

Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee Overview

The Subcommittee Page for Calendar Year 2026 can be found here:

<https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2026&com=APPSOC>

This page is where we will post all notices, agendas and documents being discussed by the Committee.

Our Base Bill for this Session is H.B. 7

(<https://le.utah.gov/~2026/bills/static/HB0007.html>)

Each year the Office of the Legislative Fiscal analyst prepares a website called the “Compendium of Budget Information” or COBI, for short. This used to be a written, printed volume handed out to committee members at the start of each Session.

Nowadays COBI is a great resource for budget information and contains overview, background and financial information for each line item and program we will be reviewing. It also includes links to relevant reports, audits, statute and other tools that may assist you work.

Our Committee can be found here:

<https://cobi.utah.gov/2026/1/overview>

The “Issues” tab, found here: <https://cobi.utah.gov/2026/1/issues> is where you can review potential reductions and funding items before the Committee. These will include items from the Governor’s budget, RFAs, staff recommendations and others.

Another source of budget information for you all can be found on our Office’s homepage, budget.utah.gov

This page is divided into a number of sections that all provide up-to-date information about Utah’s budget, its development, implementation, and it’s performance.

<https://budget.utah.gov/all-posts/?category=featured> is a collection of the budget highlight posts we send out each Fiscal Friday. Included in this library are articles such as these which are related to the work of this Committee:

- Cultivating Success: Utah’s Dual Approach to Funding Medical Cannabis - <https://budget.utah.gov/cultivating-success/>
- Utah’s Division of Services for People with Disabilities: Understanding the Waitlist - <https://budget.utah.gov/understanding-the-waitlist/>
- Don’t Just Settle: Leveraging Opioid Funds for Lasting Impact - <https://budget.utah.gov/dont-just-settle-leveraging-opioid-funds-for-lasting-impact/>

There are also helpful articles explaining how revenue collections are analyzed and what they mean, a background and how-to for RFAs and COBI.

Under the “Budget” section There are links to the Budget of the State of Utah, a written companion to Legislative budget action each session, and RFA tracker and our Budget Data Visualization Tool for those that like a visual look at the budget: <https://le.utah.gov/lfa/budget.html>

Under the “Economy” Section there is information related to much of the statewide economic and forecasting work that our office does. This includes the stress testing that was implemented after the Great Recession of 2008, monthly and long-term revenue forecasting and analysis performed by our team of economists.

The Fiscal Health Dashboard

(<https://le.utah.gov/lfa/fiscalhealth/#obligationsTab>) provides information on big picture budget items such as obligations like debt obligations and unfunded liabilities such as retirement and sick leave. The Reserves tab provides information on our state funds Rainy Day funds, Medicaid Rainy Day fund and the disaster recovery fund.

The “Performance” Section (<https://budget.utah.gov/products/performance/>) highlights the work of our Operations and Performance Team to introduce measures to track the performance and efficiency of state agencies and spending. Here you can find efficiency evaluations of state agencies,

performance measures for both line items and funding items and building blocks appropriated by the Legislature.

The funding Item Follow-Up report

(https://le.utah.gov/lfa/newfundingfollowup_2025.html) is an annual report our Office develops in conjunction with agencies to understand how implementation of funding items and initiatives has progressed.

This is a tool we use to make recommendations about continuing programs, reducing or reallocating funds within the Committee and you as legislators can track and follow what is happening with items you proposed or supported.

Committee Calendar

<https://le.utah.gov/interim/2026/pdf/00000158.pdf>

Each committee has the option to meet up to 8 times if needed to finish their work. We are currently slated to meet 7 times with the 7th meeting consisting primarily of discussing and voting on prioritization of funding items and other actions that require votes.