



UTAH 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLAN

Legislative Liaison:

Utah–Specific Recommendations	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes
Community Property Disposition at Death Act: This Act is specifically designed to be enacted by NON-community property states. It addresses the disposition of property owned by couples who previously resided in a community property state when the first spouse dies. Utah enacted the previous version of this uniform law, which is now outdated.		
Telehealth Act: Utah already has interstate registration but lacks the ULC telehealth practice framework. John Hopkins is leading an effort to try to push for federal or state action on licensure, particularly for rare diseases.		
Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act: This Act almost made it through the legislature this session but stalled due to concerns from the Salt Lake Chamber. Since the Utah legislature adjourned, we have engaged the National Chamber of Commerce and it has begun to assist in the enactment effort on a state-by-state basis. It would be ideal if we could reengage the Salt Lake Chamber and other local business groups this summer (perhaps in conjunction with the National Chamber) to neutralize opposition and run the bill again in 2026.		
Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act: Utah has a criminal statute prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure of an intimate image but has no civil statute counterpart. This uniform act would provide remedies to the victim of an unauthorized disclosure of an intimate image, filling a gap that exists in Utah law. To date, 10 states – Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, DC, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, and West Virginia -- have adopted this uniform act.		
Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act: This Act fills a gap in the law regarding the execution of certain estate planning documents, including trusts and powers of attorney. It is intended to work alongside the Uniform Electronic Wills Act, which Utah enacted in 2020.		
Judicial Interviews of Children Act: This Act, which can be enacted by statute or court rule, provides procedures and standards related to interviews of a child outside of open court to ascertain a child’s views. The Act includes provisions to ensure that due process rights are protected.		

Trending Acts Not Yet Enacted	Act Name	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes
	Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act		
	UCC Article 9, Secured Transactions, Amendments to 9-406 and 9-408		
	Faithful Presidential Electors Act		
	Trust Decanting Act		
	Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act		

Target Acts Not Yet Enacted	Act Name	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes
	Law on Notarial Acts, Revised		
	Parentage Act		
	UCC, 2022 Amendments to		

2023 Acts Not Yet Enacted	Act Name	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes
	Consumer Debt Default Judgments		
	Model Public-Health Emergency Authority		
	Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records		

2024 Acts Not Yet Enacted	Act Name	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes
	Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification		
	Unincorporated Organization Acts, Amendments to		

2025 Acts Going Final	Act Name	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes
	Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act		
	Judicial Interviews of Children Act		
	Model State ULC Act		

Other Acts	Act Name	Planning Status	Lead Commissioner & Next Steps/Notes

Utah Enactments Since 2020:

1. Athlete Agents Act, 2019 Amendment
2. Easement Relocation Act
3. Electronic Wills Act
4. Family Law Arbitration Act
5. Foreign-Country Money Judgments Act
6. Health-Care Decisions Act
7. Mortgage Modification Act
8. Partition of Heirs Property Act
9. Public Expression Protection Act
10. Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic-Violence Protection Orders Act
11. Special Deposits Act
12. Unregulated Child Custody Transfer Act
13. Veterans Treatment Court Act

“Planning Status” Key

Anticipated Introduction: The delegation expects to introduce the act in the coming session. A sponsor has been secured or will be, and we are reasonably confident we have buy-in from key stakeholders.

Short-term Project: The delegation is committed to pursuing the act, but it needs a small amount (2-3 months or the time between the planning meeting and start of session) of coalition building, research, bar association work or similar before it can be introduced in the coming session.

Long-term Project: The delegation is interested in pursuing the act, but it can only be introduced after 1+ years of work with a work group, law institute, drawn-out bar association review process, or similar.

Not Now: The delegation is not interested in pursuing this act in the near- to medium-term; can provide additional detail on why not in the “Next Steps” column.