



# Interim Highlights

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As of August 9, 2023**

## Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held August 9, 2023, or as noted

### Business and Labor

#### **Charitable Solicitations Act**

Received a presentation from the Division of Consumer Protection about its review of the Charitable Solicitations Act, which registers charities and professional fundraisers soliciting donations in Utah.

***Action:** Opened a committee bill file to incorporate the division's recommendations to increase its tools to address fraudulent charitable solicitations and improve the state's charitable registration.*

#### **Insurance Coverage for Ambulance Supplies and Medications**

Received statements from stakeholders concerning an insurance provider's modifications to cover the cost of supplies, medications, and administering medications used during a ground ambulance response. Discussed capping the cost of supplies and medications, combined billing methods, and whether an insurance provider should be required to provide benefits for ground ambulance supplies and medications to customers.

#### **Mental and Behavioral Health Occupations**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Professional Licensure Review summarizing its study of the state's mental and behavioral health licensed occupations.

Received the following recommendations from the Office of Professional License Review:

- Reduce entry barriers and continuing education burdens by targeting requirements more closely to safety;

- Attract and retain qualified talent in the behavioral health workforce by providing new paths to licensure;
- Prevent consumer harm from unprofessional, unlawful, and unsafe conduct by licensed mental and behavioral health professionals by implementing more proactive monitoring strategies;
- Improve consistency and consumer focus by harmonizing regulation across occupations; and
- Close gaps in care by creating new ways to enter and advance in Utah's behavioral health workforce.

**Action:** *Opened a committee bill file to address behavioral health access and educational and career misalignment by implementing the Office of Professional License Review's mental and behavioral health licensing recommendations.*

### Physician Assistants

Discussed a committee bill file opened by the committee chairs to incorporate pending recommendations from the American Academy of Physician Assistants to change the Utah Physician Act.

### Residence Lien Recover Fund

Received a presentation from committee staff and the Utah Foundation regarding the Residence Lien Recovery Fund.

Heard options from the Utah Foundation to address lack of funding issues, which included:

- Eliminating or restricting the availability of certificates of compliance to preserve lien rights;
- Reinstating the fund as it stood in 2018;
- Funding the fund with contractor licensing fee assessments;
- Implementing a similar lien recovery fund but funding it with low building permit fees; or
- Implementing bonding requirements for residential construction.

**Chairs:** Rep. A. Cory Maloy / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
**Staff:** Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Rohnin Randles (Policy Analyst) / Amy Shewan (Attorney) / Austin Weenig (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

## Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force

August 10, 2023

### Cohabitant Abuse and Propelling a Bodily Substance or Material

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff on how a violation of Utah Code Section [76-5-102.9](#), propelling a bodily substance or material, does not currently constitute an act of domestic violence under the Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act. Discussed whether or not propelling a bodily substance or material should be included.

## Criminal Code Recodification

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff on the recodification of Title 76, Chapter 8, Parts 4-14. Discussed proposed clarifications to the following Parts:

- [Part 4, Offenses Against Public Property;](#)
- [Part 5, Falsification in Official Matters;](#)
- [Part 6, Abuse of Process;](#)
- [Part 7, Colleges and Universities;](#)
- [Part 11, Taxation;](#)
- [Part 12, Public Assistance Fraud;](#)
- [Part 13, Unemployment Insurance Fraud;](#) and
- [Part 14, Disruption of School Activities.](#)

## Interference with Public Servant

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff comparing the components and penalties for:

- Utah Code Section [76-8-301](#), Interference with public servant;
- Utah Code Section [76-5-304](#), Unlawful detention and unlawful detention of a minor; and
- Utah Code Section [76-5-301](#), Kidnapping.

**Action:** *Recommended that the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee add a clarifying reference to Section 76-5-304, Unlawful detention and unlawful detention of a minor, to Subsection 76-8-301(1)(c), Interference with public servant, into committee bill, "Criminal Code Amendments."*

## Sabotage

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff about the legislative history of the Sabotage Prevention Act.

**Action:** *Recommended to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee that a repeal of the Sabotage Prevention Act be addressed in committee bill, "Criminal Code Amendments."*

**Chairs:** Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn / Sen. Todd D. Weiler  
**Staff:** John Feinauer (Managing Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

## Economic Development and Workforce Services

### Homeless Services

Received a [presentation](#) from the State Homeless Coordinator, the Salt Lake County Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives, and First Step House on the state of homelessness in Utah and services provided by the state government, county government, and non-profit organizations.

Received a [presentation](#) from the city of St. George and Switchpoint Community Resource Center on the state of homelessness and homeless services in St. George, Utah.

### Statewide Economic Development Strategy Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity on the [Statewide Economic Development Strategy Report](#), which highlights the programs, strategies, and impacts of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

### Sunset Review: State Rehabilitation Advisory Council

*Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[State Rehabilitation Advisory Council Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset date for the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council by 10 years.*

### Sunset Review: Women in the Economy Subcommittee

*Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Women in the Economy Subcommittee Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset date for the Women in the Economy Subcommittee by 5 years.*

Chairs: Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
Staff: Sivan Nizan (Policy Analyst) / Anikka Hoidal (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

## Education

### Draft Legislation: Safe School Route Evaluations

Reviewed 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Safe School Route Evaluations](#)," which would amend the requirements for local school boards' traffic safety committees and child access routing plans.

### Public Education: School Security Task Force Update

Received an [update](#) on the ongoing work of the School Security Task Force, which was created by 2023 General Session H.B. 61, "[School Safety Requirements](#)," to address safety and security in Utah's public schools.

### Public Education: Student Achievement and Learning

Received presentations from the [State Board of Education](#), Ogden School District, and Weber School District about issues related to [school attendance](#) and discipline. Discussed how those issues impact student achievement and learning.

### Sunset Review: Charter School Revolving Account Advisory Committee

Received a [presentation](#) from the State Board of Education and the State Charter School Board recommending that the Charter School Revolving Account be allowed to sunset on July 1, 2024.

## Sunset Reviews: SafeUT and School Safety Commission

Heard a [presentation](#) on the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2025. The commission was created in Utah Code Section [53B-17-1203](#) and is tasked with coordinating statewide efforts related to the SafeUT Crisis Line.

*Action: Opened a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the SafeUT and School Safety Commission for five years.*

Chairs: Rep. Candice B. Pierucci / Sen. John D. Johnson  
Staff: Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Robert Wood (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Attorney) / Jeff Van Hulten (Attorney) / Mike Curtis (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

## Ethnic Studies Commission

August 10, 2023

### Center for Economic Opportunity and Belonging

Received a [presentation](#) from the Center for Economic Opportunity and Belonging on its efforts to bridge opportunity gaps and increase belonging among Utahns of diverse ethnicities.

### Peoples of Utah Revisited Project

Received a [presentation](#) on the Peoples of Utah Revisited project from the Division of State History.

### Perspectives of Pacific Islanders

Received a [presentation](#) on the historical contributions and current challenges faced by Pacific Islander communities from the National Association of Multicultural Education.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox / Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore  
Staff: Robert Wood (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Attorney) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

## Federalism Commission

August 7, 2023

### Administrative Cap and Trade, Conservation Leasing, and Ozone Transport Rule Update

Received presentations from:

- a legislator regarding efforts by the federal government to administratively create cap and trade programs;
- the Office of the Attorney General regarding efforts to challenge the actions by the federal government to deny the state's State Implementation Plan and implement a federal plan that requires Utah to implement strict and costly carbon reduction efforts; and
- the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office regarding efforts by the federal government to create conservation leases that would violate existing federal law regarding multiple and sustained yield as the direction for how public lands should be managed.

## Article V Issues

Received a presentation from two legislators regarding a simulated convention of the states and a possible mandamus action for declaratory relief and the lack of action by the federal government to call a convention of the states.

## Coordination with Other Interim Committees

Heard from commission staff on statutory requirements that the commission report to interim committees regarding its efforts to study federal actions.

**Chairs:** Rep. Keven J. Stratton / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
**Staff:** Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Jacqueline Carlton (Attorney) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

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## Government Operations

### Draft Legislation: Joint Tenancy Presumption Amendments

Discussed 2024 General Session, "[Joint Tenancy Presumption Amendments](#)," which would provide that an ownership interest in real estate granted to two persons in their own right is presumed to be a joint tenancy with rights of survivorship unless otherwise declared in the grant.

### Draft Legislation: Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act Amendments

*Action:* Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act Amendments](#)," which would amend the optional forms regarding a transfer on death deed under the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act.

### Municipal and District Elections

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on the administration of municipal and district elections.

### Performance Audit of the Collection, Protection, and Use of Personal Information by State Agencies

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the July 2023 [audit](#) of the collection, protection, and use of personal information by state agencies.

### Statewide Initiatives and Referenda

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on the initiative and referendum process for statewide elections.

## Sunset Review: Provisions Related to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Conducted a sunset review of:

- Utah Code Subsections [53G-4-608\(2\)\(b\) and \(4\)\(b\)](#), which require a school district to provide a copy of a seismic evaluation to the commission;
- Utah Code Title 63C, Chapter 6, [Utah Seismic Safety Commission](#); and
- Utah Code Subsection [63J-1-602.2\(25\)](#), which lists the nonlapsing appropriations for the commission.

*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to extend the sunset date of the provisions related to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission.

## Sunset Review: Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

Received a presentation on the purpose and impact of the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission.

*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the commission.

**Chairs:** Rep. Calvin R. Musselman / Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
**Staff:** Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Michael Cipriano (Attorney) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

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## Health and Human Services

### Mental and Behavioral Health Licenses Review

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Professional Licensure Review regarding preliminary results of their review of mental and behavioral health professionals.

*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to consider the recommendations from the Office of Professional Licensure Review related to behavioral health professions, excluding the recommendation to expand prescribing abilities of psychologists.

### Promoting Effectiveness and Efficiency in Health and Human Services

Received comments from the Department of Health and Human Services on its capacity for self-assessment, correction, and improvement.

### Reproductive Health Access

Received a [presentation](#) about the disparities within certain patient populations, geographic regions, cost savings data, and financial barriers related to reproductive health care in Utah.



## Utah Behavioral Health Assessment and Master Plan

Received a [presentation](#) from members of a collaborative project examining Utah's behavioral health system on a recently released draft [Utah Behavioral Health Assessment & Master Plan](#) report.

*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to address the concerns and recommendations illustrated in the Utah Behavioral Health Assessment & Master Plan and to consider structural improvements that can be made to Utah's behavioral health system.

**Chairs:** Rep. Ken Ivory / Sen. Michael S. Kennedy  
**Staff:** Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Gregory N. Gunn (Attorney) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

## Judiciary

### Draft Legislation: Sexual Offenses

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Sexual Offenses Amendments](#)," which would address the call for legislative action in State v. Mitchell, 2023 UT App 42, 529 P.3d 1044, to clarify the child-rape statute.

### Implementation of 2023 General Session H.B. 461, "Airport Firearm Possession Amendments"

Discussed and heard comments from an airport official and law enforcement on issues related to the implementation of 2023 General Session H.B. 461, "[Airport Firearm Possession Amendments](#)," which decriminalizes possession of a dangerous weapon at an airport with criminal negligence.



*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to move law enforcement authority over the Salt Lake City International Airport from the Salt Lake City Police Department to the Utah Highway Patrol within the Department of Public Safety.

## Justice Court Reform Task Force Update

Received a [presentation](#) on the background and ongoing efforts of the Justice Court Reform Task Force, which the Legislature created in 2023 to explore and recommend reforms to Utah's justice court system.

*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to address potential recommendations by the task force related to the justice court system.

## Mental Health and Criminal Justice Working Group Update

Received a [presentation](#) regarding ongoing discussions by the mental health and criminal justice working group, which the Judiciary Interim Committee authorized to study competency to stand trial, civil commitment, and ways to improve the delivery of mental health services.

## Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Received a [presentation](#) regarding a proposal to make void and unenforceable any clauses in employee contracts that prohibit the disclosure of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace.

*Action:* Opened a committee bill file to address nondisclosure agreements that pertain to sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace.

## The State of Homelessness in Utah

Received a [presentation](#) on the state of homelessness in Utah, including how the issue of homelessness intersects with the criminal justice system.

**Chairs:** Rep. Jon Hawkins / Sen. Todd D. Weiler  
**Staff:** Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Eric N. Weeks (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Jacqueline Carlton (Attorney) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

## Justice Court Reform Task Force

July 19, 2023

### Overview of Justice Court Reform

Received an [overview](#) from task force staff on the creation, purpose, duties, and processes of the Justice Court Reform Task Force.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah State Courts on a proposed phased approach to implementing justice court reforms.

**Chairs:** Rep. Nelson T. Abbott / Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore  
**Staff:** Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Jacqueline Carlton (Attorney) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

## Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

### **Criminal and Juvenile Justice Database**

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the legislative history and statutory requirements for the criminal and juvenile justice database.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice on the development of the database and the compliance of entities required to submit data to the database.

### **Implementation of 2023 General Session H.B. 461 "Airport Firearm Possession Amendments"**

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on 2023 General Session H.B. 461, "[Airport Firearm Possession Amendments](#)." Heard from the Salt Lake City Airport, Salt Lake City Police Department, Salt Lake County District Attorney, and Salt Lake Police Association on the implementation of H.B. 461 at the Salt Lake City Airport.

### **Long-term Planning for Criminal Justice Infrastructure**

Received a [presentation](#) on population growth projections from committee staff.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Public Safety on trends for peace officer training and the need for additional highway patrol officers.

### **Public Safety Workforce: Mental Health Services for First Responders**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Public Safety on the implementation of 2023 General Session H.B. 23, "[Forensic Mental Health Amendments](#)," and 2022 General Session H.B. 59, "[Rape Crisis Center Amendments](#)."

Heard updates from the Salt Lake City Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police on recent changes to mental health services for Salt Lake City police officers.

**Chairs:** Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox / Sen. Keith Grover  
**Staff:** John Feinauer (Managing Policy Analyst) / Sarah Flanigan (Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)



## Legislative Management

August 8, 2023

### **Risk Management Settlement**

Heard a request from the Division of Risk Management for approval by the Legislative Management Committee to settle a claim involving the Davis School District.

**Action:** Recommended that the Division of Risk Management execute the [financial settlement agreement](#).

**Chairs:** President J. Stuart Adams / Speaker Brad R. Wilson  
**Staff:** John Q. Cannon (Director) / Victoria Ashby (General Counsel) / Amy Hawkes (Office Manager)

## Legislative Water Development Commission

August 7, 2023

### **Federal Salinity Legislation**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources regarding the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program and proposals to address existing challenges with funding.

### **Prioritization Processes**

Received presentations from the [Utah Department of Transportation](#), the Division of Water Resources, and the Department of Environmental Quality regarding existing prioritization processes for the allocation of funds.

### **Update on Bills from the 2023 General Session**

Received presentations regarding the implementation of multiple water-related bills from the [Division of Water Resources](#), the [Division of Water Rights](#), the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, the Great Salt Lake Commissioner, and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

### **Water Rights Application Advertising**

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Rights regarding potential changes to improve the efficiency of water rights application advertising and significant policy considerations.

**Action:** Opened a committee bill file to address water right application advertising improvements.

**Chairs:** Rep. Casey Snider / Sen. David P. Hinkins  
**Staff:** Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

## Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group

August 7, 2023

### **Industrial Hemp Program**

Received an [overview](#) of the industrial hemp and cannabinoid programs and considered how the programs interact with the medical cannabis program.

### **Medical Cannabis Pharmacy License Cap**

Considered whether changes should be made to the state's policy on capping the number of medical cannabis pharmacy licenses.

## Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board

Heard from representatives of the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board about its current activities and future plans.

**Chairs:** Rep. Walt Brooks / Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
**Staff:** Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

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## Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

### Agritourism Barriers

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Agriculture and Food on the benefits of agritourism and needs of agritourism operators, such as risks and liability, permitting and zoning, and local regulations.

### Cannabinoid Products

Received a [presentation](#) the Department of Agriculture and Food on current issues with cannabinoid product registration in the state and funding needs.

***Action:** Opened a committee bill file to improve Utah's industrial hemp program and ensure that Utah's regulatory structure for the industrial hemp structure promotes public safety.*

### Egg Sale Restrictions

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Agriculture and Food on the transition to cage-free eggs and challenges faced by producers, including additional costs, retailer commitments, and production standards.

***Action:** Opened a committee bill file to address issues caused by the transition to cage-free eggs.*

### State Park Fees

Heard from the Division of State Parks regarding differential fees for residents and nonresidents in state parks and recent pricing analyses.

### Summit County Water Projects

Received a [presentation](#) and [handout](#) from Summit County representatives and partners regarding the Weber Watershed Coalition and Resilience Fund.

### Sunset Review: Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council

Received an update from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office regarding the sunseting Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council.

**Chairs:** Rep. Walt Brooks / Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
**Staff:** Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

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## Political Subdivisions

### Affordable Housing Grant Program

Received a presentation from a legislator regarding the need to create a grant program through the existing Olene Walker Fund that would provide funds for affordable housing providers to relocate utility lines and reduce the cost of providing affordable housing.

### Station Area Plans

Received a [presentation](#) from a legislator, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, and the Utah Transit Authority regarding station area plans. Discussed the implementation process for approval of a station area plan, who is required to submit station area plans, and how many plans have been submitted, approved, or are in process.

### Transportation Utility Fees

Received a [presentation](#) from a legislator regarding transportation utility fees. Discussed options to address transportation utility fees, including a committee bill file that the Transportation Interim Committee opened on this issue.

**Chairs:** Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Michael K. McKell  
**Staff:** Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Robert H. Rees (Attorney) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

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## Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

### A Performance Audit of Utah's State Energy Policy

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on Utah's energy policy and the Office of Energy Development. Discussed improvements to the Office of Energy Development and legislative recommendations.

***Action:** Opened a committee bill file to address the recommendations from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General.*

### Energy Production

Received an [update](#) from Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems on its Carbon Free Power Project at the Idaho National Laboratory.

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah Forge on the status of geothermal technology and projects in Utah.

### Grid Resilience Committee Progress Report

Received a progress report from the Grid Resilience Committee on the breadth of topics it is currently discussing and a preview of potential legislative recommendations it may bring later in interim.

### Legislative Audit: Two-Year Follow-Up of 911 Call Answer Times for VECC and Salt Lake City 911

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General following up on an audit on the call answer times for 911 calls. The audit recommended that the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communication Center continue to support improvements in the center's call answering performance.



## Statutorily Required Report: Energy Policy Review

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Energy Development that included a response to the audit and a review of the improvements the office has made over the last year.

## Statutorily Required Report: Water Use in Energy Production 1

Received a [presentation](#) from the state engineer on the water cycle. Received a [presentation](#) on the [final report](#) detailing how much water is consumed based on the type of power plant.

Chairs: Rep. Carl R. Albrecht / Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Staff: Samantha D. Brucker (Policy Analyst) / Scott Elder (Attorney) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

## Revenue and Taxation

### Property Tax: Assessment Data Transparency Tools

The committee received reports from the [Office of the State Auditor](#) and the Summit County Assessor on property assessment transparency tools each has created.

### Property Tax: Basics

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the basic tenets of the property tax.

### Property Tax: Current Issues

The committee heard presentations from the [Weber County Assessor](#), [Tooele County Assessor](#), and [Utah Taxpayers Association](#) on how the property tax burden can shift between residential property and commercial property owners. Discussed the nature of the postulated problem and potential options to address the shift.

Chairs: Rep. Steve Eliason / Sen. Daniel McCay  
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Managing Policy Analyst) / Chris Stitt (Policy Analyst) / Gus Harb (Attorney) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

## School Security Task Force

August 7, 2023

### Roundtable Discussion

Discussed issues related to the task force's duties and upcoming meetings and events.

### School Building Design and Construction Safety and Security Protocols

Received presentations on:

- school security in Utah from the [task force](#);
- best practices, design, and recommendations for school facilities from [Jordan School District Emergency Operations](#); and
- an overview of school design and construction in Utah from [task force staff](#).

## Task Force Updates

Received updates from task force members, task force staff, and State Board of Education staff about recent school safety related events.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox  
Staff: Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Jeff Van Hulten (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

## Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee

July 27, 2023

### Confirmation of Charles Stormont

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Charles Stormont as a judge of the Third District Court.

### Confirmation of Eric Gentry

Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Eric Gentry as a judge of the Fifth District Court.

Chairs: Sen. Todd D. Weiler  
Staff: Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Eric N. Weeks (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

## Transportation

### Annual Report and Strategic Initiatives

Received a [presentation](#) on required reports from the Utah Department of Transportation and the Transportation Commission.





## Coordinated Mobility Services

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Utah Transit Authority on coordinated mobility services.

## DUI

Received a [presentation](#) on the 2022 annual DUI report from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice as required by Utah Code.

*Action: Opened a committee bill file to address data sharing issues related to DUI data.*

## Highway Designations Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation on needed changes to the state highway system.

*Action: Opened a committee bill to make changes to the state highway system.*

## Prioritization Process

Received an [update](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation on proposed changes to the Transportation Commission's prioritization process.

## Ski Bus Service and Canyons Transportation

Heard presentations from the [Utah Transit Authority](#) and the [Utah Department of Transportation](#) on ski bus service for the 2023-2024 season and the future of transportation in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

## Sunset Review: Utah State Scenic Byways Program

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and comments from the Office of Tourism and the Utah Department of Transportation on the State Scenic Byway Program.

*Action: Opened a committee bill to make changes to the State Scenic Byway Program and sunset the Utah State Scenic Byway Committee.*

**Chairs:** Rep. Kay J. Christofferson / Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
**Staff:** Rachel Brooks (Policy Analyst) / Braden Hess (Attorney) / Kurt P. Gasser (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

## Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

August 8, 2023

### Fort Douglas Update

Received an update regarding the relocation of the Stephen A. Douglas Armed Forces Reserve Center from Fort Douglas to land held by the State Armory Board at Camp Williams.

### USS Utah Submarine Commissioning Committee Update

Received a [presentation](#) from the USS Utah Submarine Commissioning Committee on the updated timeline for the commissioning of the USS Utah submarine.

### Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs Update

Received a presentation from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs regarding services provided to veterans, service members, and their families.

**Chairs:** Rep. Jefferson S. Burton / Sen. Todd D. Weiler  
**Staff:** Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)



# Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees For the 2024 General Session, as of August 9, 2023

Total number of committee bill files opened: 78

\*Bills opened since the June interim meetings are in *italics*.

## Administrative Rules Review and General Oversight

- School Board Notification Requirements
- Title IX Compliance
- Local School Board Modifications

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3

## Business and Labor

- Employment of Minors Amendments
- Corporate Dissolution Amendments
- Massage Therapy Practice Act Amendments
- Division of Consumer Protection Amendments
- Consumer Lender Notification Amendments
- *Physician Assistant Practice Amendments\**
- *Charitable Solicitations Act Amendments\**
- *Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 8

## Economic Development and Workforce Services

- Motion Picture Incentives Amendments
- State Rehabilitation Council Amendments
- Women in the Economy Subcommittee Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3

## Education

- Higher Education Financial Aid Amendments
- Concurrent Enrollment Revisions
- Sensitive Material Review Amendments
- *SafeUT and School Safety Commission Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 4

## Government Operations

- Certification of Local Entity Boundary Actions
- Joint Tenancy Presumption Amendments
- Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act Amendments
- County Recorder Amendments
- Electronic Voting Amendments
- *Veterans and Military Affairs Commission Amendments\**
- *Utah Seismic Safety Commission Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 7

## Health and Human Services

- Health and Human Services Funding Amendments
- Hospital Assessment Modifications
- *Psychotropic Medication Oversight Pilot Program Sunset Amendments\**
- *Mental Health Professional Licensing Amendments\**
- *Behavioral Health System Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 5

## Judiciary

- Sexual Offenses Amendments
- Restitution Amendments
- Competency Proceedings Amendments
- *Justice Court Modifications\**
- *Employment Confidentiality Amendments\**
- *Airport Firearm Offense Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 6

## Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

- Concealed Firearm Review Board Amendments
- Criminal Code Recodification
- Criminal Code Amendments
- Offender Registry Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 4

## Legislative Water Development Commission

- Water Regulatory Structure Amendments
- Water Research and Innovation Amendments
- Water Infrastructure Amendments
- Water Capital Distribution Amendments
- Water Accounting Amendments
- *Water Rights Advertising Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 6

## Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

- Division of Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council Sunset Extension
- Safe Drinking Water Act Sunset Extension
- Natural Resources Boards and Commissions Amendments
- Mining Amendments
- Agriculture and Wildlife Damage Prevention Board Amendments
- Coal Miner Certification Panel Amendments
- *Industrial Hemp Amendments\**
- *Egg Sales Amendments\**
- *Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council Amendments\**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 9

## Political Subdivisions

- Metro Township Modifications
- Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

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# **Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees For the 2024 General Session, as of August 9, 2023**

Total number of committee bill files opened: 78

\*Bills opened since the June interim meetings are in *italics*.

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

- Cybersecurity Training Requirements for State Employees
- *Utah Energy Act Amendments*

**Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2**

## **Retirement and Independent Entities**

- Utah Communications Authority Modifications

**Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1**

## **Revenue and Taxation**

- Sales and Use Tax Revisions
- Mineral Production Tax Withholding Amendments
- Short-term Rental Modifications
- Property Tax Exemption Modifications
- Cigarette and Tobacco Tax and Licensing Act Amendments
- State Tax Commission Public Meeting Requirements
- Confidentiality of Tax Information Amendments
- Tax Refund Claim Amendments
- Tax Information Sharing Amendments
- *Truth in Taxation Modifications\**
- *State Property Valuation Tool Amendments\**
- *Property Tax Act Amendments\**

**Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 18**

## **Transportation**

- Motor Vehicle Act Amendments
- Road Rage Amendments
- Transportation Utility Fee Amendments
- *Scenic Byway Program Amendments\**
- *Driving Under the Influence Modifications\**
- *State Highway Designation Amendments\**

**Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 6**

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