



2026 Study Items, Sunsets, and Audits

Heard in the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee meeting on 5-20-26.

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Study Items

This list was approved by the Legislative Management Committee.

Item	Description
Topic: Crimes	
1 Construction Fraud	Review whether Utah should revamp construction fraud offenses so they can be charged criminally.
2 Extending the Statute of Limitations on Pattern of Unlawful Activity	Review the state’s pattern of unlawful behavior statute of limitations to ensure the law accurately reflects complex, long-running criminal schemes.
3 Registrable Offenses	Examine what should qualify as a registrable offense in Utah.
Topic: Criminal Justice Reform	
4 Criminal Justice Audits	Review four criminal justice audits assigned to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee as the lead review committee.
5 Speedy Trial	Evaluate Utah’s process to a speedy trial, including conducting a review of the systemic impacts, judicial resources, and practices in other states.
Topic: Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Procedures	
6 AP&P Officers/Agents	Examine ways to enable Adult Probation and Parole officers to access various law enforcement databases and address the use of medical THC by probationers and parolees. Examine the supervision and oversight of individuals on felony probation.
7 Department of Criminal Justice Statutory Review	Receive a presentation from the Department of Criminal Justice on agency reviews of criminal offenses.
8 DNA Program Funding	Review the State Crime Lab's DNA program funding structure.
9 Emerging Technologies Utilized by Law Enforcement	Study the process for implementing existing and emerging technologies used in law enforcement.



10	License Plate Readers	Study law enforcement’s use of license plate readers.
11	POST Training Facility	Consider the need to develop a new POST training facility.
Topic: Secure Facilities and Supervision		
12	Correctional Facility Standards	Research correctional facility standards, including drug abuse policies.
13	Mental Health	Study competency and who qualifies for Utah's insanity defense code.
Topic: Victim Services		
14	Childhood Trauma and the Juvenile Justice System	Examine the relationship between childhood trauma and juvenile justice involvement in Utah to evaluate whether Utah statutes appropriately account for trauma, victimization, and developmental factors when juveniles are prosecuted, transferred to adult court, or sentenced.
15	Domestic Violence Services	Evaluate training curriculum related to domestic violence to ensure it provides evidence-based information, reflects the operational realities of shelters and advocacy organizations, and provides a comprehensive coverage of various forms of abuse.
16	Victim Services Commission Assessment Study	Receive a presentation on the Victim Services Commission's completed study related to best practices, policies, commission duties and structure, crime victim services funding, and other topics related to the commission.

Sunset Items

Purpose

Review statutes that are scheduled to be repealed, in order to:

- eliminate programs that do not serve a clear public purpose; and
- improve existing programs.

Guidelines

[Utah Code Section 63I-1-103](#) provides that the interim committee shall consider:

- the extent to which the statute or agency has operated in the public interest and any areas in which the statute or agency needs to improve its ability to operate in the public interest;
- the extent to which existing statutes interfere with or assist the legitimate functions of the statute or agency, and any other circumstances including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters that have a bearing on the capacity of the statute or agency to serve the public interest;



- the extent to which the public has been encouraged to participate in the adoption of the rules established in connection with the statute or agency;
- the extent to which the statute's provisions or agency's programs and services are duplicative of those offered by other statutes or state agencies;
- the extent to which the objectives of the statute or agency have been accomplished and their public benefit;
- the adverse effect on the public of termination of the statute or agency; and (g) any other matter relevant to the review.

Committee Options

1. Allow the program to expire.
2. Recommend legislation to:
 - a. Reauthorize:
 - i. For a specific time period; or
 - ii. Make permanent (remove sunset date).
 - b. Repeal
 - c. Improve

Sunset Name	Statute	Repeal Date
Utah Prosecution Council	Title 67, Chapter 5a	July 1, 2027
Search and Rescue Advisory Board Duties	Section 53-2a-1104	July 1, 2027
Grid Resilience Committee	Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15	July 1, 2027
Public Safety Interagency Agreement	Title 53, Chapter 31	July 1, 2027
Correctional Postnatal and Early Childhood Advisory Board	Section 64-13-46.1	July 1, 2027
UDC Report on Evidence-based Treatment and Inmate Programs to Reduce Recidivism	Subsection 64-13-6(3)(b)	January 1, 2028

Audits

Audit Name	Release Date
2025-29: A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake City Police Department	December 9, 2025
2025-30: A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County Jail	December 9, 2025
2025-31: A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office	December 9, 2025
2025-32: A Review of the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice System	December 9, 2025