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Summary of 2024 Third Special Session Legislation,
June 19, 2024

List of Committee Bills for the 2025 General Session
As of June 21, 2024

Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held June, 19, 2024, or as noted

Business and Labor

Constitutional Sovereignty and Title IX Regulations

Reviewed and discussed 2024 Third Special Session H.J.R. 301, "[Joint Resolution-Legislative Findings on State Sovereignty in Regard to Title IX](#)," and H.C.R. 301, "[Concurrent Resolution-Directives to Government Officers Under the Utah Constitutional Sovereignty Act in Regard to Title IX](#)."

Action: Voted to support 2024 Third Special Session H.J.R. 301, "Joint Resolution-Legislative Findings on State Sovereignty in Regard to Title IX," and H.C.R. 301, "Concurrent Resolution-Directives to Government Officers Under the Utah Constitutional Sovereignty Act in Regard to Title IX."

Homeowners' Insurance Market Update

Received a [presentation](#) from the Insurance Department on rate increases, potential causes, and future trends in Utah's homeowners insurance market.

Kratom Consumer Protections

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Agriculture and Food on the implementation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, which regulates the production, distribution, and sale of kratom products in the state.

OPLR Annual Review: Initial Findings

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Professional Licensure Review on the initial findings of its review of occupations in cosmetology, massage therapy, and building inspection.

Solar Panel Disclosures

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Consumer Protection on the challenges associated with regulating the complex and rapidly growing market for solar panel sales and installation.

Chairs: Rep. A. Cory Maloy / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Staff: Rohnin Randles (Policy Analyst) / Robert Wood (Policy Analyst) / Tyler Moore (Attorney) / Austin Weenig (Attorney) / Victoria Garcia (Administrative Assistant)

Criminal Code Subcommittee

June 18, 2024

Criminal Code Recodification

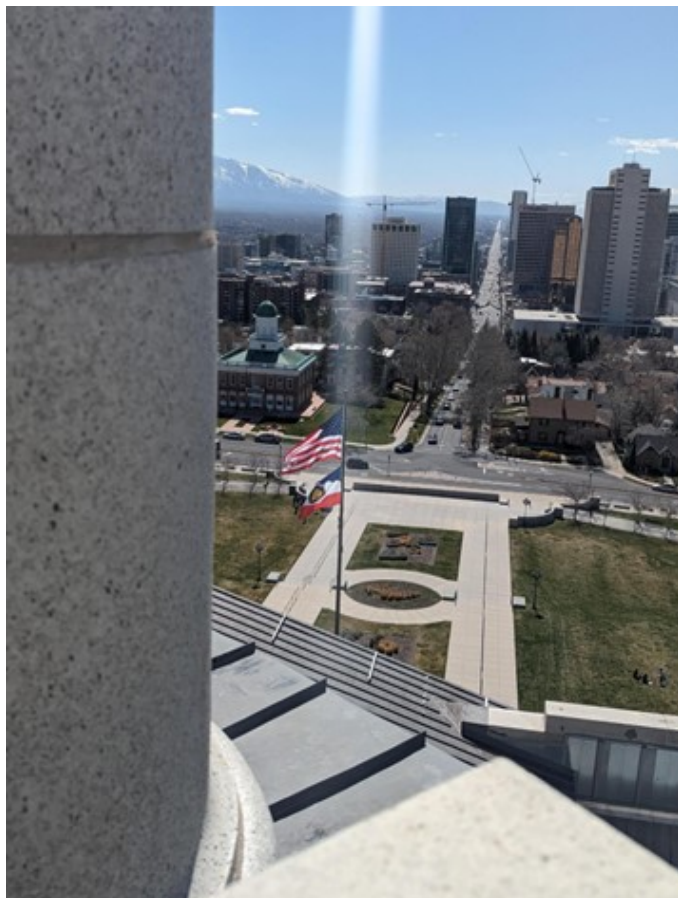
Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the purpose and scope of the subcommittee, the criminal code recodification process, progress on the project to this point, and which sections will be recodified this year.

Chairs: Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn
Staff: John Feinauer (Managing Policy Analyst) / Lacey Johnson (Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

Economic Development

Received a [presentation](#) from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute on trends in Utah's economy, including the rate of inflation, unemployment, and job growth. Considered recommendations to promote continued economic growth.



Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) on various programs the agency administers. GOEO discussed the need to streamline efforts and reduce redundancies.

Sunset Review: Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program

Received a [presentation](#) from GOEO on the Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program and the impacts of the program.

Technology: Utah Broadband Center

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Broadband Center on broadband needs in the state and various state and federal programs intended to meet those needs.

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

Education

Public Education: Serving English Learner Students

Received presentations about programs for English learner students, the number of students enrolled in English learner programs, and the resources needed to continue serving these students effectively from the following:

- [Jordan School District](#);
- Herriman High School;
- Herriman City;
- [Granite School District](#);
- [Logan City School District](#);
- Early Light Academy; and
- [Utah Association of Public Charter Schools](#).

Special Session Draft Legislation: Exchange Student Guardianship Amendments

Discussed 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3001, "[Exchange Student Guardianship Amendments](#)," which would amend the definition of an eligible student to allow exchange students to participate in the Statewide Online Education Program.

Action: Voted to support 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3001, "Exchange Student Guardianship Amendments."

Special Session Draft Legislation: School District Amendments

Discussed 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3003, "[School District Amendments](#)," which would repeal and amend certain provisions relating to creating a new school district and electing school board members when a new school district is created.

Action: Voted to support 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3003, "School District Amendments."

Chairs: Rep. Candice B. Pierucci / Sen. John D. Johnson
Staff: Finn Andrew Rose (Policy Analyst) / Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Attorney) / Jeff Van Hulten (Attorney) / Tyler Keetch (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

Federalism Commission

June 18, 2024

Education Issues

Heard comments from members of the State Board of Education on a letter the board unanimously supported that requests the Legislature take action concerning the impact of new Title IX regulations. The board members also addressed questions from commission members about other federal actions that may be inconsistent with state sovereignty and the principles of federalism.

Public Lands Management Issues

Received a report from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office regarding land designations by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the impact on the ability to construct the transmission lines necessary to develop new clean energies in the state.

Discussed efforts by the state to work with the federal government on:

- the Monroe Mountain grazing permits;
- the Grand Staircase Escalante Management and Grazing Plans; and
- other proposed BLM rules that would have a significant impact on public lands in Utah.

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

Government Operations

Division of Finance

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Finance regarding the division's mission and vision, key functions and responsibilities, and strategic goals.

Draft Legislation: Ballot Distribution Revisions

Discussed Utah Code requiring an election officer to ensure that the bulk of ballots are mailed to voters from a location in Utah. The United States Postal Service processing center for southern Utah was relocated from Provo to Las Vegas, which has the effect of ballots being mailed to voters from outside of Utah.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Ballot Distribution Revisions](#)," which would create an exception to the requirement that the bulk of ballots initially mailed to voters must be mailed from a location in Utah if the jurisdiction mailing the ballots is assigned to a United States Postal Service area distribution center outside of Utah.

Internal Service Fund Rate-Setting Requirements

Received a [presentation](#) (slides 1-6) from the Division of Facilities and Construction Management regarding internal service fund rate-setting requirements. The current process takes 22 months to propose and receive new funding, inhibiting cost recovery and market adjustments for the division's operations and maintenance programs. Discussed potential solutions such as a revised rate analysis and approval schedule or an alternate means of contingency funding to help alleviate the impacts associated with the Internal Service Fund rate-setting requirements.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to modify internal service fund rate-setting requirements.

Intergovernmental Support Agreement

Received a [presentation](#) (slides 7-9) from the Division of Facilities and Construction Management regarding intergovernmental service agreement policies. Discussed providing the division with the ability to enter into an intergovernmental support agreement and charge a fee to a non-state governmental entity, such as the United States military and U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, which has sought the division's services.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address the division's limits in entering into an intergovernmental support agreement with a non-state governmental entity.

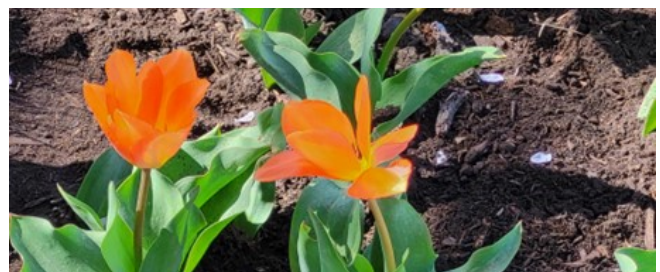
State Agency Contact Information

Discussed requiring state agencies and political subdivisions to post contact information on their websites for each function or public service that the entity provides to the public. Reviewed and compared several state agency webpages.

Third Special Session Legislation: Sunset and Repeal Date Code Corrections

Action: Voted to support 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3005, "[Sunset and Repeal Date Code Corrections](#)," which would non-substantively amend codified sunset and repeal date provisions to conform to a standardized format adopted during the 2024 General Session and non-substantively amend provisions in other portions of code to give effect to provisions from the sunset and repeal date code that no longer fit within the standardized format.

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



Health and Human Services

Correctional Health Services Amendments

Action: Opened a committee bill file to amend provisions related to correctional health services in an effort to reduce recidivism and improve access to behavioral health programs for incarcerated individuals.

Government Response to Public Health

Emergencies

Received a [presentation](#) regarding research studies on the safety and efficacy of vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccines.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address vaccine confidence.

Transgender Treatment for Minors

Received an [update](#) from committee staff on certain statutory provisions established by 2023 General Session S.B. 16, "[Transgender Medical Treatments and Procedures Amendments](#)."

Received an [update](#) from the Department of Health and Human Services on the systematic medical evidence review of hormonal transgender treatments in accordance with Section [26B-1-239](#).

Received an [update](#) from the Division of Professional Licensing on the transgender treatment certification in accordance with Section [58-1-603](#) and discussed a [draft clarification letter](#) for health care providers.

Briefed on recent [studies](#) related to transgender treatment for minors, including "[The Cass Review: Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People](#)," a report commissioned by the National Health Service England to "... make recommendations on how to improve NHS gender identity services, and ensure that children and young people who are questioning their gender identity or experiencing gender dysphoria receive a high standard of care, that meets their needs, is safe, holistic and effective."

Chairs: Rep. Ken Ivory / Sen. Michael S. Kennedy
Staff: Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Greg Gunn (Attorney) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)



Judiciary

Bail and Pretrial Release

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and comments from a legislator, the Washington County attorney, and the Washington County sheriff regarding bail and pretrial release policies in Utah.

Renewal of Judgments

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the Utah Court of Appeals' call for legislative action in Zions Bancorporation v. Schwab (2023). Discussed possible amendments related to the renewal of judgments to address the questions raised in the case.

Action: Directed the drafting attorney to limit the renewal of judgments to one renewal in the committee bill file on this issue that was opened in May.

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

May 21, 2024

Summary of 2023 Recommendations and Next Steps

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff on the task force's legislative recommendations in 2023. Discussed plans for the phased implementation of justice court reform, including the goal of drafting legislation for the 2025 General Session.

Justice Court Data

June 20, 2024

Received a [presentation](#) from the courts on various data related to Utah's justice court system, such as the number of case filings and justice court judges.

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

Corrections Drug Interdiction Program

Received comments from the Department of Corrections on updates to its drug interdiction program.

Recidivism and Repeat Offenders

Received a [presentation](#) from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice updating the committee on the findings of its recidivism and repeat offenders working group.

Heard comments from the Utah Defense Attorney Association on the intersection of mental illness, substance abuse, and criminal behavior.

Considered comments from Adult Probation and Parole on reasons why an individual reoffends and what resources or statutory changes might help decrease recidivism.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office and Intermountain Health on a pilot program that has reduced recidivism in Sanpete County.

Sunset Review: Correctional Postnatal and Early Childhood Advisory Board

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Utah Department of Corrections on the Correctional Postnatal and Early Childhood Advisory Board, which is set to sunset next year.

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

Legislative Water Development

Commission

June 18, 2024

Aqueduct Resilience

Received an [update](#) on a \$50 million appropriation made by the Legislature in 2023 for Wasatch Front aqueduct resilience and the projects funded by the appropriation.

Cloud Seeding

Received a [presentation](#) and [handout](#) from the Division of Water Resources regarding the state's cloud seeding program.

Colorado River

Received an [update](#) from the Colorado River Authority of Utah regarding its activities.

Water Reuse

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Wasatch Front Water Quality Council on water reuse in the Great Salt Lake Basin and its impact on the Great Salt Lake.

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

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

Agricultural Land Conservation

Received a [presentation](#) from the Farm Bureau and the Department of Agriculture and Food regarding the use of conservation easements to address the loss of agricultural land in the state.

Cloud Seeding

Received a [presentation](#) and [handout](#) from the Division of Water Resources regarding the state's cloud seeding program. Heard comments from the Division of Air Quality regarding the impacts of cloud seeding on air quality.

Groundwater Management

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Rights and Holt Farms regarding the Beryl-Enterprise groundwater management plan.

Public Lands Funding

Discussed 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3002, "[Public Lands Funding Amendments](#)," which would modify provisions of the Public Lands Litigation Restricted Account.

Received comments and a [handout](#) from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

Action: Voted to support 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3002, "Public Lands Funding Amendments."



Right to Repair

Heard an update about Farm Bureau efforts to ensure that an end user of certain agricultural equipment can repair their own equipment.

State Parks Access

Heard a [presentation](#) from a legislator about facilitating access to state parks for individuals with disabilities. Heard comments from the Division of State Parks.

State Water Policy Review

Conducted a statutorily required review of the [state water policy](#). Heard a [presentation](#) from committee staff and comments from the Division of Drinking Water and the Division of Water Resources.

Statewide Agricultural System Support

Heard from the sponsor of 2024 General Session, H.B. 525, "[Agricultural Amendments](#)," which did not pass, regarding the goals of the bill. Discussed how to best support local agriculture moving forward.

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

Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee

June 11, 2024

Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund

Received an update from committee staff, the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, and the Division of Facilities Construction and Management on the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund.

Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Bid Update

Received an [update](#) from the governor and representatives from the SLC-UTAH Committee for the Games on the status of Utah's bid to host the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Action: Voted to support the governor's and the bid committee's continued efforts to be awarded the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Chairs: Rep. Jon Hawkins / Sen. Michael K. McKell
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Eric N. Weeks (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

Organized Crime Subcommittee

June 17, 2024

Border Security Updates

Heard comments from a legislator and the Weber County Sheriff's Office on border security and the impact it has on organized crime in Utah.

Human Trafficking in Utah

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Attorney General about its Statewide Enforcement of Crimes by Undocumented Residents (SECURE) Strike Force and human trafficking in Utah.

Juvenile Involvement in Gangs

Received a [presentation](#) from the Metro Gang Unit (MGU) and the Salt Lake Area Gang Project on the role juveniles play in gang activity and state code changes that will help law enforcement address issues related to gang-involved juveniles.

Prosecuting Gangs and Other Crime

Received a presentation from MGU and the Salt Lake Area Gang Project on evolving gang trends and other organized crime rings.

South American Theft Groups Impact in Utah

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Attorney General about its Crimes Against State Economy (CASE) Task Force and discussed South American theft groups in Utah.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Staff: John Feinauer (Managing Policy Analyst) / Lacey Johnson (Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

Political Subdivisions

Municipal Incorporation Process

Discussed with a panel of concerned parties and stakeholders [issues and concerns](#) regarding the municipal incorporation process statutes and possible solutions, including:

- assumptions used in feasibility studies;
- conflicts of interest;
- impartial review of the feasibility studies;
- imposing a limit on how long a feasibility study is valid;
- clarifying who is required to pay the study fees; and
- other concerns.

Action: Opened a committee bill file and asked for interested individuals to reach out to committee staff to participate in a workgroup to study the municipal incorporation process and report back to the committee at a future meeting with any recommendations for draft legislation.

Performance Audit of Utah Housing Policy

Heard from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding [recommendations](#) included in *A Performance Audit of Utah Housing Policy*. Requested that any interested individuals contact committee staff to work on an informal workgroup to develop draft legislation for the committee to consider at a future meeting.

Title 17 Recodification

Heard from committee staff regarding the proposed recodification of Title 17.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file and asked for interested individuals to reach out to committee staff to participate in a workgroup to develop draft legislation for the Title 17 recodification.*

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

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

Energy Fuels

Received a [presentation](#) from Energy Fuels Resources on uranium and critical mineral production in the United States.

Federal Transmission Permitting Rule

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah's rural electric cooperatives, Deseret Power and Rocky Mountain Power, on recent federal legislative regulatory reforms to transmission permitting.

Third Special Session Legislation: Energy Security Adjustments

Heard from the sponsors on 2024 Third Special Session H.B. 3004 1st Sub., "[Energy Security Adjustments](#)," and reviewed the [legislation analysis](#) associated with the bill in preparation for the 2024 Third Special Session.

Wildfire Operational Procedures

Received a [presentation](#) from Rocky Mountain Power's wildfire mitigation plan, wildfire prevention efforts, and other wildfire operational procedures.

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

Retirement and Independent Entities

June 18, 2024

2024 Interim Study Items

Reviewed and discussed proposed [study items](#) for the 2024 Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee.

Actions: *Approved the proposed interim study items list.*

Granted the chairs authority to open committee bill files for items on the list.

Long-Term Disability Program Benefits

Received a [presentation](#) from the Public Employees' Health Program (PEHP) on long-term disability benefits. Discussed potential benefit changes to the long-term disability program based on market developments while reducing the rates for long-term disability benefits.

Public Employees' Health Program Legislation

Received a [presentation](#) from PEHP regarding PEHP's responsibilities and functions, self-funded benefits available to members, and legislative services. Discussed issues that could affect member benefits.

Utah Retirement Systems

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah Retirement Systems (URS) that:

- gave a historical overview of URS;
- identified URS' roles and functions;
- addressed the 2023 investment returns and pension administration cost; and
- provided an update of the retirement systems' funded ratios.

Chairs: Rep. Cheryl K. Acton / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Mike Curtis (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Christine R. Gilbert (Deputy General Counsel) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

Revenue and Taxation

Centrally Assessed Property

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and heard from a legislator regarding issues related to centrally assessed property.

Performance Audit of Utah's Property Tax System

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on A Performance [Audit](#) of Utah's Property Tax System. Heard a response to the audit from the State Tax Commission's Property Tax Division.

Tax Burden

Heard a [presentation](#) from the Tax Foundation regarding Utah's tax burden ranking.

Transient Room Tax

Heard from committee staff and received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on details regarding the transient room tax.

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

June 17, 2024

2024 General Session and Legislation Update

Heard a [presentation](#) from task force staff regarding:

- the work of the School Security Task Force during 2023;
- 2024 General Session H.B. 84, "[School Safety Amendments](#)"; and
- legislative appropriations to the task force and its responsibilities related to these funds.

State Security Chief Updates

Received an [update](#) from the state security chief regarding:

- the roles and responsibilities of the office;
- the status of county security chief appointments;
- wearable panic alert devices as required by statute;
- security film for windows in schools; and
- access control for schools, including limited entry points, differentiated access control based on school grade levels, and identifiers for armed security in schools as required by statute.

Utah School Security Conference Update

Heard a [presentation](#) from State Board of Education staff about the 2024 Utah School Safety Conference, held June 13-14 and sponsored by the School Safety Center.

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

Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee

June 14, 2024

Confirmation of Angela Adams

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Angela Adams as a judge of the Fifth District Juvenile Court.

Confirmation of Cas White

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Cas White as a judge of the Seventh District Juvenile Court.

Confirmation of Sandi Clemens

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Sandi Clemens as a judge of the Third District Juvenile Court.

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

Transportation

Capital Transit Projects

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) on capital transit projects. Received a presentation from Bluffdale City on a road project at 14600 South.

Litter and Carcass Removal

Received a presentation from [Do Better Utah](#) and [UDOT](#) on litter and carcass removal on state roads.

Transit

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Transit Authority on future plans, current projects, and other updates.

Utah Trails Network

Heard a [presentation](#) from UDOT on the Utah Trail Network.

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





2024 Third Special Session

Utah State Legislature | June 19, 2024

Summary of considered legislation:

On June 19, 2024, the Utah Legislature convened in Special Session to consider seven items.

H.B. 3001, *Exchange Student Guardianship Amendments* expands participation in the Statewide Online Education Program by allowing specified foreign exchange students to participate in the online program.

H.B. 3002, *Public Lands Funding Amendments* modifies the statutory authority of the Public Lands Litigation Restricted Account by renaming it the Federal Overreach Restricted Account, consolidating four appropriations into the restricted account, expanding the purposes for which the funds in the account can be used, and requiring an entity that receives funds from the restricted account to report to the Executive Appropriations Committee. H.B. 3002 also appropriates \$2.148 million from the restricted account to the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office for efforts related to the management of public lands in Utah.

H.B. 3003, *School District Amendments* modifies provisions relating to the process to create a new school district and elect school board members when a new school district is created.

H.B. 3004, *Energy Security Adjustments* modifies provisions related to the decommissioning or disposal of project entity assets by expanding timelines for reporting requirements and allowing for greater flexibility in the decommissioned assets process.

H.B. 3005, *Sunset and Repeal Date Code Corrections* completes the standardization of all sunset and repeal date sections and moves provisions with future modified language from the sunset and repeal date sections to their relevant section of code.

H.J.R. 301, *Joint Resolution – Legislative Findings on State Sovereignty in regard to Title IX* declares that Utah has the sovereign authority and responsibility to safeguard the state's health, safety, and welfare of, and to promote the prosperity of, Utah residents and that the federal government's overreach in regard to the new regulations adopted under Title IX infringes on this authority.

H.C.R. 301, *Concurrent Resolution – Directives to Government Officers Under the Utah Constitutional Sovereignty Act in Regard to Title IX* directs government officers to comply with Utah laws over Title IX regulations that conflict with state law.

A detailed analysis of legislation considered in the 2023 First Special Session can be accessed [here](#).

Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees

For the 2025 General Session, as of June 21, 2024

Total number of committee bill files opened: 38

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

Business and Labor

- Health Facility Administrator Act Amendments
- *Building Inspector Amendments**
- *Corporate Organization Amendments**
- *Cosmetology Amendments**
- *Homeowner Insurance Market Amendments**
- *Insurance Investment Amendments**
- *Massage Therapy Amendments**
- *Solar Panel Disclosure Amendments**
- *Trust Company Eligibility Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 9

Economic Development and Workforce Services

- Board of Tourism Development Amendments
- Native American Remains Review Committee Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

Government Operations

- Division of Purchasing and General Services Amendments
- Election Information Amendments
- Ballot Distribution Revisions
- *Intergovernmental Support Agreement Modifications**
- *Internal Service Fund Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 5

Health and Human Services

- Health Care Facility Amendments
- *Correctional Health Amendments**
- *Vaccine Modifications**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3

Judiciary

- Administrative Procedures Act Amendments
- Child Visitation Amendments
- Employer Liability Amendments
- Foreign Judgment Amendments
- Judgment Renewal Amendments
- Justice Court Amendments
- Juvenile Court Procedures Amendments
- Limitations on Liability Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 8

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

- Criminal Code Recodification
- Organized Crime Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

Legislative Water Development Commission

- Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

- Livestock Brand Board Amendments
- Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

Political Subdivisions

- Utah Housing Amendments
- *Municipal Incorporation Amendments**
- *Title 17 Recodification**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3

Retirement and Independent Entities

- *Long-term Disability Amendments**
- *Retirement Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

Transportation

- Motor Vehicle Division Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1