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Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held November 20, 2024, or as noted

Business and Labor

Draft Legislation: Firefighter Cancer Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Firefighter Cancer Amendments](#)," which would modify the Utah Occupational Disease Act by expanding the rebuttable presumption for a firefighter diagnosed with cancer.

Draft Legislation: Building Inspector Amendments

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Commerce on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Building Inspector Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions relating to the licensing of building officials and building inspectors.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Building Inspector Amendments](#)."

Draft Legislation: Consumer Protection Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Consumer Protection Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions relating to consumer protection and deceptive sales practices.

Draft Legislation: Insurance Investment Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Insurance Investment Amendments](#)," which would repeal and reenact provisions relating to the scope of allowable insurance investments.

Draft legislation: Massage Therapy Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Massage Therapy Amendments](#)," which would modify the licensing requirements for practicing massage therapy, including creating a registration requirement for massage therapy establishments.

Draft Legislation: Professional Licensure

Background Checks

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Professional Licensing on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Professional Licensure Background Checks](#)," which would amend requirements related to background checks for licensing applicants and licensees.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Professional Licensure Background Checks](#)."

Draft Legislation: Public Agency Insurance Mutual Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Public Agency Insurance Mutuals Amendments](#)," which would modify provisions relating to public agency insurance mutuals, including creating an exemption from the State Money Management Act.

Draft Legislation: Residential Solar Panel

Disclosure Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Residential Solar Panel Consumer Protection Amendments](#)," which would establish additional protections for customers in the residential solar panel market.

Draft Legislation: Wildland Urban Interface

Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Wildland Urban Interface Modifications](#)," which would address efforts to respond to increased wildfire risks in properties within a wildland urban interface area.

Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy on its 2024 year-end accountability report.

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 Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

Draft Legislation: First Home Investment Zone Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[First Home Investment Zone Amendments](#)," which would:

- modify the definition of affordable housing;
- clarify owner-occupancy requirements; and
- clarify how extraterritorial homes are included in density requirements for a first home investment zone.

Draft Legislation: Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments](#)," which would modify definitions and clarify that a tax increment may only be used up to three times per project.

Draft Legislation: On Premise Sign Installation Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[On Premise Sign Installation Amendments](#)," which would modify licensing requirements for on-site sign installation.

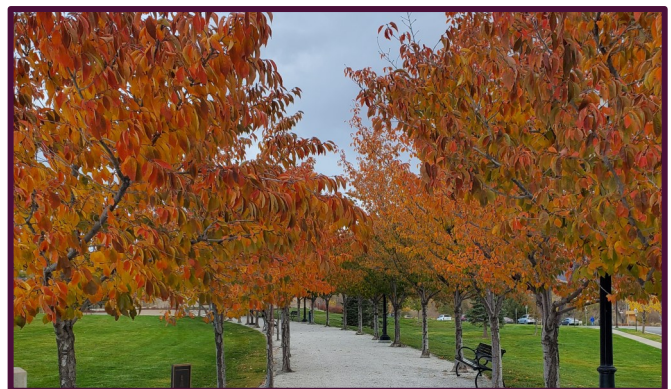
Sunset Review: Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Manufacturing Modernization Grant Sunset Amendments](#)," which would extend the Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program sunset date by three years.

Workforce Services: Refugee Services Office

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Refugee Services Amendments](#)," which would codify the Refugee Services office that was established in 2008 via executive order.

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



Education

Draft Legislation: Charter School Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Charter School Amendments](#)," which would address enrollment deficiencies and funding for new or expanding charter schools.

Draft Legislation: Class Size Reduction Modifications

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Class Size Reduction Modifications](#)," which would rename the "class size reduction appropriation" to the "early learning add-on" and require local education agencies to use the money to support students in grades K-3.

Draft Legislation: Education Program Sunset Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Education Program Sunset Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset dates for the grant for professional learning, the elementary teacher preparation assessment grant, and the local innovations civics education pilot program.

Draft Legislation: Education Testing Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Education Testing Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions for assessments in Utah.

Draft Legislation: English Learner Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[English Learner Amendments](#)," which would provide funding to schools experiencing a significant increase in enrollment of English language learner students.

Draft Legislation: Higher Education Reporting Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Higher Education Reporting Amendments](#)," which would eliminate several reporting requirements related to higher education.

Draft Legislation: Public Education Revisions

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Public Education Revisions](#)," which would make various changes to public education code requested by the State Board of Education.

Draft Legislation: School District Modifications

Heard comments from a legislator on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[School District Modifications](#)," which would address the process for creating a new school district.

Draft Legislation: School Swimming and Lifeguarding Programs

Heard comments from a legislator on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[School Swimming and Lifeguarding Programs](#)," which would address water safety instruction, swim instruction, and swim instructor certification in public education.

Draft Legislation: Statewide Online Education Program Modifications

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Statewide Online Education Program Modifications](#)," which would amend the small school portion of the Statewide Online Education Program.

Legislative Audit: Utah System of Higher Education

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding a performance [audit](#) of the Utah System of Higher Education.

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)

Ethnic Studies Commission

November 6, 2024

Commission Recommendations

Reviewed and discussed changes to the commission's [recommendations](#).

Actions: Substituted and approved the recommendation for the Office of the Governor to include having a formal recognition of Utah residents from diverse backgrounds.

Approved the recommendation to examine the neutrality standard in 2024 General Session H.B. 261, "[Equal Opportunity Initiatives](#)," and to address unintended consequences.

Approved the State Board of Education's recommendations to carefully consider incorporating the use of Ethnic Studies in core curriculum and to recommend incorporating curriculum that reflects the state's various demographics.

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

November 19, 2024

Davillier Research Status

Received an update from Davillier Law Group on research requested by the commission focusing on federal jurisdiction on public lands and updating the Eisenhower Report.

Department of Environmental Quality

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding rules and regulations imposed by the federal government, the status of the implementation of those rules and regulations, and the impact of federal rules and regulations on Utah.

Draft Legislation: State Resource Management Plan

Action: Approved as a commission bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[State Resource Management Plan Amendments](#)" which would make technical corrections to the state resource management plan, as recommended by the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

Federal Guidance Letters

Received a presentation from the Sutherland Institute regarding the use of guidance letters by the federal government. The institute discussed the need to create a database to track federal guidance letters received by state agencies. Tennessee has a requirement that its state board of education publish any guidance letters from the federal Department of Education.

Federalism Issues Discussion with State Agencies

Received a report from a legislator regarding discussions with state agencies on federalism and state sovereignty issues. Discussed the need to identify the extent of federal authority, how to identify when the federal government has exceeded its authority, and what recourse a state might have if it determines that the federal government has exceeded its authority.

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

Government Operations

Draft Legislation: Appearance of Candidate Name on Ballot

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session legislation, "[Appearance of Candidate Name on Ballot](#)," which would establish criteria for permitting a candidate to use the candidate's middle name, nickname, or initial on a ballot.

Draft Legislation: Ballot Counting and Drop Box Amendments

Considered 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Ballot Counting and Drop Box Amendments](#)," which would provide that, for a ballot that is mailed to be valid, the election officer must receive the ballot before the polls close on election day.

Draft Legislation: Ballot Information Accessibility Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Ballot Information Accessibility Amendments](#)," which would make it unlawful to access or disclose certain information relating to the method and timing of a voter casting a vote or returning a ballot, including a penalty for a violation.

Draft Legislation: Construction Amendments

Considered 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Construction Amendments](#)," which would establish standards and penalties for non-compliance related to storm water runoff regulation and inspection.

Draft Legislation: Election Code Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Election Code Amendments](#)," which would make several technical changes to the Election Code, including:

- repealing obsolete language related to the in-state residency requirement for a signature-gatherer; and
- standardizing language related to a voter who, after signing a petition, seeks to remove the voter's signature from the petition.

Draft Legislation: Election Information Amendments

Considered 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Election Information Amendments](#)," which would authorize, under certain circumstances, the county clerk, county legislative body, or certain government entities, to examine an electronic copy of election material to conduct election research.

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

A Performance Audit of Utah's Behavioral Health System

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the findings and recommendations from A Performance [Audit](#) of Utah's Behavioral Health System.

Action: Approved adding the issues raised in the audit to the interim committee's study item list for 2025.

Draft Legislation: Civil Commitment Modifications

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Civil Commitment Modifications](#)," which would amend provisions relating to notification and procedural requirements associated with civil commitment.

Draft Legislation: Correctional Health Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Correctional Health Amendments](#)," which would address issues related to the provision of health care services delivered by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Corrections in correctional facilities.

Draft Legislation: Criminal Justice and Mental Health Coordination Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Criminal Justice and Mental Health Coordination Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions related to mental health services and create the Crisis Response Task Force.

Draft Legislation: Medical Intervention Modifications

Discussed 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Medical Intervention Modifications](#)," which would amend provisions related to medical interventions, specifically to clarify conditions of unprofessional conduct and protect individuals from unproven medical countermeasures.

Draft Legislation: Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana, and Other Drug Prevention Program Sunset Extension

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana, and Other Drug Prevention Program Sunset Extension](#)," which would:

- extend the sunset date of the program by five years;
- expand the scope of the program; and
- establish an order of priority for funding distributions from the Electronic Cigarette Substance and Nicotine Product Proceeds Restricted Account.

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

Draft Legislation: Administrative Procedures Act Amendments

Received comments from committee staff and a legislator about 2025 General Session draft legislation that would clarify the definition of "final agency action" in response to the Utah Supreme Court's call for legislative action in *Vote Solar v. Public Service Commission of Utah* (2023).

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Administrative Procedures Act Amendments](#)."

Draft Legislation: Concurrent Resolution Authorizing Sentencing Guidelines

Heard comments from committee staff and received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Sentencing Commission on a draft concurrent resolution authorizing adult sentencing and supervision length guidelines and juvenile disposition guidelines.

Action: Approved as a committee concurrent resolution 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Concurrent Resolution Authorizing Adult Sentencing and Supervision Length Guidelines and Juvenile Disposition Guidelines](#)."

Draft Legislation: Foreign Judgment Amendments

Heard comments from committee staff and a legislator about draft legislation clarifying statutes related to post-judgment interest rates applied to a foreign judgment in response to the Utah Supreme Court's call for legislative action in *Sunstone Realty Partners X LL v. Bodell Construction Company* (2024).

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Foreign Judgment Amendments](#)."

Draft Legislation: Health Insurance Modifications

Heard comments from a legislator and received a [presentation](#) from Ark Insurance Solutions about draft legislation to require a health benefit plan to count all payments paid on behalf of an enrollee towards the enrollee's deductible.

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Health Insurance Modifications](#)."

Draft Legislation: Juvenile Court Procedures Amendments

Heard comments from committee staff and a legislator about draft legislation clarifying statutes related to custody and guardianship orders in response to the Utah Court of Appeals' call for legislative action in *In re A.S.G.-R.* (2023).

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Juvenile Court Procedures Amendments](#)."



Draft Legislation: Ritual Abuse Amendments

Heard comments from legislators about draft legislation to address certain crimes committed against children, such as ritual abuse of a minor.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Ritual Abuse Amendments](#)."

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

Collateral Consequence Guide Updates

Received a presentation from the Utah Sentencing Commission on the [2024 Collateral Consequence Guide](#) and [Collateral Consequence Guide Report](#). The guide and report outline how many bills during the 2022 and 2023 general sessions imposed, expanded, limited, or reduced collateral consequences for criminal convictions and provide details on what the collateral consequences are for specific criminal convictions.

Draft Legislation: Criminal Offense Modifications

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Criminal Offenses Modifications](#)," which would address changes related to certain criminal offenses and enhancements.

Draft Legislation: Juror Eligibility Amendments

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Juror Eligibility Amendments](#)," which would address juror eligibility of an individual convicted of a felony.

Draft Legislation: Offender Information Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Offender Information Amendments](#)," which would require the Division of Technology Services to make the single sign-on citizen portal available for individuals who are or were convicted offenders.

Draft Legislation: School Safety Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[School Safety Amendments](#)," which would modify school safety provisions.

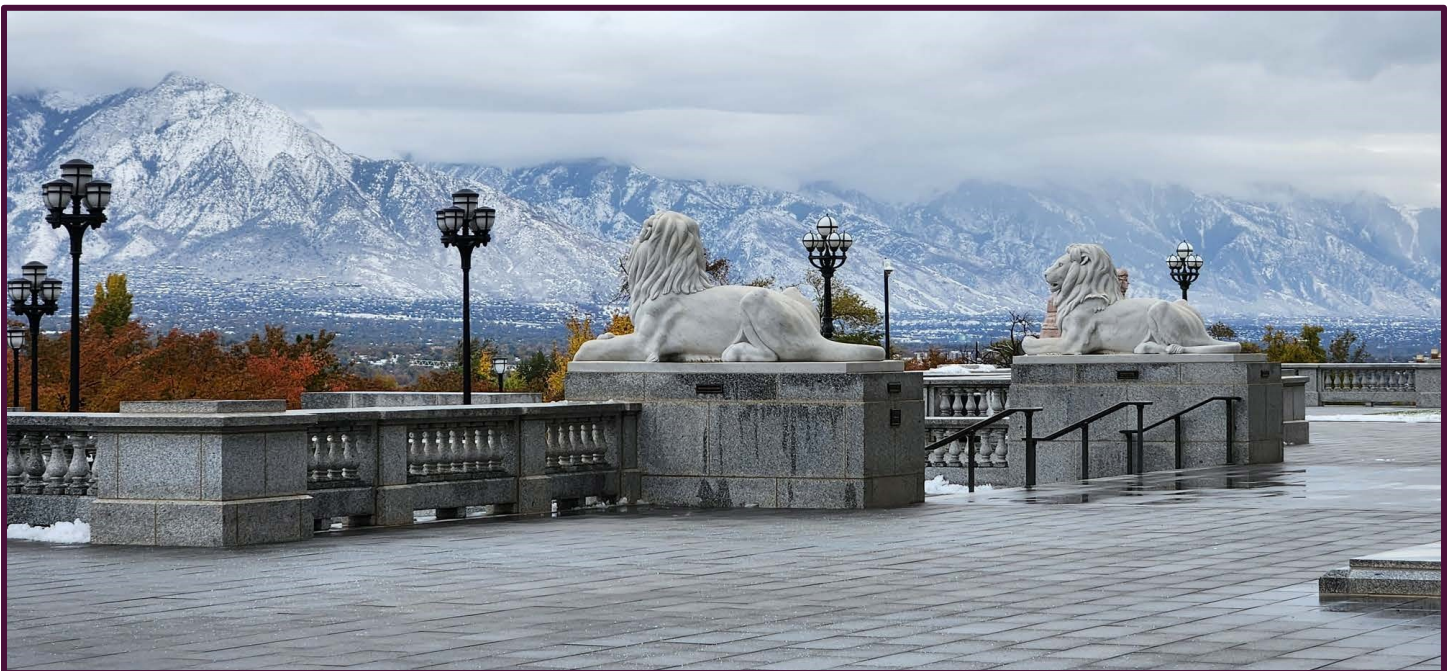
Draft Legislation: Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Amendments](#)," which would recodify the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry statutes.

Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Modifications

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Modifications](#)," which would require the Department of Corrections to conduct a risk assessment for individuals convicted of a sex offense that is registrable for the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry

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



Legislative Water Development

Commission

November 19, 2024

Construction Site Storm Water Runoff

Heard an update from a legislator on efforts to implement the provisions of 2024 General Session H.B. 507, "[Construction Amendments](#)."

Draft Legislation: Irrigation Amendments

Action: Approved as a commission bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Irrigation Amendments](#)," which would address owners or operators of water facilities.

Draft Legislation: Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments

Action: Amended and approved as a commission bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments](#)," which would address livestock watering on public lands.

Draft Legislation: Water Quality Board Amendments

Action: Approved as a commission bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Quality Board Amendments](#)," which would amend the Water Quality Act to establish a fair penalty amount in unsettled disputes between violators and the Division of Water Quality.

Draft Legislation: Water Rights Applications Amendments

Action: Approved as a commission bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Rights Applications Amendments](#)," which would address reinstatement of lapsed water rights applications.

Draft Legislation: Water Rights Recording Amendments

Action: Approved as a commission bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Rights Recording Amendments](#)," which would address water rights addenda.

Draft Legislation: Water Usage Amendments

Action: Voted to support 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Water Usage Amendments](#)," which would address the use of overhead spray irrigation.

Greenspace Analysis

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources on the findings of an analysis of potential water savings achieved by following water recommendations in certain green spaces.

Integration of Existing Water Funds

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources on a [study](#) of the integration of funds used to finance water infrastructure projects into the planning and prioritization process created by 2024 General Session H.B. 280, "[Water Related Changes](#)."

The Great Salt Lake

Received a [presentation](#) from the Great Salt Lake Commissioner's Office regarding water committed to the Great Salt Lake and [potential legislative changes](#) related to the Great Salt Lake.

Utah Water Ways

Received an update from Utah Water Ways about its activities over the past year.

Water Infrastructure Funding

Received a [presentation](#) on a [study](#) of the use of property tax to fund water infrastructure, treatment, and delivery.

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)

Native American Legislative Liaison Committee

November 13, 2024

Division of Indian Affairs

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Indian Affairs on its annual activities and achievements.

Draft Legislation: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Indian Family Preservation Act Amendments](#)," which would address Indian child and family welfare issues and mirrors the federal ICWA.

Draft Legislation: Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Task Force

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Task Force Amendments](#)," which would re-establish the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Task Force.



Health and ICWA Liaisons

Received annual reports from the Department of Health and Human Services on the activities and achievements of the [American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal Health Liaison](#) and the [American Indian/Alaska Native Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (ICWA).

Navajo Trust Fund

Discussed the Utah Navajo Trust Fund [Annual Report](#) and accompanying state [audit report](#)

Chairs: Rep. Christine F. Watkins / Sen. David P. Hinkins
Staff: Rachel Brooks (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Samantha Merrell (Administrative Assistant)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

Brine Mining Operations

Received a [presentation](#) on the results of a [study](#) to evaluate the regulation of brine mining operations, as required by Section [40-8-24](#).

Chevron Deference Update

Heard updates from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office on agency reviews of federal regulations impacted by the judicial doctrine of Chevron deference.

Draft Legislation: Forest Fire Resources Compact Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Forest Fire Resources Compact Amendments](#)," which would enact the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact.

Draft Legislation: Hemp Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Hemp Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions related to hemp products and regulation.

Draft Legislation: Livestock Brand Board Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Livestock Brand Board Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset date for the Livestock Brand Board by 10 years.

Draft Legislation: Mineral Surety Study

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Mineral Surety Study](#)," which would require the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining to study certain surety issues.

Draft Legislation: Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan Amendments](#)," which would extend the Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan sunset date by two years.

Draft Legislation: State Campground Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[State Campground Amendments](#)," which would address the designation of state campgrounds.

Draft Legislation: State Water Policy Amendments

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[State Water Policy Amendments](#)," which would amend the state water policy.

Integration of Existing Water Funds

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources about a [study](#) of the integration of funds used to finance water infrastructure projects into the planning and prioritization process created by 2024 General Session H.B. 280, "[Water Related Changes](#)."

Rocky Mountain Power

Discussed a [report](#) from Rocky Mountain Power on the options, challenges, and opportunities associated with potential corporate realignment.

Utah Miners Hospital

Received an [overview](#) from the Utah Miners Hospital on its purpose and work. Heard questions from the Utah Mining Association related to whether miners are still well served by the hospital's current structure.

Action: Voted to request that the Utah Miners Hospital work with the Utah Mining Association to study the issues raised and report findings and recommended changes in the committee's May 2025 meeting.

Water Optimization

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Division of Water Resources on the results of statewide legislative water optimization efforts.

Wildfire Risk Assessment

Heard an [overview](#) of an [analysis](#) of wildfire risk in the wildland-urban interface area, as required by Section [65A-8-203](#).

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) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Political Subdivisions

Draft Legislation: Boundary Line Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Boundary Line Amendments](#)," which would clarify the process for proposing a boundary adjustment or boundary establishment.

Draft Legislation: County Office Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[County Office Amendments](#)," which would authorize a county to provide additional office space for elected officials and staff in areas outside of the county seat.

Draft Legislation: Fireworks Modifications

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Fireworks Modifications](#)," which would make technical corrections to the fireworks code.

Draft Legislation: Municipal Service Fee Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Municipal Service Fee Amendments](#)," which would authorize municipalities to impose a lien on a property for unpaid utility fees.

Draft Legislation: Occupational Safety and Health Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Occupational Safety and Health Amendments](#)," which would increase the civil penalties for certain Utah Occupational Health and Safety violations.

Draft Legislation: Public Official Bonding Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Public Official Bonding Amendments](#)," which would eliminate the need for public officials to acquire bonds and instead acquire crime insurance.

Draft Legislation: Utah Housing Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Utah Housing Amendments](#)," which would:

- modify the requirements for moderate income housing plans;
- require the Division of Housing and Community Development to analyze the moderate income housing plans and report to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee;

- require the development of regional housing plans; and
- provide for the Commission on Housing Affordability to report on recommendations to address housing affordability.

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

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

Cybersecurity Commission Assessment

Received a [statutorily required report](#) from the Cybersecurity Commission regarding an assessment of cyber threats to Utah and recommendations for best practices and potential legislation to reduce the state's risk.

Cybersecurity Infrastructure Modifications

Received a statutorily required [report](#) from the Division of Technology Services regarding a process for implementing zero trust architecture and multi-factor authentication.

DCPC-Design & Construction

Received a [presentation](#) from a company that develops power generation for data center sites and resolves development needs associated with feasibility challenges, with specific attention toward the Intermountain Power Plant.

Draft Legislation: Decommissioned Asset Disposition Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Decommissioned Asset Disposition Amendments](#)," which would prohibit a project entity from disconnecting from or modifying any existing interconnections and critical switchyard equipment and any other action that would require a new owner to submit a new interconnection request.

Draft Legislation: Committee of Consumer Services Sunset Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Committee of Consumer Services Sunset Amendments](#)," which would extend the sunset date of the committee by 10 years.

Draft Legislation: Electricity Rate Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Electricity Rate Amendments](#)," which would remove the Energy Balancing Account and direct the Public Service Commission to prioritize Utah interests when approving rate recovery for a qualified utility.

Electrical Power Delivery

Received a statutorily required [report](#) (slides 3-6) from the Public Service Commission on "Electrical Power Delivery.

Forced Retirement of Electrical Generation Facilities

Received a statutorily required [report](#) (slide 7) from the Public Service Commission on the "Forced Retirement of Electrical Generation Facilities."

Fuel Storage Reserve Study

Received a statutorily required [report](#) from the Office of Energy Development on the preliminary analysis of fuel storage reserve study.

MCI Carbon

Received a [presentation](#) from MCI Carbon, which is a company specializing in carbon capture technology and looking to expand operations in Utah.

OED Director Report

Heard an introduction from the incoming director of the Office of Energy Development (OED). Received a statutorily required [report](#) from OED on its goals and accomplishments, and a review of the state energy policy.

Project Entity Asset Intended for Decommissioning Study

Received a statutorily required [report](#) from the Decommissioned Asset Disposition Authority on:

- the challenges of establishing fair market value;
- the potential for sale of facilities to new owners; and
- the impacts on the state's air quality state implementation plan when assets identified for decommissioning continue to operate.

Public Service Commission Chair

Received an introduction from Jerry Fenn, the new Public Service Commission chair, regarding his background and his views towards his role as the new chair.

Rocky Mountain Power's Preliminary Plan to Separate from PacifiCorp

Received a [report](#) from Rocky Mountain Power regarding a preliminary analysis of potential corporate realignment within the PacifiCorp system.

Single Sign-on Expendable Special Revenue Fund

Heard a review of the fund revenues and expenditures for the Single Sign-on Expendable Special Revenue Fund, which is used to pay costs to create and maintain the single sign-on business portal and costs incurred by the Division of Technology Services.

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

Retirement and Independent Entities

November 19, 2024

Draft Legislation: Concurrent Resolution Directing PEHP Regarding Pharmaceutical Rebates

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Concurrent Resolution Directing PEHP Regarding Pharmaceutical Rebates](#)," which would direct the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to give state health plan members the estimated value of pharmaceutical rebates at the point of sale in proportion to the member's cost-sharing responsibility for the drug, less any confirmed payment assistance that is available for reducing the member's out-of-pocket costs.

Draft Legislation: Postretirement Reemployment for Emergency Services Workers

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Postretirement Reemployment for Emergency Services Workers](#)," which would modify the earnings limit for postretirement reemployment as an affiliated emergency services worker by permitting a retiree to earn the lesser of \$15,000 or one-half of the retiree's final average salary upon which the retiree's retirement allowance is based.

Public Service Commission

Received a [presentation](#) from the Public Service Commission that described the commission's history, staff composition, duties and obligations, reporting to the Legislature, purpose, and Utah Universal Service Fund.

Utah Capital Investment Corporation

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Capital Investment Corporation about their history, purpose, remaining funds, and actions taken.

Chairs: Rep. Cheryl K. Acton / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Deputy Director) / RuthAnne Oakey-Frost (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Christine R. Gilbert (Deputy General Counsel) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant)

Revenue and Taxation

Draft Legislation: Income Tax Credit Review Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Income Tax Credit Review Amendments](#)," which would extend the income tax credit review cycle from three to five years and provide a process for the Office of the Legislative Auditor General to audit the income tax credits.

Draft Legislation: Minimum Basic Tax Rate Amendments

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Minimum Basic Tax Rate Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions related to the minimum basic tax that school districts impose.

Draft Legislation: Precious Metals Investment and Administrative Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Precious Metals Investment and Administration Amendments](#)," which would allow the state treasurer to deduct administrative costs for investing in precious metals from earnings generated by the investments in certain funds.

Draft Legislation: Property Tax Act Modifications

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Property Tax Act Modifications](#)," which would:

- establish an application deadline for the residential property tax exemption;
- modify the contents of the residential property declaration;
- clarify the circumstances under which land less than five acres in area may qualify for agricultural property tax assessment; and
- clarify a taxpayer's ability to appeal decisions related to tax deferral and abatement to the State Tax Commission.

Draft Legislation: Restaurant Tax Revisions

Received a presentation from a legislator on 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Restaurant Tax Revisions](#)," which would update the definition of restaurant to include portions of a grocery store that function like a restaurant.

Draft Legislation: Sales and Use Tax Act Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Sales and Use Tax Act Amendments](#)," which would clarify:

- the amnesty period during which a seller or certified service provider would not be liable for failure to collect taxes due to an error by the State Tax Commission; and
- requirements related to the reauthorization of certain local option sales taxes.

Draft Legislation: Sales and Use Tax Remittance Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Sales and Use Tax Remittance Amendments](#)," which would amend the requirements governing when a seller has to collect and remit sales and use tax.

Draft Legislation: State Income Tax Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[State Income Tax Amendments](#)," which would make technical and administrative changes to the income tax code.

Draft Legislation: Tax Withholding Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Tax Withholding Amendments](#)," which would modify the withholding requirements for mineral producers and update withholding penalties for income tax withholding violations.

Draft Legislation: Vehicle Registration Modifications

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Vehicle Registration Modifications](#)," which would allow the State Tax Commission to contract with a designated agent to assist in address verification for vehicles insured, but not registered, in the state.

Statutorily Required Reports

Received summaries from the Office of the State Treasurer and the Division of Water Resources regarding the statutorily required reports the entities submitted. Received an overview from committee staff on the availability of the reports on the agency reporting [website](#).

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)

Rules Review and General Oversight Committee

October 23, 2024

Highway Patrol Towing Rotation Eligibility

Received a [presentation](#) (slides 10-13) from committee staff on statutory and rule requirements for tow truck operators to receive calls on state highways. Heard comments from a tow truck operator and the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) on administrative requirements set by UHP and the Department of Transportation to maintain eligibility.

Action: Referred the item to the Transportation Interim Committee for further consideration

International Student-Athlete Eligibility

Received a [presentation](#) (slides 14-18) from committee staff on the student visa [eligibility rule](#) adopted by the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) for the 2024-2025 school year that prohibits students on an F-1 visa from competing in varsity athletics. Heard comments from UHSAA officials on the motivations for the rule change and from student athletes on their experiences in high school athletics and impacts of the rule change.

Telecommunications Carrier Regulations

Received a [presentation](#) from the Public Service Commission outlining the carrier's obligations under statute and the Commission's interpretation of state statute as it relates to a determination of effective competition. Heard comments from Qwest Corporation relating to its petition before the Public Service Commission to receive an exemption as a carrier of last resort.

November 18, 2024

Draft Legislation: Child Welfare Reporting Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Child Welfare Reporting Amendments](#)."

Draft Legislation: Reauthorization of Administrative Rules

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Reauthorization of Administrative Rules](#)," which would reauthorize all administrative rules made by Utah state agencies.

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

School Security Task Force

November 18, 2024

Chair Update

Received an update from a task force chair about various school safety issues.

Draft Legislation: School Safety Amendments

Received a presentation from committee staff on draft legislation, "[School Safety Amendments](#)," which would address school safety standards for infrastructure, personnel, and administrative processes.

Orem Police Department

Received a [presentation](#) from the Orem Police Department about the assailant response method grid system the department uses to respond to incidents in school facilities.

State Security Chief & School Safety Center Update

Received an [update](#) from School Safety Center staff about a recent school safety townhall meeting and the school safety compliance framework.

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

November 14, 2024

Confirmation of Judge Ryan Evershed

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Judge Ryan Evershed as a judge of the Utah Second District Juvenile Court.

Confirmation of Kasey Wright

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Kasey Wright as a judge of the Utah Fourth District Court.

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

Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee

November 06, 2024

Confirmation of Paul Dodd

Action: Recommended to the Senate the appointment of Paul Dodd as a member of the Utah Indigent Defense Commission.

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

Transportation

Draft Legislation: Borgstrom Brothers Memorial Highway

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Borgstrom Brothers Memorial Highway Designation](#)," which would designate State Route 102 as the Borgstrom Brothers Memorial Highway.

Draft Legislation: Motor Vehicle Division Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Motor Vehicle Division Amendments](#)," which would modify definitions and provisions related to vehicle registration and sales tax earmarks.

Draft Legislation: Private Airport Notice Amendments

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Private Airport Notice Amendments](#)," which would create notification requirements for local governments related to private airports.

Litter and Carcass Removal

Action: Amended and approved as a committee bill 2025 General Session, "[Unsecured Load Amendments](#)," which would:

- create a litter abatement fund;
- modify penalties for littering and unsecured loads; and
- create a minimum fee for unsecured loads at landfills.

Traffic Signal Criteria

Action: Requested that the Utah Department of Transportation perform an internal audit to evaluate traffic signal warrant criteria and report to the Transportation Interim Committee in June 2025.

Vehicle Registration

Considered 2025 General Session draft legislation, "[Vehicle Registration Amendments](#)," which would create motor vehicle registration payment options, including a monthly fee option and a refund option.

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)

Veterans and Military Affairs

Commission

November 19, 2024

Draft Legislation: Joint Resolution Concerning Vietnam War Veterans

Action: Voted to formally express the commission's support for 2025 General Session draft legislation, "Joint Resolution Concerning Vietnam War Veterans," which would recognize all veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

Draft Legislation: National Guard and Military Amendments

Action: Voted to formally express the commission's support for 2025 General Session draft legislation, "National Guard and Military Amendments," which would make changes to provisions addressing the military and Utah National Guard.

Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Update

Received a presentation from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services on the Governor's Challenge for Suicide Prevention.

Chairs: Rep. Jefferson S. Burton / Sen. Todd D. Weiler
Staff: Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)



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Business and Labor

- [Behavioral Health Amendments](#)
- [Building Inspector Amendments](#)
- [Certified Public Accountant Licensing Amendments](#)
- [Child Labor Amendments](#)
- [Consumer Protection Amendments](#)
- [Emergency Services Personnel Amendments](#)
- [Firefighter Cancer Amendments](#)
- [Health Facility Administrator Act Amendments](#)
- [Insurance Investment Amendments](#)
- [Insurance Modifications](#)
- [Massage Therapy Amendments](#)
- [Professional Licensure Background Checks](#)
- [Public Agency Insurance Mutual Amendments](#)
- [Residential Solar Panel Consumer Protection Amendments](#)
- [Wildland Urban Interface Modifications](#)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

- [Board of Tourism Development Amendments](#)
- [First Home Investment Zone Amendments](#)
- [Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments](#)
- [Manufacturing Modernization Grant Sunset Amendments](#)
- [Native American Remains Review Committee Amendments](#)
- [On Premise Sign Installation Amendments](#)
- [Refugee Services Amendments](#)

Education

- [Charter School Amendments](#)
- [Class Size Reduction Modifications](#)
- [Education Program Sunset Amendments](#)
- [Education Testing Amendments](#)
- [English Learner Amendments](#)
- [Higher Education Reporting Amendments](#)
- [Public Education Revisions](#)
- [Statewide Online Education Program Modifications](#)

Federalism Commission

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Government Operations

- [Appearance of Candidate Name on Ballot](#)
- [Ballot Distribution Revisions](#)
- [Ballot Information Accessibility Amendments](#)
- [Division of Purchasing and General Services Amendments](#)
- [Election Code Amendments](#)
- [Election Fundraising Amendments](#)
- [Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Board of Trustees Compensation Amendments](#)
- [Services for Department of Defense Civilian Employees](#)

Health and Human Services

- [Civil Commitment Modifications](#)
- [Correctional Health Amendments](#)
- [Criminal Justice and Mental Health Coordination Amendments](#)
- [Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana, and Other Drug Prevention Program Sunset Extension](#)

Judiciary

- [Administrative Procedures Act Amendments](#)
- [Child Visitation Amendments](#)
- [Concurrent Resolution Authorizing Adult Sentencing and Supervision Length Guidelines and Juvenile Disposition Guidelines](#)
- [Foreign Judgment Amendments](#)
- [Health Insurance Modifications](#)
- [Juvenile Court Procedures Amendments](#)
- [Limitations on Liability Amendments](#)
- [Ritual Abuse Amendments](#)

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

- [Child Abuse and Torture Amendments](#)
- [Criminal Code Recodification and Cross References](#)
- [Criminal Offenses Modifications](#)
- [Juror Eligibility Amendments](#)
- [Limitations on the Use of Polygraphs](#)
- [Offender Information Amendments](#)
- [Private Sale of a Firearm Sunset Review Amendments](#)
- [Prostitution Offense Amendments](#)
- [School Safety Amendments](#)
- [Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Amendments](#)
- [Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Modifications](#)
- [Sexual Extortion Amendments](#)

Legislative Water Development Commission

- [Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District](#)
- [Irrigation Amendments](#)
- [Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments](#)
- [State Water Program Reporting Requirements](#)
- [Water Quality Board Amendments](#)
- [Water Rights Applications Amendments](#)
- [Water Rights Recording Amendments](#)

Native American Legislative Liaison Committee

- [Indian Family Preservation Act Amendments](#)
- [Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Task Force Amendments](#)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

- [Forest Fire Resources Compact Amendments](#)
- [Hemp Amendments](#)
- [Livestock Brand Board Amendments](#)
- [Mineral Surety Study](#)
- [Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan Amendments](#)
- [State Campground Amendments](#)
- [State Water Policy Amendments](#)

Political Subdivisions

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- [County Office Amendments](#)
- [Fireworks Modifications](#)
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