



An Overview of Sunset Reviews

Health and Human Services Interim Committee | May 20, 2026

Purpose of Sunset Reviews

Review statutes scheduled for repeal in order to:

- Eliminate programs that do not serve a clear public purpose; and
- Improve existing programs.

Guidelines for Sunset Reviews

From [Utah Code Section 63I-1-103](#)

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(3) The interim committee shall then consider:

- (a) 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;
- (b) 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;
- (c) 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;
- (d) 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;
- (e) the extent to which the objectives of the statute or agency have been accomplished and their public benefit;
- (f) the adverse effect on the public of termination of the statute or agency; and
- (g) any other matter relevant to the review.

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Questions for Sunset Reviews

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



HHS Interim Committee Sunset Reviews – Assigned by the Legislative Management Committee on 4-16-2026

Physicians Performing Certain Abortions Report	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 76-7-313(6)
Purpose	HB 297 (2023) created a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to collect and report data on abortions related to rape or incest, presenting findings annually to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee. Three reports have been submitted (2023–2025), with the next due on November 30, 2026.
Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-276)

Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26B-1-425
Purpose	Established by HB 176 in 2022, the Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council is a 14- to 19-member body that studies and advises the Legislature, state agencies, and other entities on health workforce issues including supply, training, recruitment, and retention. The council meets quarterly, is staffed by the Department of Health and Human Services, and has produced resources such as workforce data reports, a cross-profession minimum data set used for health workforce planning, and a clinical preceptorship study.
Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-226)

Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26B-1-430
Purpose	Established in 1991, the Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities is an eight-member body that meets quarterly to coordinate services, policies, and eligibility standards for people with disabilities across multiple state agencies, with its statutory charge largely unchanged since its creation. The council's sunset was most recently extended by SB 47 in 2022, pushing the expiration date to July 1, 2027.



Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-226)
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Medicaid Reimbursement for Diabetes Prevention Program	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26B-3-137
Purpose	Established by HB 80 in 2022, Utah's Medicaid Diabetes Prevention Program reimbursed a CDC-developed year-long lifestyle intervention shown to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes by up to 58% among high-risk adults.
Current Sunset Date	June 30, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-226)

Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board and Program	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26B-3-302 • 26B-3-303 • 26B-3-304 • 26B-3-305 • 26B-3-306 • 26B-3-307 • 26B-3-308 • 26B-3-309
Purpose	Established in Utah by SB 202 in 1992 and mandated federally by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA '90), the Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Program monitors prescription drug use through prospective review (point-of-sale checks and counseling), retrospective review (claims data analysis), and an educational program for prescribers and pharmacists. Current program interventions focus on areas such as opioid safety, ADHD stimulants, antipsychotics in children, and other high-risk medication categories. A federally required DUR Board oversees the program, meets monthly, and submits annual reports detailing interventions, quality of care impacts, and estimated cost savings.
Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-226)



Certain Grants for First Responder Agencies	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53-21-103 • 53-21-105(3)(d)
Purpose	Established by HB 23 in 2022, Utah's first responder mental health grant program is administered by DPS and has distributed over \$8.6 million of its \$10 million in one-time General Fund appropriations to first responder agencies for mental health resources, with priority given to small agencies.
Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-253)

Drugs for Behavioral Health Treatment	
Sections of Code that Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58-37-309
Purpose	SB 266 (2024) authorized certain Utah healthcare systems to develop supervised behavioral health treatment programs using psilocybin or MDMA, both currently in FDA Phase 3 trials, limited to patients 18 and older. Healthcare systems that establish such programs are required to report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before July 1, 2026, though no such report has been received to date.
Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2027 (Utah Code Section 63I-1-258)

HHS-related Provisions Repealed Without Review

Repeal Code	Repealed provision	Repeal date
63I-2-226	Section 26B-2-243 , Data collection and reporting requirements concerning incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation	July 1, 2027
63I-2-226	Section 26B-4-702 , Creation of Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program	July 1, 2027
63I-2-226	Section 49-20-422 , Coverage of pregnancy and childbirth services, including doula, direct- entry midwife, and birthing center services	July 1, 2027
63I-2-226	Section 58-1-113 , Statewide behavioral health provider database study	July 1, 2027