



Interim Highlights

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List of Committee Bills for the 2024 General Session
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Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held October, 11, 2023, or as noted

Business and Labor

County Recorder Standards Board

Discussed the purpose and function of the County Recorder Standards Board (CRSB), including its operations and activities, as outlined in the [CRSB annual report](#). CRSB's purpose is to make rules to establish statewide standards for county recorders. Discussed recommendations for legislation from the CRSB to create more consistency in defining notarial acknowledgment across multiple statutes.

***Action:** Opened a committee bill file to create more consistency in defining notarial acknowledgment across multiple statutes.*

Draft Legislation: Consumer Lender Notification Amendments

***Action:** Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Consumer Lender Notification Amendments](#)," which would require a consumer lender to submit to the commissioner of financial institutions evidence of registration through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry.*

Draft Legislation: Massage Therapy Practice Act Amendments

***Action:** Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Massage Therapy Practice Act Amendments](#)," which extends the sunset date for the Massage Therapy Practice Act by 10 years.*

Employment of Minors

Discussed 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Employment of Minors Amendments](#)," related to the employment of minors and state labor laws related to minors that conflict with federal labor laws. Discussed creating a state exemption for minors in the entertainment industry.

Legislative Prioritization of Licensing Reviews

Discussed the Office of Professional Licensure Review's (OPLR) statutory obligation to conduct a review of each regulated occupation at least once every 10 years. For calendar year 2024, [OPLR proposed](#) to conduct a review of personal care and economic opportunity occupations regulated by the Department of Commerce for:

- cosmetology;
- massage therapy;
- security;
- burglar alarm sales and service; and
- hunting and outfitting services.

Discussed the scope and review process. Received a [handout](#) about the review process timeline and requirements. Received a [presentation](#) from OPLR.

Action: *Approved, without modification, the proposed list of occupational licenses for periodic review in 2024 and to submit a copy of the approved list to the Legislative Management Committee in accordance with Utah Code Section [13-1b-303](#).*

Prelitigation Hearing Panels

Discussed the purpose, function, and role of the Division of Professional Licensing's (DOPL) prelitigation hearing panels that review alleged medical liability cases against health care providers. Received a presentation from committee staff on the historical timeline of the panels, current panel proceedings, and how the Utah Supreme Court has limited their use and policy options. Heard how DOPL fulfills its clerical role in administering the panels. Received comments from practicing attorneys and the primary provider of medical professional liability insurance in the state.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file to eliminate prelitigation hearing panels in the Division of Professional Licensing that were created by the Utah Health Care Malpractice Act to hear alleged medical liability cases against health care providers.*

Utah Office of Regulatory Relief

Discussed the Utah Office of Regulatory Relief's (UORR) maintenance of the regulatory sandbox program, regulatory relief webpage, and the noncustodial blockchain registry.

Discussed UORR's framework for analyzing the risks of removing or waiving laws and regulations that inhibit the creation of new and existing companies or industries, and reciprocity agreements between states that use or propose to use similar regulatory sandbox programs. Received a [presentation](#) and [annual report](#) from UORR.

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

October 12, 2023

Criminal Code Amendments

Discussed changes to 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Criminal Code Amendments](#)." The changes include:

- making it a crime for individuals in a position of special trust in a high school to engage in certain sexual conduct with an adult high school student; and
- making it a crime for an individual to remove the clothing of another individual without the individual's consent in certain circumstances.

Action: *Amended and referred 2024 General Session draft legislation, "Criminal Code Amendments," to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee for approval as a committee bill.*

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

Affordable Housing

Received a [presentation](#) from the deputy director of the Department of Workforce Services on the purpose and function of the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission and its subcommittee, the Commission on Housing Affordability. Discussed various federal and state government programs administered by the Division of Housing and Community Development under the Department of Workforce Services.

Received a [presentation](#) from J. Fisher Companies, an affordable housing developer, on past and current housing developments. Discussed funding sources, challenges, and the need for additional state funds.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Housing Corporation on the programs it runs and the impacts of those funds. Received additional handouts on first-time homebuyer programs regarding:

- the [Utah First-Time Homebuyer Law Enforcement Grant](#);
- the [Utah First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program](#); and
- the [Utah Veteran First-Time Homebuyer Grant](#).

Heard from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding the role and challenges of local governments in addressing affordable housing.

Received a presentation and recommendations from [Summit County](#) and Columbus Pacific Development on recent and current affordable housing projects in Summit County, including challenges faced by the county.

Department of Cultural and Community Engagement Annual Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement on the [2023 Annual Report](#) and the impact of a select number of programs and plans for programming for future years.

Department of Workforce Services Annual Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Workforce Services on the [2023 Annual Report](#), the state of Utah's economy and some of the department's programs serving refugees, supporting the unemployed and workforce, and assisting in rehabilitation services.

Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Annual Report

Received a [presentation](#) from Strategic Initiatives and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) on the [2023 Annual Report](#) outlining the impacts of several GOEO programs, including incentives and grants and tourism and film.

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

Education

Draft Legislation: SafeUT and School Safety Commission

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[SafeUT and School Safety Commission Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset date for the commission by five years.

Draft Legislation: School Lunch Amendments

Received a presentation from a legislator on draft legislation "[School Lunch Amendments](#)," which would:

- create a school meal trust fund;
- create a tax credit for donations to the trust fund;
- create a tax credit to local education agencies to reduce school lunch debt; and
- appropriate money to cover the costs of reduced-price school meals.

Draft Legislation: Sensitive Material Review Amendments

Heard a [presentation](#) from committee staff on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Sensitive Material Review Amendments](#)," and discussed [potential changes](#) to the bill draft.

Action: Voted to direct committee chairs to gather feedback on the bill draft from committee members and work with committee staff to update the bill file for the next interim committee meeting.

Public Education: Parent Engagement and Student Absenteeism

Received comments from Wasatch School District representatives on the district's parent liaison program and the effect it has had on student attendance rates.

Public Education: Utah State Board of Education

Received presentations from the State Board of Education (USBE) on its [legislative priorities](#) for the 2024 general session and its proposed [oversight framework](#) of USBE programs.

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

Federalism Commission

October 10, 2023

Impact of the New National Monument Along the Utah/Arizona Border

Discussed the possible impact of the newly created Baaj Nwaavjol'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument upon the citizens of Southern Utah, including utilities delivery, agricultural grazing, and mineral extraction.

Action: Voted to send a letter to the Secretary of the Interior opposing the creation of the national monument because of the impact it would have on the livelihoods and industry of the citizens of southern Utah.

Legislative Jurisdiction of Federally Controlled Lands

Action: Voted to direct the outside attorneys contracted with the Federalism Commission to work on updating the information available to commission members on the issue of legislative jurisdiction on federally controlled lands.

Moab Trails Closure

Action: Voted to send a letter to the Moab Bureau of Land Management Office and the Secretary of the Interior opposing the closure of off-road trails around Moab.

Statewide Resource Management Plan

Received [recommendations](#) from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to revise statutes regarding the statewide resource management plan.

Action: Opened a commission bill file to adopt the recommended changes to the statewide resource management plan.

U.S. Forest Service Policy on E-bikes

Heard from a legislator and the Department of Natural Resources regarding a recent policy change by the U.S. Forest Service.

Action: Voted to send a letter to the U.S. Forest Service requesting that it send someone to address questions regarding the e-bikes policy.

Water Issues

Received a presentation from the Colorado River Authority of Utah regarding federal involvement in water projects in Utah. Discussed efforts to protect the quantity of water that Utah is entitled to receive and how the lower basin states are addressing mandatory water reductions.

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

Government Operations

Committee Bill File Update

Received an update from committee staff on the status of committee bill files opened by the committee.

Draft Legislation: Joint Tenancy Presumption Amendments

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

Draft Legislation: Municipal and Special District Election Amendments

Action: [Amended](#) and approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Municipal and Special District Election Amendments](#)," which would modify the Election Code, in relation to municipal and special district elections, to describe election functions that are required to be performed by a county and those that may be performed by a municipality or special district.

Electronic Ballots for Emergency Responders

Considered 2024 General Session draft legislation, "Electronic Voting Amendments," which would authorize a registered voter assisting with an emergency on the date of an election to cast an electronic ballot under certain conditions.

Actions: Amended the short title of 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Electronic Voting Amendments](#)," to "[Emergency Responder Voting Amendments](#)," and approved the draft legislation as a committee bill.

Initiatives and Referenda

Discussed [potential amendments](#) to ballot initiatives, including amendments to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to consider potential amendments to ballot initiatives.

Paid Leave Amendments

Discussed committee bill file, "Paid Leave Amendments," which would modify provisions related to paid postpartum recovery leave and paid parental leave provided by certain state employers for eligible state employees.

Right to Repair

Discussed the right to repair, which is directed at the ability of consumers to repair their own products instead of going back to the original manufacturer for service.

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)

Health and Human Services

Draft Legislation: Caregiver Compensation Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Caregiver Compensation Amendments](#)," which would amend a definition related to reimbursement for certain personal care services under Medicaid.

Draft Legislation: Coverage of Certain Mental Health Services

Discussed a [report](#) on the status of health benefit plans contracting with local mental health authorities to reimburse behavioral health crisis services.

Draft Legislation: Fatality Review

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Fatality Review Amendments](#)," which would amend fatality provisions.

Draft Legislation: Health and Human Services Amendments

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Health and Human Services Amendments](#)," which would address technical issues related to the 2023 General Session recodification of health and human services statutes.

Medicaid Hospital Assessments

Discussed ongoing efforts to address the scheduled sunset of the Inpatient Hospital Assessment Act and Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act.

Promoting Effectiveness and Efficiency in Health and Human Services

Received a [presentation](#) from the Foundation for Government Accountability on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of government services, including the elimination of fraud, waste, and other misuse.

Draft Legislation: Psychotropic Medication Oversight Pilot Program

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Psychotropic Medication Oversight Pilot Program Amendments](#)," which would remove the sunset date for the Psychotropic Medication Oversight Pilot Program and amend program provisions.

Draft Legislation: Rehabilitation Services Funding

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Rehabilitation Services Amendments](#)," which would consolidate the Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund and the Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund and extend the related sunset date by 10 years.

Draft Legislation: Utah Health Data Authority

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Health Data Authority Amendments](#)," which would remove the Utah Health Data Authority from the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act.

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

Committee Bill on Sexual Offenses

Received a [presentation](#), [handout](#), and [proposed language](#) from prosecutors and received comments from a defense attorney on a committee bill that would clarify statutes related to child sexual offenses.

Action: Voted to convene a working group to propose amendments to the committee bill that would address stakeholder comments regarding the definition of "sexual intercourse" in the child rape statutes.

Indigent Defense Commission Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Indigent Defense Commission on its operations and the operations of indigent defense systems across the state.

Juvenile Justice and School Discipline Report

Received a [presentation](#) and comments from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Justice and Youth Services, the State Board of Education, and school officials on a statutorily required report regarding juvenile justice and school discipline data.

Review of Required Reports

Received an [overview](#) from committee staff on required agency reports due to the committee and possible amendments to the list of required reports for the committee's consideration.

Sunset Review of the Interdisciplinary Parental Representation Pilot Program

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the sunset review process and conducted a sunset review of the Interdisciplinary Parental Representation Pilot Program, which the Legislature created in 2022 to enhance parental representation in child welfare cases.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the Interdisciplinary Parental Representation Pilot Program by two years.

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)

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Draft Legislation: Criminal Code Recodification and Cross References

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the recodification of the criminal code. Discussed 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Criminal Code Recodification and Cross References](#)."

Actions: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Criminal Code Recodification and Cross References](#)," which would recodify Utah Code Sections 76-8-316, 76-8-316.2, 76-8-316.4, and 76-8-316.6.

Opened a committee bill file to clarify that propelling a bodily fluid qualifies as domestic violence.

Draft Legislation: Correctional Facility Amendments

Received a presentation from committee staff on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Correctional Facility Amendments](#)."

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Correctional Facility Amendments](#)," which would make it a crime to transport, provide, sell, or possess a communication device at a correctional facility in violation of facility policy.

Draft Legislation: Offender Registry Amendments

Received a presentation from committee staff on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Offender Registry Amendments](#)." Received comments from the Sex Offense Management Board on a subcommittee created by the board to examine the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry and make recommendations for changes.

Action: *Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "Offender Registry Amendments," which merges the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry and the Child Abuse Offender Registry into a single registry called the "Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry" and changes the length of time an offender must register on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry when convicted of the crime of enticing a minor in certain circumstances.*

Draft Legislation: School Threat Penalty Amendments

Received a presentation from committee staff on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[School Threat Penalty Amendments](#)." Received a [presentation](#) from the Statewide Information and Analysis Center on incidents of school hoax and threat incidents.

Action: *Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "School Threat Penalty Amendments," which requires a student to be suspended or expelled from a public school if the student makes a false emergency report targeted at a school, enhances the penalties for making a threat against a school and makes it a second degree felony for an actor to make a false emergency report in certain circumstances.*

Sunset Review: Domestic Violence Data Task Force

Received a [presentation](#) from the Statewide Information Analysis Center on intimate partner violence and lethality assessment protocol.

Discussed extending the sunset date of the Domestic Violence Data Task Force, which gathers information and reports on lethality assessments and domestic violence data collection efforts.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file to extend the sunset date of the Domestic Violence Data Task Force by three years.*

Utah Communications Authority Update

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Communications Authority on the primary functions of the authority, ongoing difficulties, and potential solutions.

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 Water Development Commission

October 12, 2023

Draft Legislation: Water Efficient Landscaping Requirements

Heard from a legislator regarding proposed 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Efficient Landscaping Requirements](#)," which would address the use of lawn or turf by certain government entities.

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

Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group

October 10, 2023

Recommendations Related to Medical Cannabis Governance

Action: *Recommended to the Health and Human Services and Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment interim committees:*

- that the scope and authority of the Cannabis Production Establishment Licensing Advisory Board be amended to include oversight of medical cannabis pharmacies;
- that the ownership interest threshold for publicly traded cannabis production companies be increased from 2% to 10% for those who must disclose information and complete a background check;
- amendments to clarify that the pharmacist in charge has authority to determine which products are carried in the medical cannabis pharmacy they oversee;
- that the state establish a limit on the number of medical cannabis pharmacy licenses that a single entity may hold; and
- that the Medical Cannabis Governance Structure working group sunset date be extended by one year.

Industrial Hemp Program

Discussed opportunities to improve the structure and oversight of the industrial hemp program.

Medical Cannabis Business Tax Credits

Discussed the values of a tax credit versus decoupling approach for granting medical cannabis businesses state tax relief.

Other Working Group Recommendations

Discussed working group members' legislative priorities going into the 2024 General Session.

Potential Federal Rescheduling of Marijuana: Implications for Utah

Received a [presentation](#) from working group staff on the implications of the possible rescheduling of marijuana, from Schedule I to Schedule III, and the impact it would have on Utah's medical cannabis and industrial hemp programs. The working group discussed the possibility of federal rescheduling of marijuana.

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

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

Big Game Population Management

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Wildlife Resources regarding mule deer population management practices in Utah and efforts by the division and others to meet statewide deer population objectives.

Cloud Seeding Symposium

Heard comments from a legislator and the Division of Water Resources regarding the first Utah Cloud Seeding Symposium and goals of the cloud seeding program.

Draft Legislation: Coal Miner Certification Panel Amendments

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

Earthquake Early Warning Feasibility Study

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Geological Survey regarding the feasibility of implementing an Earthquake Early Warning system in the state and options to mitigate seismic risks and costs.



Meningeal Worm Study

Received a [presentation](#) from the state veterinarian and the Division of Wildlife Resources, which included a risk analysis of meningeal worm infection to domesticated elk in the state and recommendations to mitigate those risks.

Mining Permitting Processes

Heard from a legislator and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining regarding procedural changes to [Title 40, Mining and Mines](#), and efforts to improve the permitting process.

Performance Audit of the Intermountain Power Agency

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding the performance audit of the Intermountain Power Agency and recommendations for the committee's consideration and review.

Private Landowner Involvement in Wildlife Programs

Heard comments from a legislator and the Division of Wildlife Resources regarding Wildlife Board rules related to private property access.

Statewide Water Marketing Strategy Overview

Heard comments from the Division of Water Resources and Clyde Snow regarding water marketing strategies, the Utah Water Banking Act, pilot projects, upcoming events, and interactive tools for meeting water marketing milestones.

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

Political Subdivisions

Draft Legislation: Affordable Housing Grant Program

Discussed 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Affordable Housing Utility Relocation Fund Amendments](#)," which would create a grant program in the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund for the purposes of providing grant money to affordable housing developers to relocate utility lines.

Elected Officials Disclosure Consistency

Received a presentation from a legislator regarding elected officials [disclosure of information](#) requirements and [conflict of interest](#) statements required by the state, counties, municipalities, and special districts.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file to address allowing municipalities and state land authorities to post disclosure documents for elected and appointed officials to the state database that is being developed by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.*

Draft Legislation: Growth in the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Public Fund Amendments](#)," which would require the state treasurer to annually report on funds invested in the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund, by political subdivision.

Draft Legislation: Metro Townships

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Metro Township Modifications](#)," which would create the process for metro townships to convert to a city or town form of government and would repeal the current language authorizing metro townships.

Draft Legislation: Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2024 General Session draft legislation, "[Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments](#)," which would modify the Open and Public Meetings Act by amending the definition of "meeting" and eliminating the term "convene."

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

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

A Performance Audit of the Intermountain Power Agency

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the [audit](#) of the Intermountain Power Agency.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address the recommendations in the audit.

Draft Legislation: Utah Energy Act Amendments

Action: Voted to expand the scope of a committee bill from just the Utah State Energy Policy audit recommendations to include additional concepts.

Fervo Energy

Received a [presentation](#) from Fervo Energy on the status of its large-scale geothermal project.

Statutorily Required Report: Project Entity Oversight Committee

Received a [presentation](#) from the Project Entity Oversight Committee on findings from engaging with Millard County and other IPP stakeholders.

TransWest Express Transmission Update

Received a [presentation](#) from TransWest Express on the progress of the transmission line.

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

Revenue and Taxation

Income Tax Credit Review

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the refundable motion picture tax credit and the nonrefundable tax credit for investment in certain life science establishments.

Lease Revenue Bonds

Discussed school district use of lease revenue bonds and heard from the Utah Association of School Business Officials and the Utah Taxpayers Association.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address school district use of lease revenue bonds.

Legislative Audit - Intermountain Power Agency

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on [#2013-13 A Performance Audit of the Intermountain Power Agency](#) and heard a response from the Intermountain Power Agency.

Property Tax - Real Property Price Disclosure and Transfer Taxes

Discussed issues related to required disclosure of real property prices when ownership of the property is transferred and a constitutional prohibition on transfer taxes.

Sales and Use Tax - Sales Tax Exemption for Political Subdivisions

Heard presentations from committee staff, a legislator, and the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District on amending Section [59-12-104](#) to allow the existing sales tax exemption on construction materials purchased by or on behalf of institutions of the public education system to also include construction materials purchased by or on behalf of political subdivisions.

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)

Subcommittee on Oversight

October 10, 2023

Certification of the FY 2025 Legislative Budget to the Governor

Action: Recommended that the speaker and president certify to the governor the fiscal year 2025 budget for the Utah State Legislature.

Legislative Staff Offices' Proposed FY 2025 Budgets

Action: Approved the fiscal year 2025 budgets of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and Legislative Services.

Chairs: Speaker Brad R. Wilson / President J. Stuart Adams
Staff: Megan L. Bolin (Deputy Director, Public Policy and Administration) / Amy Hawkes (Office Manager) / Christine R. Gilbert (Deputy General Counsel)

Transportation

Law and Traffic Enforcement Report

Received a statutorily required [joint report](#) from Utah Highway Patrol and the Utah Department of Transportation on law and traffic enforcement responsibilities on state roads.

Railroads

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff overviews relevant railroad bills from the 2023 General Session. Heard comments from Union Pacific railroad and a [presentation](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation.

Road Rage

Received presentations from a [legislator and the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office](#), and [Utah Highway Patrol](#) on road rage policy options.

Unified Transportation Plan

Received a joint [presentation](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, Wasatch Front Regional Council, and Mountainland Association of Governments on the 2023-2050 Unified Transportation Plan.

Utah Population Database Internal Information Security Audit Report

Received a statutorily required [report](#) from the Utah Population Database on its biennial internal information security audit.

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)



Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees For the 2024 General Session, as of October 16, 2023

Total number of committee bill files opened: 124

*Bills opened since the September 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
- Insurance Amendments
- International Licensing Amendments
- State Construction and Fire Codes Amendments
- Construction Contract Amendments
- Commercial Filing Amendments
- *Healthcare Malpractice Prelitigation Hearing Amendments**
- *Acknowledgements Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 15

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

Federalism Commission

- *State Resource Management Plan Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

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
- Election Revisions
- Municipal and Special District Election Amendments
- State Boards and Commissions Amendments
- *School Activity Eligibility Commission Amendments**
- *Paid Leave Modifications**
- *Division of Human Resource Management Amendments**
- *Initiatives and Referenda Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 14

Health and Human Services

- Health and Human Services Funding Amendments
- Hospital Assessment Modifications
- Psychotropic Medication Oversight Pilot Program Sunset Amendments
- Mental Health Processional Licensing Amendments
- Behavioral Health System Amendments
- Federal Funds Contingency Planning
- Fatality Review Amendments
- Behavioral Health Crisis Response Modifications
- Health and Human Services Amendments
- Health and Human Services Reporting Requirements
- Rehabilitation Services Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 11

Judiciary

- Sexual Offenses Amendments
- Restitution Amendments
- Competency Proceedings Amendments
- Justice Court Modifications
- Employment Confidentiality Amendments
- Airport Firearm Offense Amendments
- Data Privacy Amendments
- *Interdisciplinary Parental Representation Pilot Program Sunset Extension**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 8

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

- Concealed Firearm Review Board Amendments
- Criminal Code Recodification
- Criminal Code Amendments
- Offender Registry Amendments
- First Responder Mental Health Services Grant Program Amendments
- Firearm Modifications
- Drug Testing Amendments
- *Domestic Violence Data Task Force Sunset Extension**
- *Domestic Violence Modifications**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 9

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 Publication Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 6

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Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees For the 2024 General Session, as of October 16, 2023

Total number of committee bill files opened: 124

*Bills opened since the September interim meetings are in *italics*.

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
- Water Shareholder Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 10

Political Subdivisions

- Metro Township Modifications
- Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments
- Affordable Housing Utility Relocation Grant Amendments
- *Conflict of Interest Disclosure Modifications**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 4

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

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

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3

Retirement and Independent Entities

- Utah Communications Authority Modifications
- Utah State Retirement Systems Revisions
- Postretirement Reemployment Modifications
- Employee Contribution Rate Amendments
- Phased Retirement Extension
- Infertility Treatment Coverage Amendments
- Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority Sunset Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 7

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
- Individual Income Tax Act Amendments
- Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution -- Residential Property Tax Exemption
- Property Tax Assessment and Appeals Amendments
- Property Tax Relief Amendments
- Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution -- Prohibition on Real Estate Transfer Tax
- *Lease Revenue Bonds Modifications**

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
- Active Transportation and Canal Trail Amendments
- *Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 8