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List of Committee Bills for the 2025 General Session
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Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held September 18, 2024, or as noted

Business and Labor

Draft Legislation: Behavioral Health Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Behavioral Health Amendments](#)," which would modify licensing provisions for mental health therapists.

Draft Legislation: Emergency Services Personnel Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Emergency Services Personnel Amendments](#)," which would allow licensed emergency medical service personnel to provide non-emergency medical services in certain circumstances.

Draft Legislation: Health Facility Act Administrator Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Health Facility Administrator Act Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset repeal date of the Health Facility Administrator Act by 10 years.

Life Coaching Requirements: OPLR Sunrise Review

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Professional Licensure Review on life coaching as an unlicensed profession. Presenters discussed reports of consumer harm, policy considerations towards regulating the industry, and recommendations for potential legislation.

Mortgage Professional Licensing

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Real Estate on the licensing structure for mortgage loan originators. Reviewed how federal statutes and rules impact the statutory requirements.

Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy, established by 2024 General Session S.B. 149, "[Artificial Intelligence Amendments](#)." Discussed the purpose of the office, its efforts to date, and its study of the role of generative AI in mental health treatment.

Wildfire Amendments

Received a [presentation](#) from a legislator and the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands on rising home insurance premiums in the Wildlife Urban Interface. Discussed the issue of measuring wildfire risk and policy proposals to establish a statewide fire risk map.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to adopt recommendations made by the division and stakeholders.

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)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

Utah Inland Port Authority

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Inland Port Authority regarding the status of new and ongoing projects, including current project areas, the process to establish a project area, use of tax increment financing, job creation, and environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts.

Housing: Accessory Dwelling Units

Received a [presentation](#) from Farmington City on the state of housing affordability in Farmington and how the city is using for-sale accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as a potential solution to the housing shortage.

Received a [presentation](#) from Millcreek City on how ADUs are zoned in the city, the timeline for ordinance changes, and observations since ordinances went into effect.

Received a [presentation](#) from the City of St. George on where zoning allows ADUs, and how many units have been approved since 2019.

Housing: Homeless Services

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on legislative changes from the 2024 General Session and a relevant United States Supreme Court decision on homelessness.

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Homeless Services, Salt Lake County, and First Step on Utah Homeless Services and efforts to reduce homelessness in the state.

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

Education

Legislative Audit: Juab School District

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General about a recent performance [audit](#) of the Juab School District and heard a response from Juab School District officials.

Draft Legislation: School Fees Amendments

Discussed 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[School Fees Amendments](#)," which would prohibit a local education agency from charging a student a fee for an activity that is required as part of a course grade.

Legislative Audit: Statewide Online Education Program

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on a recent performance [audit](#) on the Statewide Online Education Program and heard a response to the audit from the State Board of Education.

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

Public Education: Mental Health in Schools

Received presentations from the [Office of the Legislative Auditor General](#) and the [State Board of Education](#) on mental health programs in public education funded by the Legislature.

Received a [presentation](#) from Ogden School District on the school district's early warning system.

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

Education and Mental Health

Coordinating Committee

September 19, 2024

Transition Packet Review

Discussed documents to be included in the transition packet for the Utah Behavioral Health Commission.

Utah School-Based Health and Well-Being Programs

Received a [presentation](#) from representatives of the Utah School Mental Health Collaborative, Huntsman Mental Health Institute, Intermountain Health, and the State Board of Education summarizing the [final report](#) of a coalition of stakeholders working on school-based health and well-being programs in Utah.

Chairs: / Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Staff: Sivan Nizan (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Attorney) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

Ethnic Studies Commission

August 29, 2024

Commission Recommendations

Heard from commission staff and chairs on [commission recommendations](#) and discussed those recommendations.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox / Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Staff: Lacey Johnson (Policy Analyst) / Mike Curtis (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

Federalism Commission

September 17, 2024

Department of Environmental Quality

Received a report from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding rulemaking and program implementation. Discussed the requirements of 2024 General Session H.B. 373, "[Environmental Quality Amendments](#)," and issues that the commission would like to study with the Department of Environmental Quality.

Public Lands Rule

Heard from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office regarding the public lands rules being implemented by the Bureau of Land Management. Discussed the potential impact that these rules could have on land management decisions, wildlife management, recreation, mineral extraction, and other public lands use.

State Resource Management Plan

Received recommendations from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office regarding possible statutory modifications to the state resource management plans.

Action: Opened a commission bill file to address the recommended changes to the state resource management plans.

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

Government Operations

Availability of Election Documents

Received an update regarding a committee bill file to address the availability of election documents for research purposes. Discussed potential changes that would allow county clerks to access copies of certain election records and the circumstances under which those copies could be used to inform election-related policy questions.

Draft Legislation: Division of Purchasing and General Services Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Division of Purchasing and General Services Amendments](#)," which would modify the Utah Procurement Code.

Draft Legislation: Election Fundraising Amendments

Discussed 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Election Fundraising Amendments](#)," which would amend a provision prohibiting campaign contributions during session.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address a prohibition on campaign contributions during a legislative session based on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "Election Fundraising Amendments."

Inspection of Stormwater Retention Systems

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Services for Department of Defense Civilian Employees](#)," which would address certain benefits for a United States Department of Defense employee and the employee's family.

Inspection of Stormwater Retention Systems

Discussed the impacts of recently enacted legislation related to the inspection of stormwater retention systems and potential changes to address the applicability of regulations and tools to enforce compliance.

Population Data

Received a [presentation](#) from the United States Bureau of the Census and the Utah Population Committee about the sources and uses of population data and discussed the growing difference between national and state population estimates.



Special District Board of Trustees Compensation

Discussed the challenges with the current statutory maximum compensation for special service district board of trustees members and potential changes to increase the maximum and allow for annual cost-of-living adjustments.

Chairs: Rep. Calvin R. Musselman / Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton

Staff: Megan L. Bolin (Senior Policy Analyst) / Michael Cipriano (Attorney) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Health and Human Services

Healthcare Cost

Received presentations from [committee staff](#), [Public Employees Health Program](#), [Health Care Statistics Program](#), [One Utah Health Collaborative](#), and [Utah Medicaid](#) regarding:

- the state of health insurance coverage in Utah and how it is trending;
- Utah's health data systems;
- strategies that healthcare systems are pursuing to increase healthcare affordability and access; and
- policy levers that could be considered to help control costs throughout Utah's healthcare delivery system.

Mental Health Crisis Response

Received presentations from [West Jordan City Police](#) and the [Utah Behavioral Health Committee](#) regarding resources available for law enforcement when responding to situations involving an individual experiencing a mental health crisis, including Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.



Statutory Report: Assertive Community Treatment Needs Assessment

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health on a long-term, statewide Assertive Community Treatment team plan in accordance with 2023 General Session H.B. 248, "[Mental Health Services for Adults](#)."

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

Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing

Received comments and [proposed statutory changes](#) from Right on Crime and For the People regarding prosecutor-initiated resentencing, a reform that several states have enacted that allows prosecutors to evaluate past cases and bring them forward to a court or parole board for possible resentencing.

Children's Justice Centers

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on Children's Justice Centers and heard comments from program staff on current practices for interviewing children at Children's Justice Centers about allegations of abuse.

Integrity in Prosecutorial Investigations

Received a [presentation](#) by a citizen, a private investigator, and a former FBI agent on their concerns related to the integrity and oversight of prosecutorial investigations.

Action: Voted to organize a working group to study the issues and proposals identified in the presentation.

Victim Services

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Victim Services Commission, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime, and the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault on victim services throughout the state, including information related to availability, funding, and standards of care for rape crisis centers.

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

August 26, 2024

Update from Justice Court Reform Working Groups

Received updates and recommendations from working groups organized by the task force to study aspects of justice court reform, including presentations related to a stakeholder [survey](#), [justice court fines](#), and a [proposal](#) by the courts regarding justice court jurisdiction.

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

Draft Legislation: Limitations on the Use of Polygraphs

Received a presentation from a legislator, the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and the Office of the Attorney General on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Limitations on the Use of Polygraphs](#)," which would regulate the use of polygraph exams on victims of sexual offenses.

Draft Legislation: Organized Crime

Received a presentation from the Salt Lake Area Gang Project and Davis County Attorney's Office on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Criminal Offenses Modifications](#)," which would address changes related to organized crime and juvenile involvement in gangs.

Draft Legislation: Prostitution Offense Amendments

Received a presentation from committee staff and a legislator on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Prostitution Offense Amendments](#)," which would reorganize and amend provisions concerning prostitution and related offenses.

Sexual Extortion Amendments

Received a presentation from committee staff and a legislator on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Sexual Extortion Amendments](#)," which would amend the crime of sexual extortion to include counterfeit intimate images.

Action: *Approved as a committee bill file, 2025 General Session draft legislation, "Sexual Extortion Amendments."*

Sunset Review: Information Check Before the Private Sale of a Firearm

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification regarding the sunset of Utah Code Section [76-10-526.1](#) relating to an information check before the private sale of a firearm.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file to permanently implement the voluntary information check for the private sale of a firearm.*

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

Legislative Management

September 17, 2024

Consideration of Amicus Brief for the federal unappropriated lands case before the U.S. Supreme Court, *State of Utah vs. United States of America*

Discussed preparing an amicus brief for the federal unappropriated lands case before the United States Supreme Court, *State of Utah vs. United States of America*.

Action: *Directed legislative general counsel to prepare and file an amicus brief on behalf of the Legislature with the United States Supreme Court in the matter of *In Re: State of Utah vs. United States of America*; and to consult with the President and Speaker as representatives of the Legislature on any necessary matters relating to the litigation.*

Chairs: President J. Stuart Adams / Speaker Mike Schulz
Staff: John Q. Cannon (Director) / Victoria Ashby (General Counsel) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Manager)



Legislative Water Development

Commission

September 17, 2024

Bear Lake Marina

Received an [update](#) from the Division of Facilities Construction and Management on the status, process, and costs related to the Bear Lake Marina expansion.

CUWCD Great Salt Lake Activities

Heard an [update](#) from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District on its activities related to the Great Salt Lake.

Ditch Maintenance

Heard from a legislator about issues caused by a flooding ditch and discussed the responsibilities of ditch owners or operators related to ditch maintenance.

Draft Legislation: State Water Program Reporting Requirements

Considered 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[State Water Program Reporting Requirements](#)," which would address reporting on the state's legislative water optimization efforts.

Action: Recommended 2025 General Session draft legislation, "State Water Program Reporting Requirements."

Great Salt Lake Commissioner Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Great Salt Lake Commissioner regarding the commissioner's first annual [report](#).

Water Rights Policy Considerations

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Rights on policy issues related to:

- electronic signatures on water rights addenda;
- the time period for reinstatement of a lapsed water right application; and
- watering of livestock on public lands.

Action: Opened three commission bill files to address the three policy issues identified by the Division of Water Rights.

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

Murdered and Missing Indigenous

Relatives Task Force

September 19, 2024

Listening Session

Held a listening session for members of the public that included a [presentation](#) on efforts by the Ute Indian Tribe regarding murdered and missing indigenous relatives.

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Task Force Report

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff regarding the task force's activities and key legislative policy recommendations from the 2023 MMIR Task Force Report.

Native American Legislative Liaison Committee

Update

Received a [presentation](#) from task force staff regarding the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee, including relevant recent legislation and required reports.

Chairs: Rep. Angela Romero / Sen. David P. Hinkins
Staff: Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Austin Weenig (Associate General Counsel) / Samantha Merrell (Administrative Assistant)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

A Performance Audit of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding the findings of its recent [audit](#) of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). Heard comments from SITLA in response to the audit.

Draft Legislation: State Water Policy Amendments

Considered 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[State Water Policy Amendments](#)," which would amend the state water policy. Discussed possible amendments to the draft, including an alternate [draft](#).

Financial Assurances for Mining Operators

Heard comments from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining regarding modernizing Utah's mineral bonding laws to reflect current financial assurance options.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to direct the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to study issues related to mineral bonding.

Great Salt Lake Commissioner Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Great Salt Lake Commissioner regarding the commissioner's first annual [report](#).

Groundwater Levels

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Rights and the Utah Geological Survey on groundwater conditions statewide, including areas of the state experiencing severely declining groundwater levels.

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

Political Subdivisions

Elected Officials Public Bonding Requirements

Discussed issues related to bonding for elected officials and problems with existing statutes. Heard from the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool regarding recommended changes to the current statutes that would clarify the bonding requirements for public officials and the process for bond payments.

Action: Opened a committee bill file addressing the recommended changes to existing statute regarding bonding requirements for elected officials.

Grand County Audit of Tourism Related Taxes

Received presentations from the [Office of the Legislative Auditor General](#) regarding a legislative audit on tourism related taxes from 2019 and the [State Auditor's Office](#) regarding Grand County's use of transient room taxes. Received comments from the Grand County Commission regarding the audit findings.

Station Area Plans Implementation Report

Received a presentation from the Wasatch Front Regional Council regarding the implementation of station area plans. 2022 General Session H.B. 462, "[Utah Housing Affordability Amendments](#)," authorized the creation of station area plans requiring municipalities with a fixed-guideway transit station to develop a plan for that station and zoning to implement the station area plan.

Utah Inland Port Authority Report

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Inland Port Authority regarding the status of new and ongoing projects. Discussed current project areas, the process to establish a project area, use of tax increment financing, job creation, and environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts.

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Michael K. McKell
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / RuthAnne Oakey-Frost (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Robert H. Rees (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

Committee business

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address concerns related to Rocky Mountain Power's rate case.

Report from Curio: Nuclear Fuel Recycling

Heard an overview from Curio, a private company focused on commercializing the recycling of used nuclear fuel to power modern reactors, which included an overview of the company's vision and specifications and benefits of the technology.

Report from OED: Nuclear Pathway

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Energy Development on its proposal for a strategic nuclear energy pathway.

Required Report: Division of Technology Services

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Technology Services on the progress of creating a pilot program for the implementation of digital verifiable credentials by governmental entities.

Required Report: Utah Broadband Center

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Broadband Center on the status of Utah's Digital Connectivity Plan creation and implementation.

Sunset Review: Committee of Consumer Services

Heard comments from the Committee of Consumer Services (committee) and the Office of Consumer Services regarding whether the authorization for the committee should be extended or allowed to expire.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to extend authorization of the committee for up to 10 years.

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

Revenue and Taxation

Centrally Assessed Property Tax Process

Received presentations from [committee staff](#) and a [legislator](#) on the centrally assessed property tax process and potential statutory changes to improve the process.

Impacts of Utah Residents Registering Vehicles in Another State

Heard from a legislator, the State Tax Commission, Insure-Rite, and the [Division of Outdoor Recreation](#) on the causes, impacts, and potential solutions to Utah residents purchasing and registering their vehicles in another state.

Property Tax Deferral Program and the Circuit Breaker Program

Received presentations from the [Utah Association of Counties](#) and the State Tax Commission on the uses of the Property Tax Deferral Program, the Homeowner's Tax Credit, and the Renter Refund.

Property Tax Notice Amendments

Heard from a legislator and the Utah Association of Counties regarding 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Property Tax Notice Amendments](#)," which would modify the property tax valuation notice requirements.

Action: *Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "Property Tax Notice Amendments"*

Tax Credit Review

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff summarizing the income tax credits offered by statute and the committee's role in reviewing their effectiveness.

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)

Revitalization Zone Committee

September 17, 2024

Project Area and Participation Agreement Review

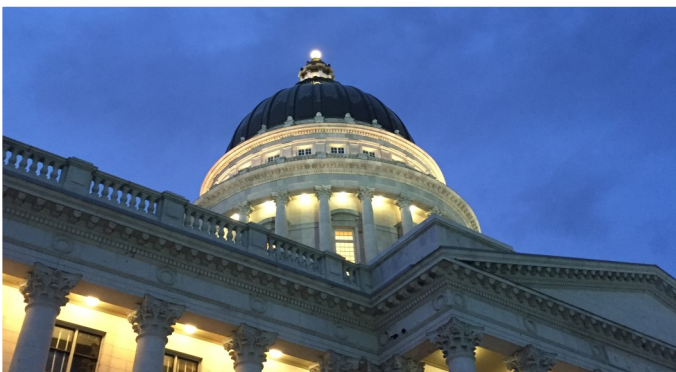
Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the process created by 2024 General Session S.B. 272, "[Capital City Revitalization Zone](#)," and the committee's responsibilities.

Received a [presentation](#) from representatives of Salt Lake City and heard from Salt Lake County and a representative of the Smith Entertainment Group regarding the endorsed [Project Area and Participation Agreement](#).

Actions: *Highlighted some areas of concern with the participation agreement that the committee would like the city and project participant to consider going forward.*

Approved the Project Area and Participation Agreement.

Chairs: Rep. Jefferson Moss / Sen. Daniel McCay
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)



Rules Review and General Oversight

September 16, 2024

Health and Human Services Child Welfare Investigations

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Health and Human Services on the process for investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect. Discussed data collection and oversight mechanisms used to review actions taken by the department during incidents of substantiated abuse or neglect.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file directing the Department of Health and Human Services to submit false reports of abuse or neglect to law enforcement for further investigation.*

Review of Legislation: H.B. 344, Judicial Rules Review Amendments

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on 2024 General Session legislation H.B. 344, "[Judicial Rules Review Amendments](#)," which changed the committee's statutory scope and authority related to judicial rules.

Chairs: Rep. Kera Birkeland / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Staff: Rohnin Randles (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

School Security Task Force

September 16, 2024

State Security Chief & School Safety Center

Received a [presentation](#) from the state security chief and School Safety Center staff on various activities, including a recent virtual School Safety Town Hall.

Update on Recent School Shooting in Georgia

Received an update from the chair about lessons learned from a recent school shooting in Georgia.

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

Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee

September 13, 2024

Confirmation of David Loden

Recommended to the Senate the appointment of David Loden as a member of the Youth Parole Authority.

Chairs: Sen. Michael S. Kennedy
Staff: Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Transportation

Long-term transportation planning

Received presentations from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) on [passenger rail](#) and [corridor preservation](#). Received a [presentation](#) about the Rio Grande Plan from Via Rio Grande. Received a [presentation](#) from the Mountainland Association of Governments on a grid study project.

Station Area Plans

Received a [presentation](#) from Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Mountainland Association of Governments on Station Area Plans and the implementation of 2022 General Session H.B. 462, "[Utah Housing Affordability Amendments](#)."

Traffic Safety

Received a [presentation](#) from the Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Mountainland Association of Governments on local transportation safety for all road users.

Traffic Signal Criteria

Received a [presentation](#) from UDOT on traffic signal warrant criteria and heard comments from West Jordan city residents.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to review warrant criteria.

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)



Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees For the 2025 General Session, as of September 23, 2024

Total number of committee bill files opened: 78

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

Business and Labor

- Ambulance Services Amendments
- Building Inspector Amendments
- Corporate Organization Amendments
- Cosmetology Amendments
- Health Facility Administrator Act Amendments
- Homeowner Insurance Market Amendments
- Insurance Investment Amendments
- Massage Therapy Amendments
- Solar Panel Disclosure Amendments
- Trust Company Eligibility Amendments
- *Certified Public Accountant Licensing Amendments**
- *Consumer Protection Amendments**
- *Firefighter Cancer Amendments**
- *Wildfire Modifications**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 14

Economic Development and Workforce Services

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

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3

Education

- Class Size Reduction Modifications
- Education Program Sunset Amendments
- English Learner Amendments
- *Statewide Online Educations Program Modifications**

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

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

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 7

Health and Human Services

- Correctional Health Amendments
- Criminal Justice and Mental Health Coordination Amendments
- Health Care Facility Amendments
- Vaccine Modifications
- Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention Program Sunset Extension

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 5

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
- Criminal Offenses Modifications
- Prostitution Offense Amendments
- Sex Offense Registry Amendments
- *Private Sale of a Firearm Sunset Review Amendments**
- *Sexual Extortion Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 6

Legislative Water Development Commission

- Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District
- *Livestock Watering Rights Amendments**
- *Water Rights Applications Amendments**
- *Water Rights Recording Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 4

Native American Legislative Liaison

- Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Task Force Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

- Livestock Brand Board Amendments
- Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan Amendments
- Water Revisions
- Wildfire Resources Compact Amendments
- *Mineral Bonding Study**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 5

Political Subdivisions

- Municipal Incorporation Amendments
- Title 17 Recodification
- Utah Housing Amendments
- Voting Precinct Amendments
- *Elected Official Bonding Requirements**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 5

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

- Decommissioned Asset Disposition Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees For the 2025 General Session, as of September 23, 2024

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Retirement and Independent Entities

- Long-term Disability Amendments
- Retirement Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

Revenue and Taxation

- Property Tax Act Modifications
- Sales and Use Tax Act Amendments
- Sales and Use Tax Remittance Amendments
- State Income Tax Amendments
- Tax Withholding Amendments
- *Centrally Assessed Property Amendments**
- *Petroleum Storage Amendments**
- *Vehicle Registration Modifications**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 8

Rules Review and General Oversight Committee

- *Child Welfare Reporting Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

Transportation

- Motor Vehicle Division Amendments
- Road Jurisdiction Amendments
- *Traffic Control Amendments**

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 3
