



Interim Highlights

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List of Committee Bills for the 2027 General Session
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Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held May 20, 2026, or as noted

Business and Labor

2026 Interim Study Items

Action: Amended and approved the proposed 2026 interim [study items list](#) for the Business and Labor Interim Committee to include pricing transparency for consumers with an emphasis on hidden fees.

Granted the chairs authority to independently open committee bill files limited to issues on the committee's approved study item list as specified.

Currency Availability

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and stakeholders on the U.S. Mint's decision to stop producing pennies. Also discussed the impacts to businesses, consumers, and state agencies.

OPLR Annual Review: Initial Findings

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Professional Licensure Review detailing preliminary findings from its annual review on healthcare licenses and planned work on minor surgical procedures, medical spas, and wellness clinics.

Sunset Review: Alarm System and Security Licensing Advisory Board

Heard a summary of the provisions of the Alarm System and Security Licensing Advisory Board from committee staff and received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Professional Licensing.

Sunset Review: Workers' Compensation Advisory Council

Heard a summary of the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council from committee staff and the Division of Industrial Accidents.

Chairs: Rep. A. Cory Maloy / Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Staff: Allison Cowdell (Policy Analyst) / Rohnin Randles (Policy Analyst) / Tyler Moore (Associate General Counsel) / Austin Weenig (Associate General Counsel) / Alyssa Castor (Administrative Assistant)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

2026 Interim Study Items

Reviewed the proposed 2026 [study items list](#) and sunset reviews for the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee.

Actions: Amended and approved the study item list to include:

- artificial intelligence and data center policy; and
- economic development authorities.

Authorized the chairs to independently open committee bill files related to the approved study items, only in pressing circumstances.

Committee Overview

Received an [overview](#) of the economic development and workforce services subject area that included committee members, legislation passed during the 2026 General Session, and departments that report to the committee.

Overview of Sunset Reviews

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the guidelines of a sunset review and the sunset reviews assigned to the committee.

Sunset Review: National Register Review Committee

Received a presentation from the [Department of Cultural and Community Engagement](#) and the [State Historic Preservation Office](#) on the purpose and duties of the National Register Review Committee, committee membership and meeting attendance, and a recommendation to extend the committee's sunset by ten years to July 1, 2037.

Sunset Review: One Utah Service Fellowship Program

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement and UServeUtah on the background and activities of the One Utah Service Fellowship program, which is the state's commission on service and volunteerism. Also received a recommendation to extend the program's sunset by ten years until July 1, 2037.

Sunset Review: Rural Opportunity Advisory Committee

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Development on the purpose and makeup of the Rural Opportunity Advisory Committee.

Sunset Review: Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program

Received a [presentation](#) from the Governor's Office of Economic Development on the Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program, including:

- the purpose of the grant program;
- how grant money is distributed;
- the impact of the grants; and
- a recommendation to wait for additional data from program recipients before changing or extending the program.

Sunset Review: Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism Act

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement and UServeUtah on the different service programs within the division, testimonials of former participants, and a recommendation to extend the Commission on Service and Volunteerism Act's sunset date by ten years to July 1, 2037.

Chairs: Rep. Jon Hawkins / Sen. Ann Millner
Staff: Sivan Nizan (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Associate General Counsel) / Zoe Adams (Administrative Assistant)



Education

2026 Interim Study Items, Sunsets, and Audits

Reviewed the proposed 2026 [study items list](#), including audits and sunset reviews assigned to the committee.

***Action:** Approved the study items list and authorized the chairs to open committee bill files on topics related to the approved study items list.*

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit vs. Concurrent Enrollment Alignment

Heard from the Utah System of Higher Education and the State Board of Education on:

- current policies and practices related to advanced placement credit and concurrent enrollment classes;
- the transferability of college credits across institutions within the system; and
- how to better align credit recognition policies across institutions of higher education.

Higher and Public Education: Credit Hours

Heard from the Utah System of Higher Education and the State Board of Education on current credit hour requirements for degrees or licenses, such as educator licenses, that require more than 120 credit hours.

Higher and Public Education: Teacher Licensing

Heard from the Utah System of Higher Education and the State Board of Education on current teacher licensing practices and whether a subject matter bachelor's degree and a master's in education should qualify for a full Professional Educator License in Utah.

Chairs: Rep. R. Neil Walter / Sen. John D. Johnson
Staff: Finn Rose (Managing Policy Analyst) / Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Tyler Keetch (Associate General Counsel) / Jeff Van Hulst (Associate General Counsel) / Mike Curtis (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)



Federalism Commission

May 21, 2026

2026 Statutory Changes

Received a [presentation](#) from commission staff regarding legislation from the 2026 General Session that impacts the federalism commission.

Changes to the Federal Guidance Letters

Received a [presentation](#) from commission staff regarding the [federal guidance letters](#) received through December 2025 and changes to the federal guidance letter review and analysis process. Requested that commissioners review the list of federal guidance letters and communicate with the chairs if the commission needs to invite state agencies to report on specific federal guidance letters.

HB 249 Federal Funds Modifications

Discussed the implementation of 2026 General Session H.B. 249, [Federal Funds Modifications](#), including the creation of a federal funds risk analysis and dashboard by the Utah State University Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. The dashboard will address state dependency on federal funds and provide a model for economic scenarios to improve the state's ability to create a contingency plan in the event that the federal government cuts funding.

Implementation of HB 488

Heard from commission members regarding ongoing work to implement 2025 General Session H.B. 488, [Federalism Amendments](#). Commission members have been working on developing a federalism curriculum with state agencies, reaching out to other states and national organizations to join with Utah on studying the principles of federalism, and working to develop a future federalism summit of the state under the National Federalism Initiative.

Law Enforcement Issues Workgroup

Received an update on the work of the law enforcement protocol workgroup and plans for providing a proposed law enforcement protocol for coordination and cooperation between federal and local law enforcement agencies.

***Action:** Directed the law enforcement issues workgroup to draft a letter to legislative leadership and our congressional delegation regarding concerns with the process the federal government followed to locate an immigration and customs enforcement facility in Utah and the lack of cooperation and coordination with local officials.*

NCSL Collaboration and Report

Received an update on collaboration efforts on federalism issues and upcoming conferences with the National Conference on State Legislatures.

Overview of Federalism Commission

Received a [presentation](#) from commission staff on the statutory duties and responsibilities of the commission.

Chairs: Rep. Ken Ivory / Sen. Keven J. Stratton
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Gus Harb (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Zoe Adams (Administrative Assistant)

Government Operations

Cooperative Contracts Fund

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Government Operations on the cooperative contract program with the Division of Purchasing, including current operations and whether the cooperative contracts fund should be converted from an internal service fund to an enterprise fund.

2026 Interim Study Items and Required Reports

Received an [overview](#) from committee staff on the proposed 2026 [study items list](#) and an [overview](#) of the statutorily required reports that will be discussed over the course of the 2026 interim.

Actions: Approved the study items list.

Granted the chairs authority to open committee bill files with the consent of the committee.

National Election Trends

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on recently passed legislation in other states, federal acts and executive orders, and relevant court cases.

Review of the 2026 General Session Government Operations Legislation

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the government operations [legislation](#) that passed during 2026 General Session.

Sunset Review Process

Received an [overview](#) from committee staff of the sunset review process and the sunset reviews assigned to the committee.

Sunset Review: Executive Residence Commission

Received information from the Department of Government Operations regarding the purpose and implementation of Section [67-1-8.1](#), Executive Residence Commission, which is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2027.

Sunset Review: Legislative Process Committee

Received information from the Legislative Process Committee regarding the purpose and implementation of [Title 36, Chapter 17](#), Legislative Process Committee, which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2028.

Sunset Review: State Finance Review Commission

Received information from the Utah Office of State Treasurer regarding the purpose and implementation of [Title 63C, Chapter 25](#), State Finance Review Commission, which is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2027.

Chairs: Rep. Calvin Roberts / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Staff: Devon Schechinger (Policy Analyst) / Kirsi Jarvis (Policy Analyst) / Michael Cipriano (Associate General Counsel) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Health and Human Services

2026 Interim Study Items

Actions: Approved the proposed 2026 interim [study items list](#).

Authorized the chairs to open committee bill files on topics related to the approved interim study items list.

Addressing Preceptor Shortages

Received a [presentation](#) from the Health Workforce Advisory Council regarding a shortage of clinical preceptors in Utah's health workforce.

Legislative Audit: Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding A Performance [Audit](#) of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program, on inspection processes, enforcement actions, and board determinations of the Medical Cannabis Program. Heard a response from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

Legislative Audit: Performance Audit of Utah's Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding A Performance [Audit](#) of Utah's Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care," which focused on Utah's behavioral health beds.

Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services on emerging trends of Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse and the office's actions to identify and address the emerging trends.

Satellite Emergency Department Review

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of Licensing and Background Checks regarding the compliance of satellite emergency departments with licensing requirements related to equipment, staffing standards, signage requirements, and operation limits. Heard comments from a representative of Utah's hospitals.

Statutorily Required Reports

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on statutorily required reports for the 2026 interim.

Sunset Reviews

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the sunset review process and sunseting statutes within the committee's purview.

Chairs: Rep. Katy Hall / Sen. Keith Grover
Staff: Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Amy Shewan (Associate General Counsel) / Christopher Williams (Associate General Counsel) / Kami Orton (Associate General Counsel) / Gabi Prior (Administrative Assistant)

Judiciary

2026 Interim Study Items

Action: Amended and approved the proposed 2026 interim [study items list](#) to include:

- study items related to Utah's judicial selection system;
- nominating procedures; and
- whether Utah should establish a statutory right to a speedy trial.

Calls for Legislative Action

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on recent appellate court decisions that call for legislative action, such as clarifying statutes.

Actions: Opened a committee bill file to address issues related to protective orders and stalking injunctions.

Referred the issue of procurement protest processes to the Government Operations Interim Committee.

Pretrial Release

Received comments from a legislator about policies proposed by 2026 General Session H.B. 593, [Bail Amendments](#), related to pretrial services for and supervision of repeat offenders, along with plans for a working group to explore these issues further.

Sunset Review: Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Board

Received comments from committee staff and the Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Board on the legislative history, purpose, and activities of the board. The board, which is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2027, establishes best practice standards for domestic violence offender treatment and certifies providers for use by courts in domestic violence cases.

Chairs: Rep. Karianne Lisonbee / Sen. Todd Weiler
Staff: Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Jacqueline Carlton (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Paige Nelson (Associate General Counsel) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

2026 Study Items and Audits

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the Open and Public Meetings Act, the committee's proposed 2026 interim study items list, and the sunsets and audits assigned to the committee.

Action: Approved the proposed interim study items list.

Granted the chairs authority to independently open committee bill files.

Medical Cannabis Use by Individuals Under AP&P Supervision

Heard from the Department of Corrections' Division of Adult Probation and Parole (AP&P) on issues with AP&P officers' access to criminal justice and medical cannabis databases.

Model School Resource Officer Agreements

Heard from the Department of Public Safety on the current status of agreements that schools may use to employ a school resource officer, security guard, or school guardian.

POST Training Facility

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Public Safety's Division of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) on potential locations for a new training facility.

Speedy Trial Introduction

Received a [presentation](#) from the Attorney General's Office and heard from the Utah Defense Lawyers Association on an overview of speedy trial law and potential policy solutions to address delays.

Sunset Review: Public Safety Interagency Agreement

Received a [presentation](#) from the Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD) on public safety updates, including staffing and crime statistics. Heard from SLCPD and the Department of Public Safety on whether to extend the sunset for the public safety interagency agreement between the two agencies.

Sunset Reviews: Department of Corrections

Heard from the Department of Corrections on whether to sunset the Correctional Postnatal and Early Childhood Advisory Board and on a required report on treatment and program opportunities to reduce recidivism.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox / Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Staff: Lacey Johnson (Policy Analyst) / Taylor Calabrese (Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Associate General Counsel) / Jackie Rogers (Associate General Counsel) / Amy Hawkes (Administrative Assistant)



Legislative Management Committee

April 16, 2026

2026 Interim Schedule

Action: Approved the 2026 interim committee schedule for interim committees and appropriations subcommittees.

2026 Study Items

Action: Amended and approved the proposed 2026 interim [study items list](#) for interim committees' study.

Authorized Legislative Meetings

Considered a list of boards and commissions with legislators to determine those for which legislator participation should be compensated.

Action: Approved the [proposed list](#) of authorized legislative meetings.

Independent Entities Assessments

Action: Designated the following [independent entities for legislative review](#):

- Utah Beef Council;
- Utah Dairy Commission; and
- Utah Inland Port Authority.

Sunset Review Assignments

Action: Approved staff recommendations regarding the assignment of [Sunset Act Reviews](#) to interim committees.

Chairs: Speaker Mike Schultz / President J. Stuart Adams
Staff: John Q. Cannon (Director) / Victoria Ashby (General Counsel) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant Team Lead)

Legislative Water Development

Commission

May 21, 2026

2026 General Session Bills

Received a [presentation](#) from commission staff regarding water-related bills from the 2026 General Session.



State Water Resources and Anticipated Needs

Received a presentation from the [Division of Water Resources](#), the [state engineer](#), and the [Great Salt Lake commissioner](#) regarding water supply and demand.

Water Agent Update

Received an update from the state's water agent regarding the governor's emergency drought declaration.

Water Entity Updates

Received updates from the following entities regarding their current water-related work and concerns:

- [Department of Agriculture and Food](#);
- Division of Water Resources;
- Division of Water Rights;
- Division of Water Quality;
- Division of Drinking Water;
- Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands;
- Great Salt Lake Commissioner;
- Utah Water Ways; and
- [Colorado River Authority of Utah](#).

Chairs: Rep. Thomas W. Peterson / Sen. Keven J. Stratton
Staff: Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Managing Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Ryan C. Williams (Associate General Counsel) / Alyssa Castor (Administrative Assistant)

Medical Cannabis Governance Structure

Working Group

May 19, 2026

2026 General Session Overview

Received a [presentation](#) from staff on medical cannabis-related legislation considered during the 2026 General Session.

Agency Update

Received an update from the Department of Agriculture and Food on changes made during the 2026 General Session to the structure of Utah's medical cannabis program and medical cannabis pharmacy licensing.

Federal Marijuana Scheduling Changes

Received an update on the tax and research implications of recent federal marijuana rescheduling actions.

Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board Update

Received an update from the cochairs of the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board on recent activities and recommendations.

Medical Cannabis Services and Product Advertising

Received comments on issues related to the advertising of medical cannabis services and products.

Medical Cannabis Use by Individuals Under Adult Probation and Parole Supervision

Received comments on issues related to the use of medical cannabis by individuals under adult probation and parole supervision.

Public Employee Medical Cannabis Use

Received comments related to medical cannabis use by public employees.

Chairs: Rep. Walt Brooks / Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Staff: Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Christopher Williams (Associate General Counsel) / Alyssa Castor (Administrative Assistant)

Native American Legislative Liaison Committee

May 15, 2026

Communication between the Utah Legislature and Utah's Tribal Governments

Discussed with Utah's tribal leaders ways to improve communication and coordination between the Legislature and tribal governments.

Issues facing the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

Discussed current issues raised by leaders of the Ute Tribe.

Chairs: Rep. Christine F. Watkins / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Staff: Rachel Brooks (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Zoe Adams (Administrative Assistant)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

2026 Interim Study Items

Action: Amended and approved the proposed 2026 [study items list](#) to include an additional item assessing the environmental impacts of data centers and their effects on state resources.

Committee Bills

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding committee materials, including a slide explaining changes to committee bill files.

Action: Granted the committee chairs permission to open committee bill files.

Long-Term Water Infrastructure Funding

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources and a [handout](#) from Prepare60 regarding long-term local water infrastructure funding needs. Heard comments from the Division of Environmental Quality.

Outdoor Recreation Long-Term Planning

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Outdoor Recreation regarding the Outdoor Recreation Initiative and the division's work in planning, including long-range planning.

State Water Supply and Drought Response

Received presentations from the [Division of Water Resources](#) and Prepare60 regarding water conditions in the state and drought response planning and strategy.

Sunset Review: Great Salt Lake Advisory Council

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and conducted a sunset review of Sections [73-32-302](#) and [73-32-303](#), which address the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council and its duties, and will sunset July 1, 2027, if the Legislature takes no action. Heard comments from the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council.

Sunset Review: Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the sunset review process and sunsetting statutes within the committee's purview. Conducted a review of [Title 79, Chapter 8, Part 4](#), which addresses the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program, which will sunset January 1, 2028, if the Legislature takes no action. Heard comments from the Division of Outdoor Recreation.

Sunset Review: Resource Development Coordinating Committee

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and conducted a sunset review of [Title 63L, Chapter 11, Part 4](#), which addresses the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, and will sunset July 1, 2027, if the Legislature takes no action. Heard comments from the Public Lands Policy and Coordinating Office.

Sunset Review: Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and conducted a sunset review of Sections [79-2-201\(2\)\(o\)](#) and [79-7-206](#), which address the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee, if the Legislature takes no action, the committee will sunset July 1, 2027. Heard comments from the Division of Outdoor Recreation.

Unified Water Infrastructure Plan

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources regarding the [unified water infrastructure plan](#) submitted by the Water Development Coordinating Council under Section [73-10g-602](#).

Chairs: Rep. Carl R. Albrecht / Sen. Keven J. Stratton
Staff: Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Managing Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Ryan C. Williams (Associate General Counsel) / Alyssa Castor (Administrative Assistant)



Political Subdivisions

2026 Interim Issues by Stakeholders

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding recent legislation and how it impacts municipalities.

2026 Interim Study Items

Actions: Amended and approved the proposed 2026 interim [study items list](#) to include:

- signature thresholds for county officers;
- replacing a candidate who drops out of an election; and
- public Infrastructure districts as a component unit of a creating entity.

Authorized the chairs to open committee bill files for exigent circumstances related to approved study items.

Tax Increment Financing Working Group

Discussed forming the tax increment financing [working group](#), as required by the provisions of 2026 General Session H.B. 507, [State Coordination of Regional and Local Economic Development Projects Amendments](#). Announced the appointment of members to the working group, discussed the scope and intent of the working group, and planned for the first working group meeting.

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Don L. Ipson
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / RuthAnne Oakey-Frost (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Steve Schaefermeyer (Associate General Counsel) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

2026 General Session Overview

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding public utilities, energy, and technology legislation.

A Performance Audit of Drinking Water Cybersecurity

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on A Performance [Audit of Drinking Water Cybersecurity: Opportunities to Improve the Resilience of Critical Utilities](#). Heard a response from the Department of Environmental Quality on implementation of audit recommendations.

2026 Interim Study Items

Reviewed the proposed [study items list](#) for the 2026 interim.

Action: Amended and approved the study item list to specify that data centers are included under the study item of potential energy producers. Added natural gas rate study as a study item.

Large-load Contract Application Process Update

Received an update on the large-load user contract application process as established under 2025 General Session S.B. 132, [Electric Utility Amendments](#), by Rocky Mountain Power.

Sunset Review: Nuclear Energy Consortium

Conducted a [sunset review](#) of Utah Code Title 79, Chapter 6, Part 12, [Nuclear Energy Consortium](#).

Update on Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus Request for Information

Received an update from the Office of Energy Development on Utah's submission to host a Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus.

Valar Atomics Update

Received a [presentation](#) from Valar Atomics on its work building a test small modular nuclear reactor.

Zanskar Introduction

Received a [presentation](#) from Zanskar Geothermal and Minerals, a company that uses custom artificial intelligence tools and geoscience models to pinpoint untapped geothermal hotspots.

Chairs: Rep. Colin W. Jack / Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Staff: Samantha Merrell (Policy Analyst) / Scott Elder (Associate General Counsel) / Zoe Adams (Administrative Assistant)

Retirement and Independent Entities

May 18, 2026

2026 Study Items and Independent Entities Review

Actions: Amended and approved the proposed [study items list](#) to include a review of the implementation of 2026 General Session S.B. 229, [State Employee Benefits Amendments](#).

Reviewed a [list of independent entities](#) that have undergone review by the committee.

Action: Received recommendations from committee members that the following independent entities be reviewed by the committee during the interim period:

- Military Installation Development Authority;
- Point of the Mountain State Land Authority; and
- Capitol Preservation Board.

Legislative Oversight of Independent Entities

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding:

- differences in statutory definitions of independent entities;
- oversight of independent entities by the committee, Legislative Management Committee, and interim and appropriations committees; and
- options to clarify definitions and oversight processes.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address legislative oversight of independent entities.

Tier 2 Retirement Systems and Benefits

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on employee retirement plans, including differences between plans, eligibility, withdrawing funds, and payout options.

Received an [overview](#) from Utah Retirement Systems that included:

- key retirement terms and concepts;
- defined benefit program stats and payouts; and
- defined benefit plan funded ratio and actuarial funded ratio.

Received a [presentation](#) from Utah Retirement Systems that broke down options to study modifying Tier 2 retirement benefits.

Action: Voted to direct Utah Retirement Systems to explore and analyze options for Tier 2 retirement benefits.

Chairs: Rep. Cheryl K. Acton / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Deputy Director) / RuthAnne Oakey-Frost (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Christine R. Gilbert (Deputy General Counsel) / Alyssa Castor (Administrative Assistant)

Revenue and Taxation

2026 General Session Recap

Heard from committee staff on select [tax-related bills](#) from the 2026 General Session.

2026 Interim Study Items

Action: Amended and approved the 2026 interim [study items list](#) to include:

- levying of taxes by newly incorporated municipalities; and
- unemployment insurance tax.

Authorized the chairs to open committee bill files.

Economic and Revenue Update

Received presentations from the [Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst](#), the [Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute](#), and the [Department of Workforce Services](#), on the status of Utah's state tax revenues, economy, and labor market.

Effectiveness and Utilization of Tax Credits

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on three of the income tax credits that are up for review in 2026, some of which are scheduled to be removed from the tax return.

Truth in Taxation Checklist for Fiscal Year Taxing Entities

Received an overview from the State Tax Commission on a [checklist](#) the commission has created for fiscal year taxing entities to follow before an entity may adopt a property tax increase.

Chairs: Rep. Steve Eliason / Sen. Daniel McCay
Staff: Chris Stitt (Managing Policy Analyst) / Megan L. Bolin (Senior Policy Analyst) / Gus Harb (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Victoria Firmage (Administrative Assistant Team Lead)

Senate Judicial Confirmation

May 14, 2026

Confirmation of Bryan Pattison

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Bryan Pattison as a judge for the Utah Fifth District Court.

Confirmation of Jack Burns

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Jack Burns as a judge for the Utah Fifth District Court.

Confirmation of Patricia Kuendig

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Patricia Kuendig as a judge for the Utah Third District Court.

Confirmation of Todd Olsen

Action: Recommended to the Senate the confirmation of Todd Olsen as a judge for the Utah Third District Court.

Chairs: Sen. Todd Weiler
Staff: Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Jacqueline Carlton (Senior Associate General Counsel) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)



Transportation

2026 Study Items

Heard from committee staff on the proposed 2026 interim [study items list](#).

Actions: Approved the 2026 interim [study items list](#).

Authorized the chairs to open committee bill files.

Distracted Driving

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Public Safety on Utah's distracted driving laws, headlight brightness, and enforcement.

Motorcycle Safety

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Public Safety on recent trends in motorcycle safety and considered existing motorcycle safety courses and driver license endorsements.

Non-domiciled Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Public Safety Driver License Division on Utah's non-domiciled CDL programs, recent updates to federal rules, and risks and benefits of the program.

Sunset Review: Lane Filtering

Received presentations from [committee staff](#) and the [Department of Public Safety](#) regarding lane filtering and heard comments from constituents on extending the lane filtering sunset date.

Sunset Review: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council

Received presentations from [committee staff](#) and the [Division of Outdoor Recreation](#) on the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council to determine if the council should be reauthorized for up to ten years, with or without modifications, made permanent, or allowed to expire.

Sunset Reviews

Received an [overview](#) from committee staff on the legislative sunset process and the sunset reviews assigned to the committee for 2026.

Chairs: Rep. Kay J. Christofferson / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Rachel Brooks (Policy Analyst) / Riley Williams (Associate General Counsel) / Kurt P. Gasser (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Gabi Prior (Administrative Assistant)



**Committee Bill Files Opened by Legislative Committees
For the 2027 General Session, as of May 22, 2026**

Total number of committee bill files opened: 6

Judiciary

- Amendments to Protective Orders and Stalking Injunctions

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

- Speedy Trial Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 1

Legislative Management Committee

- Revisor's Technical Corrections to Utah Code
- Revisor's Supplemental Corrections to Utah Code

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2

Retirement and Independent Entities

- Utah Retirement Systems Amendments
- Independent Entities Amendments

Total Number of Committee Bill Files Opened: 2
