

HB 244 UTAH VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION

Bill Sponsor: Representative Ken Ivory

Utah Crime Victim Commission

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The Commission provides a venue to have relevant state agencies, local government, and non-profit service providers coordinate resources, responsibilities, and efforts to establish partnerships. These partnerships would facilitate seamless, statewide, comprehensive services to crime victims and their families.

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The Commission assures the consideration and inclusion of the rights and needs of crime victims within the criminal justice policy making systems and processes.

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The Commission enhances and strengthens existing resources and expertise and does not create a new, large and expensive siloed agency. It provides a conduit for existing agencies to improve victim services in Utah.

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The Commission provides the conduit through which the state becomes not just a partner, but a leader, in assuring that when a crime occurs in Utah, meaningful and accessible services are readily available to victims without regard to the location of the crime or where the victim lives.

Proposed Subcommittees

- Subcommittee focused on Domestic Violence
- Subcommittee focused on Rape and Sexual Assault
- Subcommittee focused on Child Abuse
- Subcommittee focused on Multicultural Communities with distinct victimization issues
- Any other subcommittee as needed to assist the commission in accomplishing the duties of the commission

Commission Members

- Executive Director of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)
- Director of the Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UOVC)
- Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Director of the Division of Multicultural Affairs
- Executive Director of the Sexual Violence Coalition
- Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Coalition
- Executive Director of the Tribal Coalition
- Director of the Children Justice Centers (CJC) Programs
- Chair of the CJC Standing Committee
- The Attorney General
- The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety
- Prosecuting Attorney Representative
- Law Enforcement Representative
- Criminal Justice Victim Advocate Representative
- Victim of a Crime
- Representative from the House of Representatives
- Senator from the Senate

Fiscal Note	FY24	Purpose
One-time	\$500,000	Third Party Consultant
Ongoing	\$550,000	Staff Support

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UTAH
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
COALITION

UCASA

Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault



Utah Department of
Health & Human
Services



UTAH CRIME VICTIMS
LEGAL CLINIC



Utah Division of
Multicultural Affairs



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- Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
 - Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Utah Office for Victims of Crime
 - Crime Victim Reparation and Assistance Board
- Utah Council on Victims of Crime
- Utah Department of Health & Human Services
- Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic
- Utah Children's Justice Center Program
- Utah Office of the Attorney General
- Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs
- Utah Department of Public Safety
- Restoring Ancestral Winds, Tribal Coalition
- Utah Domestic Violence Coalition
- Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault

