



2025 Approved Interim Study Items List, Audits, & Sunsets

Education Interim Committee | May 21, 2025

Study Items List

This list was approved by the Legislative Management Committee.

General Items

1. **U.S. Department of Education:** Review changes to the Department of Education and other federal education programs made by the current administration.
2. **Building Costs in Higher Education and Public Education:** Review building costs for K-12 and higher education to understand the variance in price across different projects.
3. **Reports:** Review reports due to the Education Interim Committee and reports required from local education agencies.

Higher Education

1. **Utah Board of Higher Education:** Hear a report on recent board action on the following:
 - The board's new policy on institutional statements acknowledging relationships with tribes and ancestral lands ([R252](#)).
 - Institutions' 2025 [tuition and fees increases](#) approved by the board.
2. **Utah Board of Higher Education Strategic Plan:** The Utah Board of Higher Education adopted a strategic plan in 2024; the board will update the committee on their progress on the plan.
3. **Strategic Reinvestment Plan:** Hear a report on the strategic reinvestment plans required of each institution of higher education in [HB 265](#) (2025).
4. **Higher Education Shared Services:** Hear an update on implementation of shared services across institutions of higher education within the Utah System of Higher Education.
5. **Higher Education Recodification:** Study options for recodifying the higher education code, Title 53B.

Public Education

1. **Administrator Salaries in Public Education:** A statewide overview and study of public-school administrator salaries in the state.
2. **Arts Education:** Overview of arts education in the state. This includes looking at the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program.
3. **Utah High School Activities Association:** Review the role of the Utah High School Activities Association and the state's relationship with the association.
4. **LEA Employee Disciplinary Action:** Study the landscape for LEA disciplinary actions and how schools address issues of child abuse and misconduct in schools.
 - Review local and state discipline procedures for LEA employees.
 - Review the process for background checks.
 - Review the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC). This includes finding solutions to the backlog of cases UPPAC is facing and how to prevent further backlogs.



5. **State Board of Education Governance:** Review the State Board of Education’s response and efforts to address recommendations from Audit 2021-04, “A Performance Audit of the Utah State Board of Education’s Internal Governance.”
6. **Special Education:** Overview of special education in the state. This includes looking at learning disabilities, screening methods, and other items related to special education.
7. **Charter Schools:** Review of the charter school landscape, including charter authorizers and charter school funding.
8. **Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind (USDB):** [HB 2](#) (2025) requires the Utah State Board of Education, in consultation with the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, to review USDB’s governance, funding, scope of services, and capital facilities.
9. **Chronic Absenteeism:** Review specific policy solutions to address chronic absenteeism.
10. **Simplifying the Education Code:** Study education code (Titles 53E, 53F, 53G) for ways to make the code more accessible for educators and parents.
11. **Utah State Board of Education Program Oversight Reports:** Report on programs over which the state board has oversight.

Sunset Items

Name	Statute
Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program	Section 53F-5-219
Ethnic Studies Commission	Title 63C, Chapter 28, Ethnic Studies Commission

Audits

2024 Audits

These audits were released in 2024 and assigned to the Education Interim Committee but not heard during the 2024 interim.

Audit Name	Release Date
An In-depth Follow-up Audit of the Salt Lake City School District #2024-21	November 19, 2024
OpenEd Program #2024-24	November 19, 2024
Student Performance on Statewide Tests #2024-23	December 9, 2024

2025 Audits

These audits with anticipated release dates during the 2025 Interim, plus other audits as assigned by the Legislative Audit Subcommittee.



Audit Name	Release Date
Alpine School District #2025-07	April 15, 2025
School Construction Process #2025-09	May 20, 2025
Tooele County School District #2025-10	Expected June 2025
Sensitive Materials Processes in Schools	Expected June 2025
LEA Best Practice Handbook	Expected August 2025
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	Expected November 2025