



U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Institute for Legal Reform

Support HB 0591

Prevent Abuse of the Public Nuisance Law

HB 0591 streamlines and organizes existing public nuisance law in the Utah Code, while assuring that the ancient common law concept cannot be manipulated or misused to attempt to regulate industries and advance social and policy priorities through litigation.

In Utah, policy decisions belong to the people and their elected representatives—not to whoever files the most creative lawsuit and stands to profit from it.

HB 0591 does not eliminate the public nuisance cause of action, it simply ensures that it is applied correctly and in a manner that will help Utahns.

**This legislation stops abuse,
preserves enforcement,
and restores legislative authority.**

Still Protected

- ☑ You can still sue when you or your property is being harmed or damaged
- ☑ Government can still stop true public nuisances
- ☑ Environmental, product liability, and health laws remain fully enforceable
- ☑ Courts can still issue injunctions and abatement orders

Now Protected from Abuse

- ☑ Family farms from being sued out by new development
- ☑ Shooting ranges that were there first
- ☑ Night road work that reduces traffic delays
- ☑ Long-standing local employers and jobs
- ☑ Homeowners from over-criminalization of minor issues
- ☑ Job-creating energy producers and mining operations
- ☑ Manufacturers of critical and lawful products