



Sunset Reviews Overview

Transportation Interim Committee | May 20, 2026

Sunset Review Guidelines and Committee Options

Purpose of Sunset Reviews

Review statutes that are scheduled to be repealed to:

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

Utah Code Section [63I-1-103](#) provides guidelines for a committee conducting a sunset review.

Key Questions

1. Is the program **necessary**?
2. Is the program **accomplishing its objective**?
3. Are there ways to **improve it**?

Committee Options

1. Allow the program to expire (do nothing)
2. Recommend legislation:
 - a. Reauthorize the program
 - i. For a specific time period, up to 10 years
 - ii. Make permanent (remove the sunset date)
 - b. Repeal the program sooner
 - c. Modify the program

Statutes for Sunset Review, 2026 Interim

1. Subsections [41-6a-102\(39\)](#), [41-6a-704\(6\)](#), and [41-6a-710\(1\)\(c\)\(i\)](#), related to lane filtering, sunset on **July 1, 2027**
2. Subsections [41-22-2\(1\)](#) and [41-22-10\(1\)](#), regarding an advisory council addressing off-highway vehicle issues, sunset on **July 1, 2027**
3. [Title 72, Chapter 10, Part 13](#), Spaceport Exploration Committee, sunsets on **July 1, 2027**

1. Lane Filtering

Current sunset date	July 1, 2027 (Section 63I-1-241)
Code sections	Subsections 41-6a-102(39) , 41-6a-704(6) , and 41-6a-710(1)(c)(i)
Purpose/History	The Utah Legislature made lane filtering legal for motorcyclists in the 2019 General Session, with H.B. 149 (Brooks/Hinkins) to improve motorcycle safety by reducing the risk of being rear-ended. The provisions took effect in May of 2019 and had an initial sunset date of July 1, 2022, which was extended to 2027 in the 2022 General Session.



	<p>The current lane filtering law allows a motorcyclist to lane filter only when it is safe to do so and when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on a multi-lane road or multi-lane off-ramp with a speed limit of less than 45 miles per hour; • the vehicle being overtaken is stopped; and • the motorcycle is traveling at a speed of 15 miles per hour or less. <p>A lane filtering violation is an infraction.</p>
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2. Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council

Current sunset date	July 1, 2027 (Section 63I-1-241)
Code sections	Subsections 41-22-2(1) and 41-22-10(1)
Purpose/History	<p>The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council was created in 1971 as the “recreation vehicle advisory council” within the Department of Natural Resources. The body was renamed the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council in 1986.</p> <p>In the 2020 General Session, the Legislature assigned the existing council a sunset provision in an omnibus boards and commissions bill, with an initial repeal date of July 1, 2027 (H.B. 10 M. Roberts/Thatcher).</p> <p>The council meets up to four times per year and makes recommendations to maximize the effectiveness of Utah’s OHV program, operated by the Division of Recreation. The council is comprised of 12 members representing various user groups, who serve four-year terms.</p>

3. Spaceport Exploration Committee

Current sunset date	July 1, 2027 (Section 63I-1-272)
Code sections	Title 72, Chapter 10, Part 13
Purpose/History	<p>The Spaceport Exploration Committee was created in the 2025 General Session (S.B. 62 Stevenson/V. Peterson) within UDOT to explore the feasibility of establishing a spaceport in the state.</p> <p>The committee is comprised of 15 members representing various stakeholders. The Legislature appropriated \$1 million in the 2025 session for the committee to contract with a third-party to complete siting and feasibility assessments. UDOT currently has two contracts to complete the assessments, for a total of \$622,899.</p>