

Review of GS 2026

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Legislation

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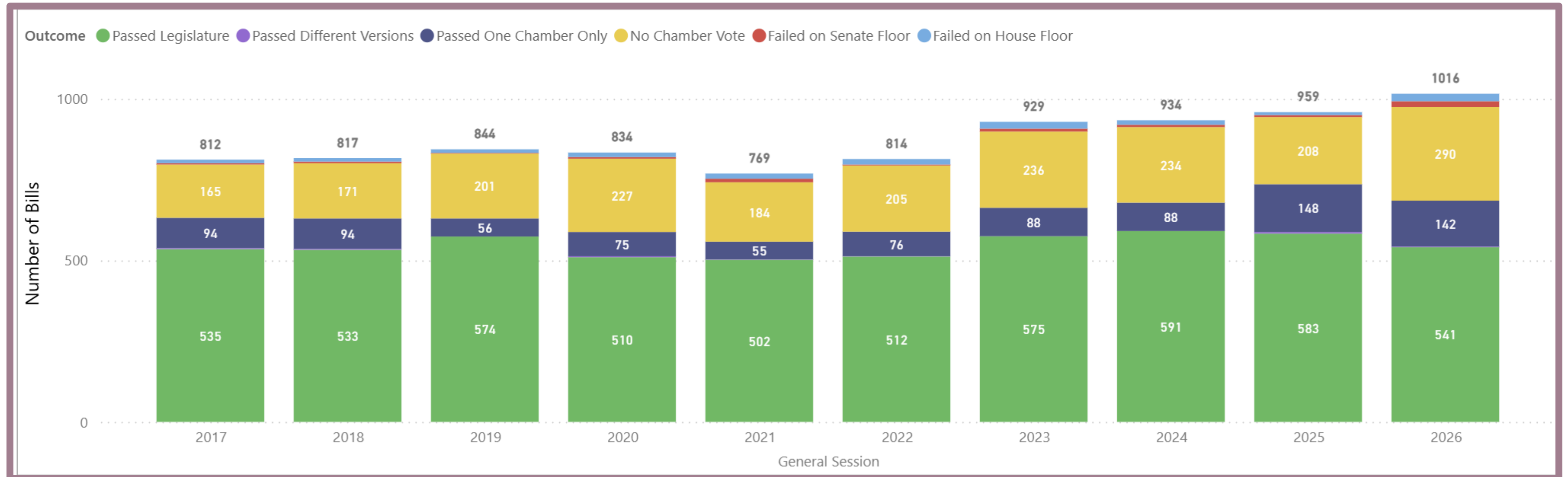
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Overview

- Overall Legislation
- PUET Passed Legislation
- Energy Bill Highlights



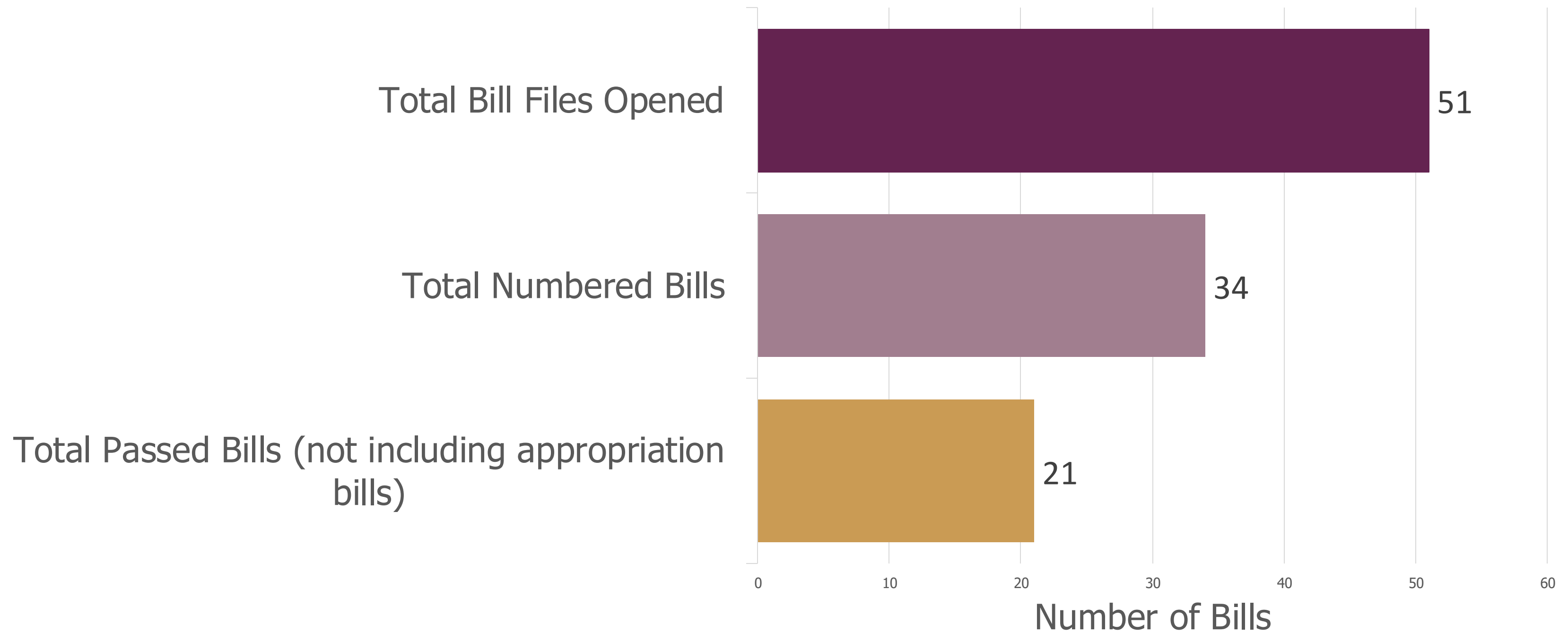
General Session Overview



<https://le.utah.gov/lrgc/bill-data.html>



GS2026 PUET Overall Legislation



GS2026 PUET Passed Legislation

21
Passed Bills



Nuclear

- **H.C.R. 1: House Concurrent Resolution Regarding Advanced Nuclear Manufacturing**
- **H.B. 78: Nuclear Regulatory Amendments**
 - Establishes the Nuclear Energy Regulatory Office within the Division of Waste Management & Radiation Control – DEQ
- **S.B. 135: Nuclear Reprocessing Amendments**
 - Authorizes the Office of Energy Development to coordinate with entities, provide guidance, and report regarding nuclear fuel recycling facility development
 - Authorizes the office to pursue development of a Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus



Planning

- **H.B. 412: Energy Development Planning Amendments**
 - Requires consultation with the Division of Wildlife Resources as part of local government approval of utility scale solar and wind power plant projects
- **H.B. 238: Utah Energy Generation and Transmission Planning**
 - Requires the Public Service Commission to participate in regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs) where Utah utilities are members



Financing

- **H.B. 514: Utah Energy Council Amendments**
 - Modifies Utah Energy Council membership
 - Designates the Utah Energy Council as a state energy financing institution
 - Creates the Utah Energy Infrastructure Service District
 - Provides that council members serve concurrently as board of trustees of the district
 - Authorizes the district to issue revenue bonds to finance energy infrastructure projects within a designated service area
 - Authorizes the district to acquire, own, and operate energy infrastructure facilities within a designated service area



Other

- **H.B. 549: Energy Efficiency Rebate Amendments**
 - Requires large-scale public utilities to report to the Office of Energy Development on energy efficiency rebate programs and the office to review the programs for alignment with the state energy policy
- **H.B. 401: Geothermal Study Amendments**
 - Directs Utah State University to conduct a study on the geological and environmental impacts of geothermal energy development
- **H.B. 16: Solar Power Plant Amendments**
 - Enacts provisions related to utility scale solar power plants, including establishing land characteristic eligibility criteria for state incentives for solar power plants



Technology

- **Bills related to:**
 - **Data Privacy**
 - **Cybersecurity**
 - **Notarization**
 - **Artificial Intelligence**
 - **Identity Verification**



Thank you!

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