

Rep. Tyler Clancy - 2024 General Session  
**HB 308: Crime Victims Amendments**

This proposed legislation is a key component in providing a process and potential remedies to victims of crime who have had their rights under state statute and the Utah Constitution allegedly violated. Currently, that process in state statute is vague and serves to create more frustration for both victims and those who are trying to help address those concerns.

**Key Points:**

· ***The Utah Council on Victims of Crime (63M-7-6) and Judicial District Victim's Rights Committees (77-37-5) already exist in state statute. This bill helps to recodify and clarify the roles and responsibilities of those entities.***

- o Moves the Council from under the Governor's Office to be housed in CCJJ. Lines 256-257
- o Specifies the process for handling complaints that victim rights under state statute and the Utah Constitution have been violated (77-37 and 77-38). Lines 369-404
- o Adds rule-making authority to clarify how a complaint process application is to work. Line 348

· ***Defines Criminal Justice Agency for purposes related to victims' issues. Lines 235-239***

· ***Requires that Criminal Justice Agencies have a policy to address complaints of a violation of a victim's rights. Lines 405-406***

· ***Adds a council coordinator position to handle administrative and victim rights complaint processes. Lines 360-367***

- o Open Meetings Act requirements for both the Crime Victim Council and the Judicial District Victims' Rights Committees when they hold hearings on complaints.
- o Minutes and meeting agendas for the Council (every other month).
- o Crime Victim Conference training (1.5 days) and planning held yearly in the spring.