psychiatry.

Prescribed Medical Foods

Discussed establishing the authority of physicians to prescribe medical foods, requiring insurers to qualify medical food coverage for prescribed medical foods, and establishing pharmacists' authority to fill prescriptions for medical foods. Discussed the impact on insurers. Heard comments from:

- Upstream Consulting;
- Primus Pharmaceuticals;
- International Plant and Herbal Alliance;
- U.S. Pain Foundation; and
- Utah Health Insurance Association.

Security Camera Prohibitions in HOAs

Discussed a homeowner's association's restrictions on the use of security cameras and whether the state should prohibit homeowner associations from restricting the use of cameras.

Heard a [presentation](#) from Future Community Services, Inc. regarding security cameras in homeowner associations.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to require a homeowner association to allow the use of security cameras by its residents.

Uniform Building Code Commission

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to address the Uniform Building Code Commission report regarding the incorporation of the 2020 National Electric Code into the State Construction and Fire Codes Act.



Vehicle Noise Pollution

Discussed the problems and distractions created by modified vehicles' outputting of excessive noise pollution.

Discussed the challenges for law enforcement to safely enforce vehicle noise restrictions and ways to deter vehicle noise pollution.

Heard from Taylorsville City Council, Utah Association of Counties, Big Cottonwood Community Council, Utah Highway Patrol, and Salt Lake County Health Department.

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Patrick Grecu (Attorney) / Leila Reynolds (Administrative Assistant)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

September 15, 2020

Abusive Conduct Report

Received a statutorily required [report](#) from the Department of Human Resource Management related to abusive conduct complaints made by employees and the department's efforts to address and reduce workplace abusive conduct.

Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Program Audit Report

Received a [presentation](#) regarding the results of a recently completed third-party audit of the Economic Development Tax Increment Financing program, which is administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Sunset Review: Child Care Advisory Committee

Discussed the Child Care Advisory Committee, which advises the Department of Workforce Services' Office of Child Care in fulfilling its statutory duties. If the Legislature takes no action, then provisions related to the advisory committee will be repealed July 1, 2021.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the Child Care Advisory Committee.

Sunset Review: Hotel Mitigation Fund

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Development regarding the Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund, which was created by 2014 General Session H.B. 356, "[New Convention Facility Development Incentive Provisions](#)." If the Legislature takes no action, then provisions related to the creation of the Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund will be repealed July 1, 2021.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund to five years after initial occupancy in the convention hotel currently under construction in Salt Lake City.



Sunset Review: Rural Online Initiative

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah State University Extension regarding the Rural Online Initiative pilot program, which helps individuals living in rural areas access remote online work opportunities. If the Legislature takes no action, then provisions that create the Rural Online Initiative pilot program will be repealed July 1, 2021.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to remove any sunset date from the Rural Online Initiative.

Chairs: Rep. Mike Winder / Sen. Daniel McCay
Staff: Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Leila Reynolds (Administrative Assistant)

Education

September 16, 2020

Higher Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery - Managing School Outbreaks

Heard an update from [Utah Valley University](#) and [Southwest Technical College](#) on restarting on-campus instruction at institutions of higher education and how the institutions are managing COVID-19 outbreaks.

Local Education Agency Reporting Requirements

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the [audit report](#) #2019-14, "A Performance Audit of Public Education Reporting Requirements." The audit report reviews the reports required of local education agencies and makes recommendations to the State Board of Education.

Heard a [response](#) to the audit report from the State Board of Education.

Public Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery - Managing School Outbreaks

Heard an update on managing COVID-19 outbreaks in local education agencies and charter schools from:

- the [State Board of Education](#);
- the Utah Schools Superintendents Association and [Utah School Boards Association](#);
- the [Utah Association of Local Health Departments](#);
- the Alpine School District;
- the Utah County Health Department;
- the Weber School District;
- the Weber Morgan Health Department; and
- the Utah State Charter School Board.

The State Board of Education also spoke on [broadband Internet and device access in K-12 schools](#).

Chairs: Rep. V. Lowry Snow / Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Staff: Allyson R. Hicks (Policy Analyst) / Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Michael E. Curtis (Attorney) / Amy Shewan (Attorney) / Diana Rodriguez (Administrative Assistant)

Government Operations

September 15, 2020

Advice and Consent Process

Received an overview from a legislator regarding the changes to the process for governor appointments and Senate confirmations that were enacted by 2020 General Session S.B. 60, "[Advice and Consent Amendments](#)."

Boards and Commissions Report

Received a statutorily required [report](#) from the Governor's Office regarding boards and commissions that were created during the prior year.

Received an update from committee staff on progress towards implementing the changes from 2020 General Session H.B.10, "[Boards and Commissions Amendments](#)," 2020 General Session S.B.60, "[Advice and Consent Amendments](#)," and 2020 General Session S.B.146, "[Boards and Commissions Modifications](#)."

Contracts and Purchases During States of Emergency

Received a presentation from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the Division of Purchasing and General Services regarding the procurement process during states of emergency and purchases made during recent states of emergency.

Federal Legislation Related to COVID-19

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget regarding federal funding sources the state has received and utilized to help with the COVID-19 response.

Legislative Review of Boards and Commissions

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding the changes enacted by 2020 General Session H.B. 10, "[Boards and Commissions Amendments](#)."

Chairs: Rep. Marc K. Roberts / Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Staff: Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)



Health and Human Services

September 16, 2020

Sunset Review: Child Protection Unit Pilot Program

Conducted a sunset review of the [Child Protection Unit Pilot Program](#). The Division of Child and Family Services recommended that the division's sharing of case-specific information with multi-disciplinary team members under the program be continued but the remainder of the pilot program, including its appropriation, be allowed to lapse.

Action: Voted to recommend that the Child Protection Unit Pilot Program not be reauthorized, except for the provision authorizing the sharing of case-specific information with multi-disciplinary team members.

Sunset Review: Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program

Conducted a sunset review of the [Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program](#).

Received a presentation from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health on the program's accomplishments and lessons learned.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to remove the Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program from the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act and expand the program as appropriate.

Sunset Review: Utah Commission on Aging

Conducted a sunset review of the [Utah Commission on Aging](#). The committee decided to take no action at this time.

Telehealth: The Future

Received reports from the [Utah Education and Telehealth Network](#), the [Department of Health](#), [hospitals](#), [physicians](#), and an insurer on the use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations for legislative action to promote the expansion of appropriate telehealth use in the future.

Chairs: Rep. Brad M. Daw / Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Staff: Karin M. Rueff (Policy Analyst) / Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Daniel M. Cheung (Attorney) / Ericka A. Evans (Attorney) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)

Health Reform Task Force

August 27, 2020

Medicaid: Preferred Drug List

Discussed the Legislative Auditor General's [recommendation](#) that "the Department of Health research and provide a report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee and any other pertinent legislative committees regarding the potential savings, benefits, and costs from creating a statewide preferred drug list."

Received input regarding the Department of Health study from the Department of Health and [Medicaid accountable care organizations](#), which was the subject of 2020 Fifth Special Session S.B. 5001, "[Budget Balancing and Coronavirus Relief Appropriations Adjustments](#)."

Medical Respite Care: Children with Certain Medical Conditions

Considered whether to authorize construction of a medical respite care facility for children with chronic, serious, or terminal illnesses. Briefed by a program seeking to construct a respite care facility, the Department of Health, an association representing skilled nursing facilities, and a pediatrician. The department indicated that creating a new licensing category for the facility would be preferable to modifying the moratorium on nursing home construction.

Medical Respite Care: Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Considered a request to fund medical respite care services for individuals experiencing homelessness with Medicaid. Briefed by a [potential provider](#), the Department of Health, [Intermountain Healthcare](#), and [University of Utah Health](#).

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to authorize creation of a medical respite care pilot program funded by Medicaid for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Staff: Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Daniel M. Cheung (Attorney) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)

Judiciary

September 16, 2020

Paycheck Garnishments

Discussed issues related to paycheck garnishments and possible legislative solutions.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to address issues related to paycheck garnishments.

Review of Anti-SLAPP Law

Reviewed proposed [amendments](#) to current code and sample [legislation](#) from a professor at Santa Clara University and the Utah branch of Americans for Prosperity related to Anti-SLAPP laws and their possible application in Utah. Anti-slap laws are intended to prevent people from using courts, and potential threats of a lawsuit, to intimidate those who are exercising their First Amendment rights to freedom of speech on a matter of public concern.

School Children Access to Pornography

Received a presentation from the State Board of Education, the [Utah Empowered Families Coalition](#), and various educators and concerned citizens regarding the ability of school children to access digital dangers.

Discussed options for legislation or legal action.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to address school children's access to pornography in schools.



Social Media Censorship

Action: Voted to add social media censorship to the committee's interim study item list.

Withdrawing Guilty Pleas

Reviewed current [code](#) on guilty pleas and received presentations from the Utah Indigent Defense Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and a victim of abuse regarding the content of 2020 General Session S.B. 252, "[Plea Withdrawal Amendments](#)." Discussed options for improving this legislation for future sessions.

Chairs: Rep. Karianne Lisonbee / Sen. Todd Weiler
Staff: Kristina King (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Jacqueline Carlton (Attorney) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

September 15, 2020

Correctional Facility Placement

Received comments from the Department of Corrections about the methods used to determine the use and location of community correctional centers.

Action: Voted to recommend as a committee bill 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Community Correctional Center Amendments](#)," which addresses the use of community correctional centers.

Facial Recognition

Received comments from the Department of Public Safety on the use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement agencies.

Sex Offender Registry

Received a [presentation](#) from the Sentencing Commission about the possibility of applying a risk-based assessment to individuals on the sex offender registry.



State v. Bowden

Received comments from committee staff and the Utah Attorney General's Office concerning possible legislative action suggested by the Utah Court of Appeals. The Utah Court of Appeals pointed out that current language in the murder statute and the aggravated murder statute leads to different results for merging convictions. The Utah Court of Appeals questioned whether this was intended and suggested the Judiciary Interim Committee review the case. This issue was referred by the Judiciary Interim Committee to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee for further study.

Statutory Responses to Riots

Received comments from Weber County Sheriff's Office and committee staff about how Utah's riot response statutes compare to other states.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to make changes to Utah's riot response statutes.

Student Data Privacy

Received presentations from the [State Board of Education](#), the Department of Public Safety, and the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice about the need to collect student data to promote school safety while also preserving student privacy.

Chairs: Rep. Lee B. Perry / Sen. Keith Grover
Staff: John Feinauer (Policy Analyst) / Esther D. Chelsea-McCarthy (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Legislative Management

September 16, 2020

2020 Interim Schedule

Action: Approved the [revised interim schedule](#), moving October interim to the third week in the month.

Request from Transportation Interim Committee

Action: Approved the request from the Transportation Interim Committee for an all-day committee meeting at the Capitol on October 22 or 23, to replace the committee's regular half-day meeting on October 21.

LMC Policy on Overtime

Action: Approved the new Legislative Management Committee policy on overtime for legislative staff, and approved a one-time exception, for 2020 only, to the Legislative Management Committee policy on overtime to allow employees to carry 160, rather than 80, comp hours past the October 31 deadline.

Chairs: Sen. J. Stuart Adams / Rep. Brad R. Wilson
Staff: John Q. Cannon (Director) / John L. Fellows (General Counsel) / Newlyn Kiem (Executive Assistant) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Legislative Water Development Commission

September 15, 2020

Municipal Water Resources

Received a presentation by a legislator regarding proposed Constitutional Amendment D, which specifies the circumstances under which a municipality may commit water resources or supply water outside of its boundary.

Discussed 2019 General Session H.B. 31, "[Water Supply and Surplus Water Amendments](#)," which would take effect and become law if Constitutional Amendment D is approved by the voters. This bill addresses municipalities that provide water services to consumers outside of their jurisdiction.

Public Entity Water Users

Heard from a legislator regarding issues with the use and development of water by public entities.

School and Child Care Center Water Testing

Discussed 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[School and Child Care Center Water Testing](#)," which would address water testing requirements for schools and child care facilities.

State Engineer Electronic Communications

Discussed 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[State Engineer Electronic Communications](#)," which would permit the State Engineer to communicate electronically under specified circumstances.

Water Distribution Efficiency

Discussed 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Distribution Efficiency](#)," which would modify requirements for water conservation plans and address water distribution efficiency.

Water Pricing Structure

Discussed 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Pricing Structure](#)," which would address water pricing by retail water providers.

Chairs: Rep. Keven J. Stratton / Sen. David P. Hinkins
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Cherish Cosman (Administrative Assistant) / Lorna Wells (Committee Secretary)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

September 15, 2020

Agricultural Nuisance Act

Received a presentation from a legislator regarding agricultural operations and compliance with local ordinances.

***Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to address issues raised regarding the Agricultural Nuisance Act.*

Industrial Hemp Program

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Agriculture and Food regarding the industrial hemp and medical cannabis program. The committee requested that the department work with stakeholders on issues and provide the committee with any recommendations before the next committee meeting.

Sensitive Species List

Received a presentation from the Division of Wildlife Resources regarding the sensitive species list. The division described the current list, the process for amending the list, and the purposes for which the list is used to track sensitive species. The committee requested that the division work with the Wildlife Board and stakeholders regarding the use of the sensitive species list and provide the committee with any recommendations before the next interim meeting.

Wildfire Management

Received a [presentation](#) from the State Forester regarding wildfire management. Also discussed the shared stewardship partnership with the federal government as it relates to wildfire mitigation.

Chairs: Rep. Keven J. Stratton / Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Cherish Cosman (Administrative Assistant) / Lorna Wells (Committee Secretary)

Political Subdivisions

September 16, 2020

2019 S.B. 34, "Affordable Housing Modifications" Update

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding implementation of the requirements in 2019 General Session S.B. 34, "[Affordable Housing Modifications](#)."

Commission on Housing Affordability - Land Use Subcommittee Update

Discussed potential options for future land use regulatory reform that specifically addresses housing affordability issues.

County Classification Amendments

Discussed 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[County Classification Amendments](#)," which increases the population threshold for a first class county from 700,000 or more people to 1,000,000 or more people and a second class county from 125,000 or more people to 175,000 or more people.

***Action:** Approved as a committee bill 2021 General Session draft legislation, "County Classification Amendments."*

Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board Amendments

Discussed 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board Amendments](#)," which repeals the sunset date for the Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board.



Action: Approved as a committee bill 2021 General Session draft legislation, "Land Use and Eminent Domain Advisory Board Amendments."

Land Use Task Force Update

Discussed issues and study items the Land Use Task Force is studying and what issues may be presented during the 2021 General Session.

Chairs: Rep. Stephen G. Handy / Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Staff: Samantha D. Brucker (Policy Analyst) / Gus Harb (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

September 15, 2020

A Performance Audit of Utah Communications Authority and 911 Operations

Heard a review of a 2019 [audit report](#) from Legislative Auditor General staff, along with updates since the audit was first released. Due to the passage of 2020 General Session S.B. 130, "[911 Communications Amendments](#)," which addressed many of the audit's recommendations, the committee determined that no further action is needed at this time.

An In-depth Follow-up of 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing (OLAG) and Matrix Consulting Group's 2019 Performance Audit of SLC 911 (Salt Lake City)

The committee received a [presentation](#) of a 2020 [audit report](#) from Legislative Auditor General staff, along with updates since the audit was first released, and determined that no action is needed at this time.

Heard from a [public safety advocate](#) about a separate [audit report](#) commissioned by Salt Lake City in 2019 regarding the Salt Lake City 911 Center's public safety emergency and non-emergency dispatch services. The director of Salt Lake City 911 Center provided additional [information](#) and [comments](#) related to the audit report and the public safety advocate's testimony.

Stray Current and Voltage Impacts to Livestock Review and Intermountain Power Plant's Coal Usage

Heard from the Intermountain Power Agency (IPA) during its statutorily [required](#) review of industry standards and peer reviewed research regarding levels of stray current and voltage and the impacts on livestock.

Heard from the IPA about its usage of out-of-state coal.

Action: Voted to further study the IPA's out-of-state coal usage and explore whether potential legislation is needed for the 2021 General Session.

Telegovernment Study and Report

Received a [report](#) regarding the study required by 2020 General Session H.J.R. 14, "[Joint Resolution Regarding Study and Recommendations for Telegovernment](#)."

UAMPS and the Carbon Free Power Project

Heard an [update](#) from the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems on the status of the Carbon Free Power Project.

Chairs: Rep. Carl R. Albrecht / Sen. Ronald Winterton
Staff: Sarah J. Balland (Policy Analyst) / Rikka Strong (Attorney) / Cherish Cosman (Administrative Assistant) / Lorna Wells (Committee Secretary)

Retirement and Independent Entities

September 11, 2020

911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing

Received presentations from the [Office of the Legislative Auditor General](#) (LAG), the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (SLVECC), and the Department of Health on LAG report #2020-06, "An In-depth Follow-Up of 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing," and on SLVECC's and the Department of Health's plans for addressing that report's recommendations.



Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments

Received presentations from committee staff, PEHP, and a legislator on 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments](#)," which would extend the expanded infertility treatment coverage pilot program by five years and introduce a reporting requirement to evaluate the pilot program.

Action: Voted to approve as a committee bill 2021 General Session draft legislation, "Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments."

Utah Retirement Systems Amendments

Received presentations from committee staff and [Utah Retirement Systems](#) regarding 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Utah Retirement Systems Amendments](#)," which would address the *Waterfall v. Retirement Board* decision and makes technical and administrative changes to update the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act.

Action: Voted to approve as a committee bill 2021 General Session draft legislation, "Utah Retirement Systems Amendments."

Future of Committees on Retirement and Independent Entities

Received presentations from [committee staff](#), a legislator, and Utah Retirement Systems on the history of the committees that address retirement and independent entity issues and on options for reorganizing these committees.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to modify the legislative rules related to the committees on retirement and independent entities and to take other actions necessary to reorganize these committees.

Update: 2020 H.B. 173, "Firefighter Retirement Amendments"

Received presentations from the Division of Forestry, Fires, and State Lands and Utah Retirement Systems on efforts to evaluate whether to move existing wildlands firefighters from the public employee retirement systems to the firefighters' systems.

Chairs: Rep. Craig Hall / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Andy Yewdell (Policy Analyst) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Attorney) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Leila Reynolds (Administrative Assistant)

Revenue and Taxation

September 16, 2020

Corporate Tax Unadjusted Income Definition

Heard a presentation from the State Tax Commission regarding special deductions for dividends received for the purposes of Utah corporate unadjusted income. The tax commission requested that the Legislature provide clarity regarding which deductions should be included in Utah corporate unadjusted income following changes that were part of federal tax reform.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to address the definition of corporate tax unadjusted income.

Disclosure of Tax Delinquency

Heard a presentation from the State Tax Commission regarding policies that prohibit the tax commission from sharing tax delinquency information. The tax commission recommended that the Legislature pass legislation to allow the tax commission to share information related to taxpayer payment status with licensing agencies, such as the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, to be used in licensing decisions.

Property Tax Revisions

Considered 2021 General Session draft legislation, "[Property Tax Revisions](#)," regarding deadlines for appeals relating to part-year residential property and penalties for failure to file a signed statement of real and personal property assessable by an assessor.

Action: Approved as a committee bill, 2021 General Session draft legislation, "Property Tax Revisions."

Local Option Sales Taxes

Heard from representatives of the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties regarding local option sales taxes.

Rooftop Solar Panel Impact on Property Tax Valuation

Discussed rooftop solar systems and the [property tax treatment](#) of such systems for residential and commercial properties. Representatives from the rooftop solar industry provided information and answered committee questions.

Sales and Use Taxation of Fuels Used in Condominium and Short-term Home Rentals

Heard a presentation from the State Tax Commission regarding whether short-term home and condominium rentals should be subject to the full fuel sales tax rate for commercial use or the reduced fuel sales tax rate for residential use. The tax commission requested that the committee invite stakeholders to a future committee meeting to provide additional insight into the issue.

Sales Tax Exemptions

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff describing the history and current state of sales tax exemptions in the state.

Taxing Consumption vs. Taxing Productivity

Received presentations on the [economic](#), [budgetary](#), and [other impacts](#) of policies, such as sales taxes, that tax consumption and policies, such as income taxes, that tax productivity.

Chairs: Rep. Robert M. Spendlove / Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Ryan M. Hunter (Policy Analyst) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Attorney) / Christine R. Gilbert (Attorney) / Diana Rodriguez (Administrative Assistant)



Transportation

September 16, 2020

Road Funding Mechanisms

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Transportation on the status of the Road Usage Charge program as well as programs for managed lanes and express lanes and how they relate to congestion pricing.

Transit District Financing

Received presentations from the [Utah Transit Authority](#), the [Cache Valley Transit District](#), the [Mountainland Association of Governments](#), the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Utah Association of Counties, and the Utah League of Cities and Towns on what local option sales taxes have already been imposed, or are currently authorized to be imposed, to finance transit projects.

Transportation Planning and Funding

Received presentations from the [Wasatch Front Regional Council](#) on the role of regional entities in long range planning and funding and the [Mountainland Association of Governments](#) on corridor preservation.

Received a presentation from the [Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation](#) on the role of the commission and processes for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Transit Transportation Investment Fund.

Received a presentation from the [Utah Transit Authority](#) on project planning and the Transit Transportation Investment Fund and from the [Point of the Mountain State Land Authority](#) on plans for developing the Point of the Mountain and opportunities for public engagement.

Chairs: Rep. Kay J. Christofferson / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Andy Yewdell (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Attorney) / Patrick Grecu (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

