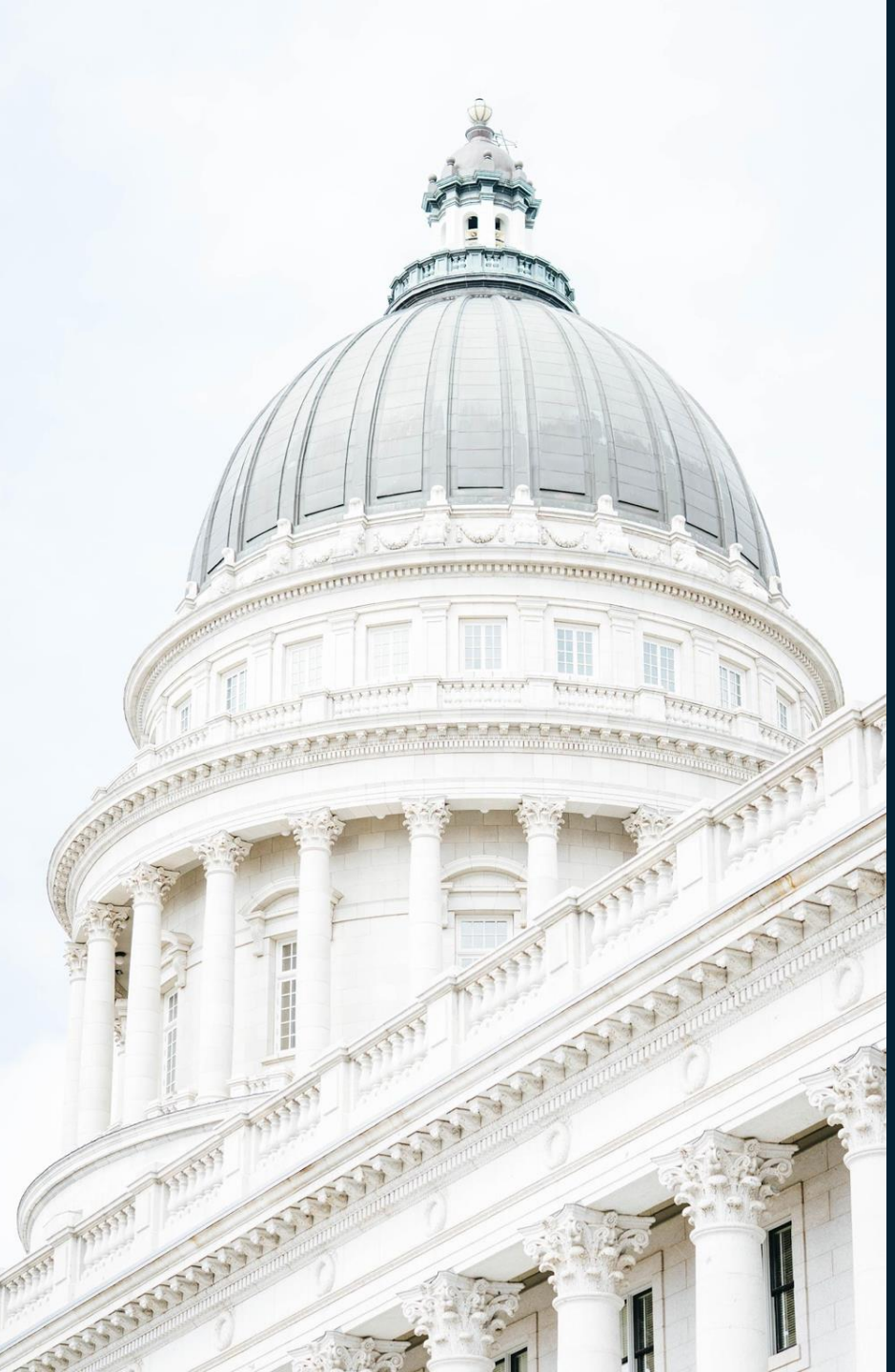

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Office of Professional Licensure Review

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CY2025 Proposed List for Annual Review

Summary for Business and Labor Interim Committee

October 16, 2024

Licenses Proposed for Review: Nursing and Allied Medical Professions

Department of Commerce, Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL)

• Nurse (56,960 active licensees)	Section 58-31b-102
• Occupational Therapist (2,054)	Section 58-42a-302
• Physical Therapist (4,414)	Section 58-24b-302
• Physician Assistant (2,940)	Section 58-70a-302
• Acupuncturist (199)	Section 58-72-102
• Athletic Trainer (837)	Section 58-40a-102
• Audiologist (433)	Section 58-41-2
• Speech Language Pathologist (1,693)	Section 58-41-2
• Hearing Instrument Specialist (203)	Section 58-46a-102
• Medication Aide Certified (91)	Section 58-31b-102
• Midwife (318)	Section 58-77-102
• Respiratory Care Practitioner (2,613)	Section 58-57-2

Source: Active licensee count. DOPL. (n.d.). https://db.dopl.utah.gov/licensee_count.html

Why review nursing and allied medical professions?

Public Impact

- Review one of the largest groups of licensed professionals in Utah
- Address access to healthcare providers due to demand and supply factors
- Select professions that are important to meeting healthcare needs

Timeliness

- Coordinate with other ongoing healthcare initiatives in Utah
- Incorporate new data sources (e.g., HWAC/DOPL workforce survey)
- Assess trends post-pandemic, particularly supply trends

Sequencing

- Approach professions in sequence (nursing before physicians), though may revisit licenses with adjacent or overlapping practice areas
- Prioritize license areas to review that have greater urgency
- Draw conclusions by license area, informed by local considerations