



# 2025 Approved Interim Study Items List (Amended), 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.
12. **School Lunchtime and Recess:** Study how students are impacted by the way schools implement lunchtime and recess.

## Sunset Items

Name	Statute
Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program	Section <a href="#">53F-5-219</a>
Ethnic Studies Commission	<a href="#">Title 63C, Chapter 28, Ethnic Studies Commission</a>

## 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.

<b>Audit Name</b>	<b>Release Date</b>
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