

# INTERIM HIGHLIGHTS

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## Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held September, 15, 2021, or as noted

### Business and Labor

#### Alcohol Beverage Purchasing

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Consumer Alcoholic Beverage Purchasing](#)," which creates the Division of Consumer Purchasing within the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, moves the wine subscription program under the division, and amends provisions regarding consumer purchasing.

**Action:** Voted to recommend draft legislation, "Consumer Alcoholic Beverage Purchasing," for the 2022 General Session.

#### Electronic Speech Amendments

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff about electronic free speech that included constitutional considerations for the First Amendment, Preemption, and Commerce Clause. Discussed Utah and other states' approaches.

Introduced 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Electronic Speech Amendments](#)," which would enact provisions related to the regulation of social media corporations.

#### Licensing Amendments

Introduced 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Licensing Amendments](#)," which would modify the process for review of occupational and professional licensing.

#### Regulations for Payroll Advance Companies

Introduced 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Earned Wage Access Services Amendments](#)," which would enact provisions related to earned wage access services, including provider registration, provider operational requirements, and provider reporting.

## Required Reports

Received the following required reports in accordance with statutory reporting requirements:

- [Annual Report of the Utah Motor Vehicle Franchise Advisory Board](#) (Department of Commerce);
- [2020 Community Enhancement Program Report](#) (Inland Port Authority);
- [Recommended Changes to Construction Codes under Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act](#) (Uniform Building Code Commission);
- [Worker Classification Coordinated Enforcement Council Report](#) (Labor Commission); and
- [Workers' Compensation Advisory Council Report Related to Hospital Costs and Workers' Compensation](#) (Labor Commission).

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to address the Uniform Building Code Commission's recommendations to amend the state construction code.

Chairs: Rep. Joel Ferry / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Amy L. West (Attorney) / Patrick Grecu (Attorney) / Lorna Wells (Committee Secretary)



## Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force

June 24, 2021

### Criminal Code Restructuring

Received a [presentation](#) from the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office about a proposal to restructure and recodify the Utah Criminal Code.

**Action:** Voted to open a task force bill file to begin the process of recodification.

Voted to allow the chairs to open task force bill files related to recodification of the Criminal Code as needed.

### Sexual Assault Trauma

Received a [presentation](#) from Boardman Training and Consulting on the use of Trauma-Informed Victim Interview protocols for adult victims of sexual assault by law enforcement.

Chairs: Rep. Paul Ray / Sen. Karen Mayne  
Staff: John Feinauer (Policy Analyst) / Esther D. Chelsea-McCarty (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Royce Gador (Administrative Assistant)

## Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission

June 30, 2021

### Commission Planning and Discussion

Discussed the purpose and goals of the commission, including the commission's duties as described in [statute](#).

Discussed the funds appropriated to the commission.

### Contract Discussion

Received a presentation about the internet safety program contract awarded to a vendor by the Office of the Attorney General. Committee staff and a representative for the vendor provided background and answered questions.

**Action:** Voted to adopt, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the vendor contract previously held by the Office of the Attorney General.

Voted to authorize the chairs to make decisions about the administration of the contract, including payment of invoices, with the expectation that the chairs will report back to the commission on those decisions.

Voted to:

- review the vendor's past performance under their contract with the Office of the Attorney General, including if the vendor met the milestones outlined in that contract and if those milestones are still relevant, and
- conduct a review at the end of 2021 of the vendor's performance under the contract with the commission.

Chairs: Rep. Jon Hawkins / Sen. Derrin R. Owens  
Staff: Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Daniel M. Cheung (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)



## **Economic Development and Workforce Services**

### **Alignment of Economic Development Efforts**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity on the activities of the Economic Opportunity Commission and its seven subcommittees.

***Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to address modifications to Utah's Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Program, and directed staff to work with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.*

*Voted to open a committee bill file to address housing affordability, and directed staff to work with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.*

### **Child Care Affordability and Access**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Child Care on programs the state has funded or is planning to fund with the federal COVID-19 relief funding.

Received a [presentation](#) from a legislator on stakeholder engagement and research that legislators and staff performed over the summer. The legislator also proposed possible legislative solutions for improving access to child care in Utah and discussed possible next steps.

### **Draft Legislation: "Employment Advisory Council Amendments"**

Received a summary from committee staff of 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Employment Advisory Council Amendments](#)," which would remove the sunset date for the Employment Advisory Council.

***Action:** Voted to favorably recommend "Employment Advisory Council Amendments" as a committee bill for the 2022 General Session, and assigned Representative Clare Collard as the sponsor.*

### **Draft Legislation: "State Small Business Credit Initiative Program Fund Amendments"**

Received a summary from committee staff of 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[State Small Business Credit Initiative Program Fund Amendments](#)," which would move the Small Business Credit Initiative Program Fund from the Department of Workforce Services to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

***Action:** Voted to favorably recommend "State Small Business Credit Initiative Program Fund Amendments" as a committee bill for the 2022 General Session, and assigned Representative Carol Spackman Moss as the sponsor.*

## **Point of the Mountain**

Received an [overview](#) of the Point of the Mountain Vision Framework from the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority.

**Chairs:** Rep. Stephen G. Handy / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
**Staff:** Karin M. Rueff (Policy Analyst) / Gus Harb (Attorney) / Lorna Wells (Committee Secretary)

## **Education**

### **A Performance Audit of the Utah State Board of Education's Internal Governance**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General about an [audit](#) of the State Board of Education's internal governance structure, and heard an agency response.

### **Mental Health Supports for Students and Staff**

Received presentations from the [State Board of Education](#) and [Murray City School District](#) on the impact of the pandemic on student and teacher mental health, as well as the status of the Grants for School-based Mental Health Supports program.

The committee also received an [update](#) from the Sevier School District, Central Utah Counseling Center, and the Central Utah Educational Services Partnership on the status of student mental and behavioral wellness.

### **Return to School Update**

Received presentations from the [Utah System of Higher Education](#) and the [State Board of Education](#) about how institutions of higher education and the public education system are addressing ongoing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic as students return to school for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Chairs:** Rep. V. Lowry Snow / Sen. John D. Johnson  
**Staff:** Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Amy Shewan (Attorney) / Michael E. Curtis (Attorney) / Royce Gador (Administrative Assistant)



## **Federalism Commission**

June 23, 2021

### **Federal Funds Discussion**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Finance on the federal receipts report.

Heard from a former United States Comptroller General and the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants about concerns over federal government spending.

### **Impact of the Biden Administration's 30x30 Executive Order on Utah**

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office about the impacts on Utah from Executive Order 14008, which is an initiative to conserve 30% of the United States' land and water by 2030.

### **National Monument Update**

Received a presentation from the Southern Utah Director for United States Representative Chris Stewart and the Southern Utah Director for United States Senator Mike Lee on updates about decisions from the federal government regarding national monument land.

### **Next Steps for PILT Valuation**

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office on how it is using the Federal Land Valuation Model from AEON in its analyses.

Heard from the Southern Utah Director for United States Representative Chris Stewart and the Southern Utah Director for United States Senator Mike Lee on how Payment in Lieu of Taxes affects southern Utah.

Chairs: Rep. Keven J. Stratton / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
Staff: Samantha D. Brucker (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

## **Government Operations**

### **Election Modifications**

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Election Modifications](#)," which would modify or repeal certain provisions relating to election administration to reflect current practice and make technical changes.

### **Election Revisions**

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Election Revisions](#)," which would:

- change the dates of a special election in an odd-numbered year to coincide with the dates of municipal elections;
- modify requirements relating to the publishing and posting of sample ballots;
- modify the crime of destroying election documents or supplies to include altering documents;
- provide for a voter's party affiliation to be changed to

unaffiliated if the voter is affiliated with a party that is no longer a registered political party; and

- modify the deadline for determining whether a municipality will conduct an election by ranked choice voting to coincide with the deadline for publishing a notice of election.

### **Executive Residence Commission Sunset Extension**

*Action: Approved as a committee bill 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Executive Residence Commission Sunset Extension](#)," which would extend the sunset date of the commission from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2027.*

### **Legislative Process Committee Sunset Extension**

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Legislative Process Committee Sunset Extension](#)," which would extend the sunset date of the committee from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2028.

### **Local Election Amendments**

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Local Election Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions relating to cancelling a local election or an uncontested race in a local election.

### **Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments**

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments](#)," which would:

- amend provisions relating to marking a ballot for instant runoff voting;
- give a participating municipality the option of selecting different methods of conducting an election by instant runoff voting; and
- describe the process of voting and of determining winners in an instant runoff election, depending on the voting method selected by a participating municipality.

### **Open and Public Meeting Act Modifications**

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Open and Public Meeting Act Modifications](#)," which would:

- require a public body to establish how a quorum is calculated for electronic meetings;
- prohibit a public body from permitting a member to vote or take other action by proxy during an electronic meeting; and
- require all non-unanimous votes during an electronic meeting to be taken by roll call.

*Action: Approved as a committee bill 2022 General Session draft legislation, "Open and Public Meeting Act Modifications."*



## Plain Language Ballots

Received a [presentation](#) from the Weber County Clerk/Auditor's Office regarding the readability and length of ballots.

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to address the readability and length of ballots.

## Voting History Amendments

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Voting History Amendments](#)," which would require an election officer to do the following, for each election:

- randomly assign an anonymous number to each voter whose voter registration record is classified as a private record;
- use the randomly assigned number to report the voting history of a voter described in the preceding paragraph in an anonymous manner; and
- classify the randomly-assigned number and the number's connection with an identifiable individual as a private record.

**Chairs:** Rep. A. Cory Maloy / Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
**Staff:** Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

## Health and Human Services

### Birth Certificates: Identification of Sex and Gender

[Reviewed](#) the Utah Supreme Court's 2021 [decision](#) regarding petitions to change one's sex designation on a birth certificate. The committee reviewed options for responding to the decision and discussed whether the committee was the most appropriate forum for the matter. Prior to the meeting, the committee received [written statements](#) from state agencies and organizations representing the interests of transgender individuals. The committee invited others to also submit comments.

The chairs [informed](#) the committee that they will open a bill file on the issue.

## COVID-19

Considered a [proposal](#) to prohibit government from requiring employers to ensure that their employees are vaccinated as a condition of licensure.

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Received recommendations for statewide behavioral health system improvements from the [Utah Behavioral Healthcare Committee](#) and the [Association of Utah Substance Abuse Professionals](#).

## Sunset Review: Required Agency Consultation for Awarding of Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams

Discussed the Department of Human Services' recommendation to allow [Utah Code Subsections 62A-15-116\(1\) and \(5\)](#) to sunset.

## Telehealth

Received a [report](#) from the Utah Insurance Department on health insurers' coverage of mental health services provided via telehealth, including payment to clinicians who provide those services.

## Value-Based Healthcare

Received a [report](#) from a member of the committee on how to promote value-based healthcare by reducing the use of low-value care, increasing the use of high-value-care, keeping people covered by health insurance, and increasing price transparency and competition.

**Chairs:** Rep. Merrill F. Nelson / Sen. Michael S. Kennedy  
**Staff:** Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Daniel M. Cheung (Attorney) / Ericka A. Evans (Attorney) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)

## Judiciary

### Expungement

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Salt Lake County Mayor's Office regarding petitions for expungement.

The committee [reviewed](#) 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Expungement Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions related to expungement.

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file on expungement.

## Sunset Review: Utah Council on Victims of Crime

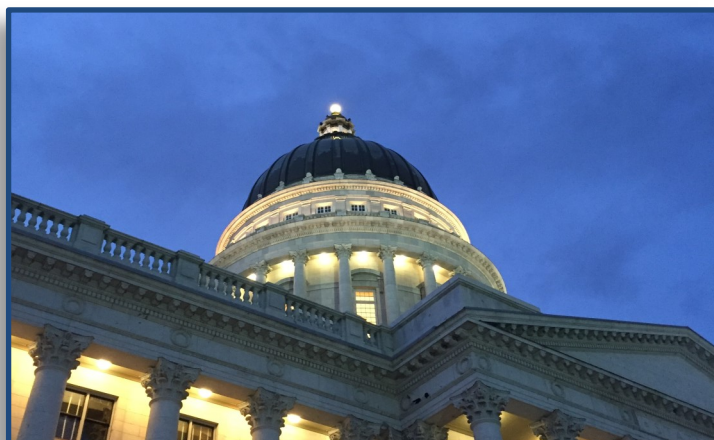
Heard testimony from the Utah Council on Victims of Crime regarding the work and achievements of the Council and discussed extending or eliminating the sunset date.

The committee decided to include the sunset extension or elimination in an existing committee bill file.

## Victims Services Division

Heard information regarding Utah's need to create a Victims Services Division, and discussed past and current legislation on this topic.

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





## Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

### **Bail Reform Working Group**

Received an update from the Bail Reform Working Group about efforts to achieve a consensus on bail and pre-trial release policy in the state.

### **Catalytic Converter Theft**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Attorney General's Office about the nature of the rise in catalytic converter theft.

Received a [presentation](#) from CJD & Associates about the history of scrap metal theft policy in the state.

Received a [presentation](#) from Chamber West on possible strategies for combating this type of theft going forward.

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to address catalytic converter theft.

### **Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Fraternal Order of Police updating the committee on survey data gathered to assess attitudes toward retirement plans among public safety employees.

**Action:** Voted to approve as a committee bill 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Public Safety Retirement Amendments](#)," which would modify requirements related to retirement from a public safety or firefighter retirement system.

### **Sunset Review: Emergency Management Administration Council**

Received comments from the Division of Emergency Management about the structure and purpose of the Emergency Management Administration Council, which provides advice and coordination for state and local government agencies on government emergency prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery actions and activities. If not renewed, the council will sunset on July 1, 2022.

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the Emergency Management Council.

### **Sunset Review: Search and Rescue Advisory Board**

Received comments from the Division of Emergency Management about the structure and purpose of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, which receives and reviews applications for search and rescue reimbursements, manages search and rescue statistical data, and disburses funds. If not renewed, the council will sunset on July 1, 2022.

**Action:** Voted to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the Search and Rescue Advisory Board.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox / Sen. Keith Grover  
Staff: John Feinauer (Policy Analyst) / Esther D. Chelsea-McCarty (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

## Legislative Management Committee

September 14, 2021

### **Utah National Guard Land Transactions**

Heard a presentation from the Utah National Guard about proposed land transactions involving State Armory Board land in [Logan](#), [Bluffdale](#), along the [Mountain View Corridor](#), and at [Camp Williams](#).

**Action:** Voted to recommend that the State Armory Board complete the land transactions as presented.

### **Authorized Legislative Meetings**

Considered an updated list of [boards and commissions](#) with legislators to determine those for which a legislator should be compensated for their participation.

**Action:** Voted to approve the proposed list of boards and commissions as authorized legislative meetings.

### LMC Overtime Policy

**Action:** Voted in favor of the Legislative Management Committee waiving, for 2021 only, the 80 hour forfeiture of compensatory time for professional legislative staff.

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

## Legislative Redistricting

September 14, 2021

### **Redistricting**

Held 8 of [19 scheduled meetings](#), receiving recommendations from county and municipal officials, as well as other citizens. Meetings have been held in [Grantsville](#), [Ogden](#), [Logan](#), [Orem](#), and [Rose Park](#), and have been scheduled for Cedar City, St. George, Richfield, Moab, Price, Vernal, Park City, and Clearfield. Multiple meetings have also been conducted at the State Capitol. Members of the public have been able to draw, submit, and present plans for Senate, House, State School Board, and Congressional district boundaries using the [committee's public drawing tool](#).

In addition to complete maps submitted to the committee, the committee has received numerous recommendations that various geographic areas not be divided among districts, including counties, school districts, and neighborhoods. The committee has also heard articulate arguments both for and against combining urban and rural areas into one or more congressional districts.

Chairs: Rep. Paul Ray / Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Staff: Joseph T. Wade (Policy Analyst) / Michael E. Curtis (Attorney) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Attorney) / Jerry D. Howe (Senior Strategic Initiatives Manager) / Naomi Garrow (Executive Assistant)



## Legislative Water Development Commission

September 14, 2021

### **Drought Conditions and Water Supply**

Received a [presentation](#) regarding the current water supply, projected water supply, the emergency declaration due to drought, and the activities of the Drought Response Committee.

### **Instream Water Flow**

Considered a [working draft](#) of possible legislation that would allow a person entitled to the use of water to file a change application for the water to be used for in-stream flow or public lands purposes.

### **Utah Water Issues**

Received a [presentation](#) from a legislator regarding the water needs of Southern Utah.

### **Water Rights Proofs on Small Amounts of Water**

*Action: Voted to approve as a commission bill, 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Rights Proofs on Small Amounts of Water](#)," which would address the requirements for a proof submitted to the state engineer regarding a small amount of water .*

Chairs: Rep. Joel Ferry / Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Michelle Clifford (Administrative Assistant)

## Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

### **Wildlife Code Review and Possible Recodification**

Discussed reviewing and possibly recodifying the wildlife code over a multi-year period.

*Action: Voted to support the use of staff time to address this issue after the 2022 General Session.*

### **Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining regarding recent innovations and accomplishments that improve the ability of the Division to supervise the extraction of natural resources.

### **Federal Executive Orders Regarding Climate Change**

Discussed a [summary](#) of federal executive order provisions known as 30 x 30 and watched a [video](#) regarding the costs of and the ability to produce renewable energy. Considered possible ways to maintain reliable energy production.

### **Sunset Review: State Grazing Advisory Board**

*Action: Voted to amend and approve as a committee bill 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Grazing Advisory Board Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset date for and rename the State Grazing Advisory Board.*

### **Water Supply and Drought Conditions**

Received a report from the Drought Response Committee regarding the current drought conditions in Utah and what options the state has to address future continued drought.

Chairs: Rep. Keven J. Stratton / Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Michelle Clifford (Administrative Assistant)



## **Political Subdivisions**

### **County Classifications and County Forms of Government**

Received a presentation from Utah County on population growth and implications for county government.

### **Housing Affordability**

Received presentations from the [Utah Housing Coalition](#) and [Horizon Development Enterprises](#) on housing affordability.

### **Local Government Use of COVID-related Relief Funds**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget on the status of federal funds for local government entities.

### **Powers of Community Reinvestment Agencies**

Received a presentation from committee staff on tax increment financing for community reinvestment agencies.

Received a [presentation](#) from Brigham City on reinvestment and redevelopment projects.

### **Voting Methodologies**

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on three alternate voting methodologies.

Received a presentation from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on statewide implications of adopting these methodologies.

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Michael K. McKell  
Staff: Sarah Flanigan (Policy Analyst) / Peter Asplund (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

## **Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology**

### **Blockchain Technology: Potential Government Applications and Regulations**

Received presentations from the [Division of Technology Services](#), Wyoming Division of Banking, and the [Colorado Governor's Office of Technology](#) on blockchain technology, its application to the financial industry, and other innovative use cases.

### **Division of Technology Services Presentation**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Technology Services on its annual report.

### **Ozone Levels in Utah**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Air Quality on ozone levels in Utah, sources of pollution, and a demonstration filed with the Environmental Protection Agency to seek a waiver from moving into a higher nonattainment status.

Chairs: Rep. Carl R. Albrecht / Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Staff: Samantha D. Brucker (Policy Analyst) / Rikka Strong (Attorney) / Michelle Clifford (Administrative Assistant)

## **Retirement and Independent Entities**

September 14, 2021

### **Federal Relief Funds**

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah Retirement Systems (URS) on allowed uses for federal relief funds.

### **Impact of Changing Life Expectancies**

Received a [presentation](#) from URS on data sources for life expectancy tables and how changes affect the state's retirement systems.

### **Independent Entity Review: Utah Dairy Commission**

Received a presentation from Dairy West on the role of the Utah Dairy Commission and its status as an independent entity.

### **Overview of the Utah Retirement System**

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on key indicators for the retirement system and prior legislative actions.

### **Postretirement Reemployment**

Received a presentation on 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Postretirement Reemployment Amendments](#)," which would modify the postretirement reemployment restrictions for a retiree who was a public safety service employee or a teacher.

### **Report on URS Funded Status**

Received a [presentation](#) from URS on funding and contribution rates.

### **State Pick Up of Public Safety and Firefighter Employee Retirement Contributions**

Discussed draft legislation that would increase the employer pick up of certain employee contributions required for state employees who are eligible for and participate as members in the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System.

**Action:** Voted to approve as a committee bill 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Concurrent Resolution Authorizing State Pick-up of Public Safety and Firefighter Employee Retirement Contributions](#)."

### **Sunset Review: Provision Relating to the Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Communications Authority on [Subsection 63J-1-602.1\(61\)](#) which is scheduled for repeal on July 1, 2022.

Chairs: Rep. Walt Brooks / Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Staff: Sarah Flanigan (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Andrea Valentini (Attorney) / Michelle Clifford (Administrative Assistant)



## Revenue and Taxation

### Income Tax Credits Review

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on [income tax credits](#) that the committee is required to review during the 2021 interim.

### Mobile Workforce Issues

Heard from the State Tax Commission about the challenges related to sourcing income tax obligations created by an increasingly mobile workforce.

**Action:** *Voted to open a committee bill file to address income tax issues related to remote work.*

### Property Tax Relief

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the tax relief provision known as "circuit breaker."

Discussed 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Property Tax Deferral Amendments](#)," which would modify property tax deferral provisions.

Heard comments about the draft legislation from the Utah Association of Counties.

### Sunset Review: State Transient Room Tax Act

Received an [introduction](#) from committee staff to the State Transient Room Tax Act, which imposes a 0.32% tax on certain tourist accommodations. The Act will be repealed January 1, 2023, if the Legislature takes no action.

Received presentations from [Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity](#) and the [State Board of Education](#) about the following programs, which receive funding from the State Transient Room Tax:

- Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program;
- Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant Program; and
- Hospitality and Tourism Management Career and Technical Education Pilot Program.

Heard comments from the Office of Tourism and Film and the Utah Tourism Industry Association.

**Chairs:** Rep. Robert M. Spendlove / Sen. Daniel McCay  
**Staff:** Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Attorney) / Christine R. Gilbert (Attorney) / Royce Gador (Administrative Assistant)

## Senate Judicial Confirmation

June 28, 2021

### Confirmation of Jeffry Ross

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Jeffry Ross as a judge in the Eighth District Juvenile Court.

The Senate met in Extraordinary Session on June 30, 2021, and confirmed the appointment of Jeffry Ross.

### Confirmation of Amy Oliver

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Amy Oliver as a judge in the Third District Court.

The Senate met in Extraordinary Session on June 30, 2021, and confirmed the appointment of Amy Oliver.

August 12, 2021

### Confirmation of Ryan Tenney

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Ryan Tenney as a judge in the Utah Court of Appeals.

The Senate met in Extraordinary Session on August 18, 2021, and confirmed the appointment of Ryan Tenney.

### Confirmation of Sean Petersen

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Sean Petersen as a judge in the Fourth District Court.

The Senate met in Extraordinary Session on August 18, 2021, and confirmed the appointment of Sean Petersen.

September 13, 2021

### Confirmation of Craig Hall

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Craig Hall as a judge in the Second District Court.

The Senate met in Extraordinary Session on September 15, 2021, and confirmed the appointment of Craig Hall.

**Chairs:** Sen. Todd Weiler  
**Staff:** Jerry D. Howe (Strategic Initiatives Manager) / Eric Weeks (Deputy General Counsel) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)



## Transportation

### Airport Owner Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Salt Lake City Department of Airports on the master plan and capital improvement program for the South Valley Regional and Tooele Valley airports.

### Evaluating Transportation Spending

Received a [presentation](#) from High Street Consulting Group evaluating the direct cost, cost effectiveness, and sources of funding for road and transit.

Heard commentary from the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Mountainland Association of Governments on strategies to grow transit ridership.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation regarding cost efficiency in transportation spending and transportation mode decision-making.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Transit Authority evaluating transportation spending and strategies for increasing cost-efficiency.

### Lane Filtering

Discussed the public purpose and interest of Utah Code Subsections [41-6a-102\(30\)](#), [41-6a-704\(5\)](#), and [41-6a-710\(1\)\(c\)](#) regarding lane filtering, which is the act of a motorcycle overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel and in the same lane.

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and received a presentation from a legislator on draft legislation, which would extend the lane filtering program until July 1, 2027.

Heard commentary from the Utah Highway Patrol on the draft legislation.

**Action:** Voted to adopt as a committee bill and favorably recommended 2022 General Session draft legislation, "[Lane Filtering Amendments](#)."

### State Airplane Fleet and Operations

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah Department of Transportation on the state's airplane fleet and plans for future operations. Discussed plans to sell the old fleet, purchase a new eight-passenger plane, and adopt a destination-based user fee method.

### Sunset Review: Transportation Advisory Committee

Discussed the public purpose and interest of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), created to review proposed transportation and public transit projects and rank projects for allocation of certain funds.

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and heard commentary from Salt Lake County Regional Planning and Transportation in support of the planned sunset for the TAC on July 1, 2022.

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

## Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

June 22, 2021

### 2021 Interim Study Items

Reviewed [proposed interim study items](#) for 2021 as recommended by commission members.

### Governor's Challenge Update

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health regarding the governor's challenge to reduce suicide among service members, veterans, and their family members in Utah.

### Veterans and Military Affairs-Related Legislation

Received a presentation from committee staff regarding legislation that passed during the 2021 General Session related to veterans and military affairs.

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