

Overview of S.B. 79 | 2024 General Session

Why recodify?

- Recodification allows the Legislature to cleanup and restructure certain areas of the code that need clarification and reorganization. The Utah Code constantly changes, requiring the Legislature to coordinate unchanged sections with changed sections to ensure that the Utah Code remains coherent and usable.
- The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel recommended a recodification of estate planning statutes due to concerns over statutes placed in Title 75, Utah Uniform Probate Code, that are not part of the Uniform Probate Code.
- A recodification would allow staff to clarify the Legislature's objectives in regard to estate planning issues and would also assist judges, lawyers, agencies, and the public in understanding what statutes are part of the Uniform Probate Code in Utah.

What will the proposed recodification do?

The recodification will move estate planning statutes out of Title 22, Fiduciaries and Trusts, Title 25, Fraud, and Title 75, Utah Uniform Probate Code, to new titles over a period of two legislative sessions.

| Title 75A, Fiduciaries | | Current Statutes |
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| Chapter 1 | General Provisions | Title 22, Chapter 1 |
| Chapter 2 | Uniform Power of Attorney | Title 75, Chapter 9 |
| Chapter 3 | Health Care Decisions | Title 75, Chapter 2a |
| Chapter 4 | Uniform Powers of Appointment Act | Title 75, Chapter 10 |
| Chapter 5 | Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act | Title 22, Chapter 3 |
| Chapter 6 | Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act | Title 75, Chapter 11 |
| Chapter 7 | Uniform Act for Simplification of Fiduciary Security Transfers | Title 22, Chapter 5 |
| Chapter 8 | Uniform Transfer to Minors Act | Title 75, Chapter 5a |
| Title 75B, Trusts | | |
| Chapter 1 | Trusts | Title 22, Chapters 2 and 6, & Title 25, Chapter 6, Part 5 |

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| Title 75B, Trusts | | Current Statutes | |
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| Chapter 2 | Uniform Trust Code | Title 75, Chapter 7 | |
| Chapter 3 | Uniform Directed Trust Code | Title 75, Chapter 12 | |
| Under Review for Possible Recodification | | | |
| | Uniform Disposition of Community | Title 75, Chapter 2b (Not part of Uniform | |
| | Property Rights at Death Act | Probate Code) | |