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Agriculture & Food

HB0224

Pollinator Amendments

Matthews, A.

This bill creates a pilot program to address issues related to pollinators.

This bill:

- directs the Department of Agriculture and Food to create a pollinator pilot program;
- permits the department to coordinate with entities related to the pilot program;
- authorizes rulemaking;
- enacts a sunset date; and
- makes technical changes.

SB0130

Regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Sandall, S.

This bill enacts provisions related to large concentrated animal feeding operations.

This bill:

- enacts the Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act, including:
- defining terms;
- requiring adoption of county large concentrated animal feeding operation land use ordinances under certain circumstances;
- addressing scope of a county large concentrated animal feeding operation land use ordinance; and
- addressing determining the geographic area where large concentrated animal feeding operations may be located.

SB0147

Confinement of Egg-laying Hens

Sandall, S.

This bill makes changes to the Agricultural Code regarding the confinement of egg-laying hens.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- beginning January 1, 2025, prohibits farm owners and operators from confining egg-laying hens in an enclosure that is not a cage-free housing system or that has less usable floor space per hen than required by specific industry guidelines, with certain exceptions;
- designates the Department of Agriculture and Food as the entity to enforce the provisions of this bill; and
- requires the Department of Agriculture and Food to provide a report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee.



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Alcohol

HB0371 Alcoholic Beverage Control Amendments

Waldrip, S.

This bill amends provisions of and related to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

This bill:

- amends the definitions of "hotel," "room service," and "small brewer";
- defines "controlled group of breweries";
- amends and enacts provisions related to proximity to a community location;
- amends the calculation of ratio of gross receipts of food to alcoholic product for spirituous liquor;
- amends the qualifications for a special use permittee;
- amends provisions regarding reduced markups for certain manufacturers;
- amends the percentage of the total gross revenue from sales of liquor deposited in the Underage Drinking Prevention Media and Education Campaign Restricted Account;
- requires a package agent who has a consignment liquor inventory owned by the state to post a cash or surety bond;
- amends the operational requirements of a package agency;
- amends provisions related to the unlawful sale, offer for sale, or furnishing to a minor or to an intoxicated person;
- enacts provisions related to late applications for retail license renewal;
- amends provisions related to a conditional retail license;
- amends provisions related to bringing an alcoholic product on or carrying an alcoholic product from licensed premises;
- requires a retail licensee to notify the department within 60 days of certain changes;
- amends operational requirements for an on-premise banquet license;
- amends provisions related to an on-premise beer retailer license;
- requires the commission to approve an additional location for a hospitality amenity licensee;
- amends provisions of the Transfer of Alcohol License Act regarding:
 - the definitions "transferor" and "transferee";
 - the transferability of an alcohol license;
 - the effect of transfer of ownership of a business entity;
 - operational requirements for a transferee;
 - application and approval process; and
 - transfer fees;
- repeals from the Transfer of Alcohol License Act, Part 4, Protection of Creditors;
- amends the general operational requirements of a sublicense to a hotel or resort regarding bringing an alcoholic product onto and carrying an alcoholic product from the licensed premises;



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- allows certain actions without a manufacturing license;
- enacts provisions regarding the department's authority regarding small-brewer status;
- enacts provisions related to a change of location for a warehousing facility;
- exempts the director's emergency action suspending operations of a package agency, licensee, or permittee under certain circumstances from Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act;
- amends provisions related to the investigation of sales of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarette products, and nicotine products to underage individuals; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0137 Alcoholic Beverage Control Retail Store Amendments

Davis, G.

This bill amends the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act regarding financing.
This bill:

- amends what is included in the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's base budget.

Business

HB0094 Microenterprise Home Kitchen Amendments

Watkins, C.

This bill creates permitting guidelines for microenterprise home kitchens.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- grants administrative authority to the Department of Health to make rules regarding the sanitation, equipment, and maintenance requirements for microenterprise home kitchens; and
- grants administrative authority to local health departments to:
 - create and issue microenterprise home kitchen permits;
 - charge fees for issuing permits and inspecting premises; and
 - inspect microenterprise home kitchens; and
- limits the number of microenterprise home kitchen permits that may be issued within a county and creates a sunset date for this limit.

SB0032 Employee Status Amendments

Bramble, C.

This bill amends Title 34, Labor in General regarding the employment status of certain workers.



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This bill:

- defines terms; and
- establishes that a remote-service contractor is not an employee of a marketplace company if certain conditions are met.

Child Care

HB0277

Child Care Eligibility Amendments

Matthews, A.

This bill modifies the child care subsidy provisions of the Employment Support Act.

This bill:

- defines "income" and "income-eligible child";
- provides criteria for an income-eligible child to be eligible for a child care subsidy or grant through the Employment Support Act; and
- modifies the Office of Child Care's rulemaking authority to allow the office to make rules on prioritizing awards of a child care subsidy or grant.

Colleges and Universities

HB0278

Name Change Process for Dixie State University

Miles, K.

This bill requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to select and recommend a name for the institution and, if the boards choose, forward the name to the Legislature.

This bill:

- requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees (board of trustees), in consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to recommend a name for the institution and, if the boards choose, forward the name to the Legislature;
- requires the board of trustees to create a Heritage Committee to preserve the heritage, culture, and history of the region and the institution; and
- makes technical changes.

Consumer Protection

SB0086

Amendments to the Price Controls During Emergencies Act

Fillmore, L.

This bill amends provisions of the Price Controls During Emergencies Act.



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This bill:

- amends the standard of evidence required to cite a person for a violation of the Price Controls During Emergencies Act;
- defines "total cost" and "margin";
- amends provisions regarding when a price is excessive;
- requires the division to consider certain factors in determining whether to investigate, contact, or request information from a seller for a violation of the Price Controls During Emergencies Act;
- prohibits the division from publicly identifying a person under investigation for a violation of the Price Controls During Emergencies Act unless certain conditions are met;
- amends the amount the Division of Consumer Protection may fine for a violation of the Price Controls During Emergencies Act; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0227 Genetic Information Privacy Act

Bramble, C.

This bill enacts the Genetic Information Privacy Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company to:
- provide a consumer clear information regarding the company's collection, use, and disclosure of genetic data;
- provide a consumer a publicly available privacy notice;
- obtain a consumer's consent for certain collection, use, or disclosure of the consumer's genetic data;
- protect a consumer's genetic data;
- allow a consumer to access and delete the consumer's genetic data; and
- upon request, destroy a consumer's biological sample;
- prohibits a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company from disclosing a consumer's genetic data to certain persons; and
- empowers the Office of the Attorney General to take enforcement action against violators.

SB0228 Electronic Free Speech Amendments

McKell, M.

This bill enacts provisions with respect to the regulation of social media corporations.

This bill:

- defines terms;



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- requires social media corporations to, for Utah account holders, provide:
- clear information about the social media corporation's moderation practices;
- notice to the account holder or the attorney general when the social media corporation uses a moderation practice with respect to a Utah account holder's account; and
- an opportunity for a Utah account holder to appeal certain moderation practices that the social media corporation employs on a Utah account holder's account or post;
- provides, if a social media corporation violates its terms of use with respect to moderation practices:
- a mechanism for a Utah account holder to make a complaint to the Division of Consumer Protection (division) and the attorney general;
- a mechanism for the division to investigate alleged violations; and
- an enforcement and penalty mechanism for the attorney general if the division refers a violation to the attorney general;
- creates a restricted account to deposit penalties and provides for the distributions from the account; and
- provides for severability if a provision is found to be invalid.

Data and Cyber Security

HB0072

Device Filter Amendments

Pulsipher, S.

This bill establishes filter requirements and enforcement mechanisms for tablets and smart phones activated in the state on or after January 1 of the year following the year this bill takes effect.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a tablet or a smart phone (a device) sold in the state and manufactured on or after January 1 of the year following the year this bill takes effect to, when activated in the state, automatically enable a filter capable of blocking material that is harmful to minors;
- requires the filter enabled at activation to:
- prevent the user of the device from accessing material that is harmful to minors on the device;
- enable certain users to deactivate the filter for the device or for specific content; and
- notify the user when content is filtered;
- provides a process for the attorney general or a member of the public to bring a civil action against a manufacturer that manufactures a device on or after January 1 of the year following the year this bill takes effect if:
- the device does not contain an enabled filter upon activation in the state; and
- a minor accessed material that is harmful to minors on the device;
- allows for a civil penalty of up to \$10 for each violation;



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- requires that a portion of any civil penalty recovery be provided to the Crime Victims Reparations Fund;
- provides a process for curing the violation and paying a reduced penalty;
- requires the Judicial Council to adjust the penalty every five years; and
- provides a sunset date.

Domestic Violence

HB0301 Domestic Violence Training Amendments

Pierucci, C.

This bill provides for domestic violence and lethality assessment training for law enforcement officers and reporting requirements. This bill:

- requires the Department of Public Safety and Peace Officer Standards and Training create a training program for law enforcement officers in:
- recognizing domestic violence indicators;
- providing lethality assessments; and
- writing reports on incidents; and
- directs the Division of Child and Family Services to work with to the Department of Public Safety and the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice with data on domestic violence for reporting to the Legislature.

SB0064 Domestic Violence Amendments

Iwamoto, J.

This bill addresses penalty enhancements for a domestic violence offense. This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the circumstances under which the penalty for certain domestic violence offenses may be enhanced;
- provides that an adjudication in juvenile court is not a conviction for purposes of a penalty enhancement for a domestic violence offense; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

HB0026 24-7 Sobriety Program Expansion

Pitcher, S.

This bill expands the 24-7 sobriety program statewide. This bill:



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- removes language limiting the 24-7 sobriety program to a pilot program;
- allows an individual participating in a drug court to avoid suspension of the individual's driver license;
- allows expansion of the program statewide; and
- makes technical corrections.

HB0047

DUI Revisions

Eliason, S.

This bill makes changes to bail provisions for DUI offenses.
This bill:

- creates a presumption of pretrial detention for individuals charged with certain DUI offenses.

Economic Development

HB0217

Regulatory Sandbox Program Amendments

Maloy, A.C.

This bill creates the Utah Office of Regulatory Relief (regulatory relief office) within the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED).
This bill:

- creates the regulatory relief office within GOED;
- defines terms;
- describes the duties of the regulatory relief office;
- creates the General Regulatory Sandbox Program (sandbox program), which allows the office to waive laws or regulations applicable to a participant under certain circumstances;
- describes how the sandbox program is to be administered by the regulatory relief office;
- describes reporting and other requirements of the regulatory relief office and participants in the sandbox program;
- creates the General Regulatory Sandbox Program Advisory Committee (advisory committee);
- describes the membership and duties of the advisory committee; and
- requires the regulatory relief office to create a web page where residents and businesses in the state may provide suggestions regarding modifying or eliminating laws and regulations to reduce the regulatory burden on residents and businesses in the state.

HB0356

Rural Economic Development Tax Increment Financing

Albrecht, C.

This bill modifies provisions related to economic development tax increment financing.



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This bill:

- defines terms, including modifying the definitions of "new commercial project," "high paying job," and "significant capital investment," related to new commercial projects located in rural areas of the state;
- modifies provisions related to the authorization of tax credits by the Governor's Office of Economic Development for new commercial projects located in rural areas of the state;
- modifies the types of new commercial projects that may qualify for tax credits authorized by the Governor's Office of Economic Development; and
- makes technical changes.

SB0224

Fund of Funds Amendments

Sandall, S.

This bill modifies provisions of the Utah Venture Capital Enhancement Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the authorized uses of redemption reserves by the Utah Capital Investment Corporation (corporation);
- creates the Utah Capital Investment Restricted Account;
- directs the corporation to transfer \$20,000,000 to the state treasurer for deposit into the Utah Capital Investment Restricted Account;
- modifies the authority of the corporation to issue certificates for contingent tax credits;
- requires the corporation to provide a written report making recommendations regarding the future of the corporation;
- modifies provisions related to the corporation's board of directors; and
- makes technical changes.

Education

HB0038

School Technology Amendments

Seegmiller, T.

This bill requires digital resources, provided by UETN to Utah's public schools, to block obscene or pornographic material.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a digital resource provider to ensure that the digital resource provider's products used in public schools block "obscene or pornographic material";
- provides that a digital resource provider's failure to comply with this bill after receiving notice is a breach of contract;



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- requires UETN to enter into contracts with digital resource providers that comply with the provisions of this bill; and
- imposes a reporting requirement.

HB0081 Mental Health Days for Students

Winder, M.

This bill adds mental or behavioral health as a valid excuse for a school absence.

This bill:

- adds mental or behavioral health as a valid excuse for a school absence; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0381 Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program

Moss, J.

This bill creates the Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program to provide scholarships to certain school employees.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program (program) to provide scholarships to certain school employees;
- establishes eligibility criteria and allowed uses for the program; and
- requires the State Board of Education to make rules and administer the program.

SB0001 Public Education Base Budget Amendments

Fillmore, L.

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and appropriates funds for the support and operation of public ed...

This bill:

- provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools, and state education agencies;
- sets the value of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) at \$3,809 for fiscal year 2022;
- adjusts the number of weighted pupil units to reflect anticipated student enrollment in fall 2021;
- creates the Enrollment Growth Contingency Program;
- creates the Supplemental Educator COVID-19 Stipend;



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- repeals a budgetary obligation related to increases in the value of the WPU, which this bill satisfies through increased funding;
- enacts repeal dates for the Enrollment Growth Contingency Program and the Supplemental Educator COVID-19 Stipend;
- makes technical changes;
- provides appropriations for other purposes as described;
- approves intent language;
- appropriates federal coronavirus relief funds for education to the State Board of Education State Administrative Office; and
- approves intent language for the allocation of state funds based on local and state use of federal coronavirus relief funds for education.

SB0107

In-person Instruction Prioritization

Weiler, T.

This bill requires the Department of Health to support widespread testing of a school's students for COVID-19 under certain conditions to facilitate a requirement for in-person instruction.

This bill:

- requires the Department of Health to provide support to a local education agency (LEA) that initiates widespread COVID-19 testing for a school (test to stay program);
- requires that guidance that the Department of Health provides to LEAs related to test to stay programs complies with certain statutory provisions;
- requires an institution of higher education to provide a certain number of in-person courses during the 2021-2022 academic year, with certain exceptions;
- requires an LEA to ensure that certain schools within the LEA continue to provide in-person instruction;
- establishes the case threshold in a school above which the LEA is required to initiate a "test to stay program" for the school; and
- enacts provisions related to a "test to stay program", including provisions related to parental consent for COVID-19 testing for the parent's student.

SB0142

Public Education Funding Amendments

Fillmore, L.

This bill requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to complete an evaluation and make recommendations for future legislation regarding public education funding and addresses funding for students who are at risk.

This bill:

- requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to:



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- complete an evaluation of public education funding;
- make recommendations for future legislation; and
- report to the Executive Appropriations Committee;
- amends dates regarding certain reviews or evaluations required of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee;
- enacts a weighted pupil unit add-on for students who are at risk using weighting based on:
 - students who receive free or reduced price lunch; and
 - students who are English language learners;
- requires the Utah State Board of Education to monitor learning outcomes related to the WPU add-on;
- repeals the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program while reenacting the portion related to the gang prevention and intervention program;
- establishes a certain repeal date; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Election Law

HB0136

Initiative and Referenda Modifications

Teuscher, J.

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to statewide and local initiatives and referenda.

This bill:

- imposes requirements on signature gatherers and provides penalties for violation of those requirements;
- modifies the form for signature sheets and the verification of signature packets;
- requires the sponsors of an initiative to:
 - send certain information via email to an individual who signs a petition if the individual provides an email address; and
 - sign a verification that the sponsor complied with the email requirement;
- removes the requirement to include a copy of the initiative or referendum in a signature packet and, instead, requires a signature gatherer to, before collecting a signature, present to the individual a printed or digital copy of the initiative or referendum and wait for the individual to read the initiative or referendum;
- requires the lieutenant governor or a local clerk to post certain information on the lieutenant governor's or clerk's website regarding an initiative or referendum;
- clarifies requirements for review of an application to determine referability to voters; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0211

Initiatives and Referenda Amendments

Thurston, N.

This bill amends provisions relating to statewide and local initiatives and referenda.



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This bill:

- modifies petition filing requirements for an initiative or referendum;
- provides more standardization to forms, requirements, and procedures for state and local initiatives and referenda, including procedures for posting and removing signatures for a petition;
- clarifies actions that may be taken by a petition sponsor or an agent of a petition sponsor;
- modifies signature packet preparation requirements;
- modifies timelines and deadlines for initiatives and referenda;
- modifies provisions for challenging an action, relating to initiatives or referenda, in a court proceeding;
- addresses the verification of signatures;
- addresses a temporary stay of a law challenged by referendum and the effective date of the law;
- for a statewide referendum, changes the requirement relating to a certain percentage of signatures in at least 15 counties to a certain percentage of signatures in at least 15 Senate districts; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0312 State Residency Amendments

Teuscher, J.

This bill makes changes to the Election Code regarding residency determinations for candidates.

This bill:

- clarifies when a presumption of residency applies;
- provides that a statement made in a declaration of candidacy is subject to the penalties of perjury;
- addresses when a rebuttable presumption of residency applies for an individual filing a declaration of candidacy; and
- modifies deadlines for objecting to a person's declaration of candidacy.

SB0092 Elections Amendments

Harper, W.

This bill amends provisions relating to election law.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- addresses the level of detail required for reports of contributions and expenditures;
- provides that a regulated officeholder is not required to file a conflict of interest disclosure at the time of filing for reelection to office if the regulated officeholder already filed a disclosure earlier the same year and indicates that the disclosure is accurate and up-to-date;



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- amends provisions relating to permissible uses of campaign funds;
- amends contribution reporting requirements for certain reporting entities;
- amends provisions relating to an anonymous campaign donation;
- amends the definition of an expenditure under the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Electronic Privacy

HB0243 Privacy Protection Amendments

Gibson, F.

This bill creates positions to oversee privacy practices in state government.

This bill:

- creates the government operations privacy officer, who will be appointed by the governor;
- authorizes the government operations privacy officer to review the data practices of state agencies;
- creates the Personal Privacy Oversight Commission, whose membership is appointed by the governor, the state auditor, and the attorney general;
- directs the Personal Privacy Oversight Commission to establish guidelines and best practices with respect to certain government technology uses related to personal privacy and policies related to data security;
- authorizes the Personal Privacy Oversight Commission to review government technology uses related to personal privacy and policies related to data security;
- directs the state auditor to appoint and oversee the state privacy officer;
- authorizes the state privacy officer to review the data practices of certain government entities; and
- creates a reporting requirement for the operations privacy officer, the Personal Privacy Oversight Committee, and the data privacy officer.

SB0034 Governmental Use of Facial Recognition Technology

Thatcher, D.

This bill addresses the state's use of facial recognition technology.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- places limitation on the circumstances under which government entities may use image databases for facial recognition comparisons;
- describes the process of, and requirements for, conducting a facial recognition comparison;
- addresses training of Department of Public Safety (the department) and government entity employees;



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- provides that only the department may use a facial recognition system with respect to image databases shared with or maintained by the department;
- provides a notice requirement for government entities that use facial recognition technology with respect to images taken by that government entity; and
- describes information that is required to be released, and information that is protected, in relation to a facial recognition comparison.

Emergency Management

HB0096 Emergency Management Amendments

Harrison, S.

This bill amends provisions of the Emergency Management Act related to emergency preparedness and response, and other duties of the Division of Emergency Management.

This bill:

- amends definitions and defines terms;
- requires political subdivisions to designate an emergency manager and create an emergency operations plan;
- requires state agencies to coordinate with the Division of Emergency Management before construction of a state building in a flood plain;
- extends the sunset of the Emergency Management Administration Council;
- amends appointment of membership of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission; and
- makes technical changes.

HB0303 Emergency Medical Services Revisions

Johnson, D.N.

This bill amends provisions related to emergency medical services.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires municipalities and counties to ensure at least a minimum level of 911 ambulance services are provided within the municipality or county;
- extends certain requirements for the selection of ambulance and paramedic providers to all other municipalities, counties, local districts, and special service districts;
- requires the State Emergency Medical Services Committee to adopt rules establishing the minimum level of 911 ambulance services provided within municipalities and counties;



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- allows the Department of Health to align the boundaries of an ambulance or paramedic provider's exclusive geographic service area with the boundaries of a political subdivision in certain circumstances;
- allows a political subdivision to terminate a contract with a 911 ambulance services provider in certain circumstances;
- modifies provisions related to the Department of Health's renewal of certain licenses; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Emergency Powers

HB0294

Pandemic Emergency Powers Amendments

Ray, P.

This bill provides for the termination of emergency powers and certain public health orders related to COVID-19 upon reaching certain thresholds of positivity rates, vaccination, and other criteria.

This bill:

- provides for the termination of certain emergency powers and public health orders related to COVID-19 upon reaching certain thresholds of positivity rates, case rates, intensive care facility capacities, and vaccine doses;
- allows health and safety measures in a K-12 school under certain circumstances;
- allows a local health department, with approval from the county legislative body, to take certain health and safety measures;
- allows a public health emergency declared by the Department of Health or a local health department to remain in effect;
- allows the governor and the Department of Health to issue a public health order related to the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines;
- provides an automatic repeal date; and
- makes technical changes.

SB0195

Emergency Response Amendments

Vickers, E.

This bill amends provisions related to emergency powers and public health emergencies.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- limits Department of Health and local health department powers related to public health emergency declarations and orders of constraint by:
- limiting the time period for which certain orders or declarations may remain in place;
- requiring notification of certain elected officials before taking certain actions;
- allowing certain elected officials to terminate public health emergency declarations or orders of constraint; and



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- prohibiting declaration of a public health emergency after a previous declaration for the same public health emergency expires;
- limits emergency powers of the governor and chief executives of local governments by:
- prohibiting the declaration of a state of emergency after a previous state of emergency expires, absent exigent circumstances;
- clarifying how a declared state of emergency expires or is terminated; and
- allowing the Legislature and local legislative bodies to terminate an executive order;
- allows the governor to declare a new state of emergency based on the same disaster or occurrence only when exigent circumstances warrant such a declaration;
- provides a process for the Legislature to limit certain executive emergency powers during a long-term state emergency;
- creates an ad hoc legislative committee to review emergency circumstances that could lead to a long-term state of emergency;
- prohibits a restriction of a gathering of a religious institution that is more restrictive than any other public gathering during an emergency;
- requires notification from the governor before taking certain executive actions during a long-term state of emergency;
- amends provisions related to the Administrative Rules Review Committee, including:
- a requirement for certain information about rules made pursuant to emergency rulemaking procedures be provided to the members of the Administrative Rules Review Committee; and
- review of certain rules and executive orders made or issued during a state of emergency or public health emergency; and
- makes technical changes.

Government Operations (State Issues)

HB0415 Executive Order Review Process Amendments

Lyman, P.

This bill addresses the review of certain presidential executive orders.
This bill:

- requires the Constitutional Defense Council to review certain executive orders by the president of the United States;
- authorizes the attorney general or governor to seek to have the executive order declared an unconstitutional exercise of legislative authority by the president; and
- restricts the enforceability of certain executive orders.

SB0181 Department of Government Operations

Millner, A.



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This bill combines the Department of Administrative Services, The Department of Technology Services, and the Department of Human Resource Management into one, new department, the Department of Government Operations.

This bill:

- combines the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Technology Services, and the Department of Human Resource Management into one, new department, the Department of Government Operations;
- transfers existing divisions and offices within the Department of Administrative Services to the Department of Government Operations;
- changes the Department of Technology Services and the Department of Human Resource Management to divisions within the Department of Government Operations;
- recodifies the following:
 - Title 63F, Utah Technology Governance Act;
 - Title 67, Chapter 19, Utah State Personnel Management Act;
 - Title 67, Chapter 19e, Administrative Law Judges; and
 - Title 67, Chapter 25, General Requirements for State Officers and Employees;
- repeals a catch-all criminal provision; and
- makes conforming and technical changes.

SB0214 Official Language Amendments

Cullimore, K. A.

This bill removes provisions relating to English being the sole language of government in Utah.

This bill:

- removes the provision that English is the sole language for the government in the state of Utah;
- removes the provision requiring all official government documents, transactions, proceedings, meetings, or publications to be in English;
- removes provisions relating to the return of state funds appropriated or designated for the printing or translation of materials or the provision of services or information in a language other than English; and
- makes technical changes.

Health

HB0206 Epinephrine Auto-injector Access Amendments

Harrison, S.

This bill creates a mechanism to increase Utahns' access to epinephrine auto-injectors.

This bill:



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- directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to expand the discount program to allow participants to purchase epinephrine auto-injectors at a discounted price;
- modifies the circumstances under which the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program offers the discount program; and
- permits a health benefit plan that provides coverage for epinephrine auto-injectors to not reimburse a participant who purchased an epinephrine auto-injector through the discount program.

HB0262 Children's Health Insurance Amendments

Welton, D.

This bill creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program.
This bill:

- amends provisions relating to outreach to promote health insurance coverage for children;
- creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program;
- describes the purposes of the program created in this bill;
- creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account; and
- establishes a sunset date.

HB0287 Nurse Practice Act Amendments

Welton, D.

This bill modifies the Nurse Practice Act.
This bill:

- modifies the requirements a nurse practitioner must meet before prescribing a Schedule II controlled substance; and
- makes technical changes.

HB0308 Covid-19 Vaccine Amendments

Spendlove, R.

This bill prohibits a governmental entity from requiring that an individual receive a vaccine for COVID-19.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits a governmental entity from requiring that an individual receive a vaccine for COVID-19; and
- provides a sunset date.



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SB0027 Physician Assistant Act Amendments

Bramble, C.

This bill amends provisions relating to the practice of a physician assistant.
This bill:

- amends the scope of practice for a physician assistant;
- removes the requirement that a physician assistant maintain a specific relationship with a physician or any other health care provider;
- enacts and amends provisions relating to practice as a physician assistant;
- creates requirements for newly graduated physician assistants;
- permits a physician assistant to respond during a health care emergency or disaster; and
- makes technical and corresponding changes.

Heritage and Arts

HB0313 Heritage and Arts Amendments

Winder, M.

This bill changes the name of the Department of Heritage and Arts.
This bill:

- changes the name of the Department of Heritage and Arts to the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement (the department);
- modifies the powers and duties of the department;
- changes the name of a foundation and a fund within the department to reflect the new name of the department; and
- makes technical changes.

Homelessness

HB0347 Homeless Services Amendments

Eliason, S.

This bill modifies provisions related to the oversight and provision of services for individuals experiencing homelessness.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates within the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, the state homelessness coordinator, who is appointed by the governor and serves as an advisor to the governor on homelessness issues;
- creates the Office of Homeless Services (office) within the Department of Workforce Services;



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- provides that the office is under the direction of the state homelessness coordinator;
- describes the responsibilities of the state homelessness coordinator;
- creates the Utah Homelessness Council (homelessness council);
- describes the responsibilities of the homelessness council;
- transfers the administration of existing state homelessness services programs and funds to the office and to the homelessness council; and
- makes technical changes.

Human Services

HB0135 Congregate Care Program Amendments

Judkins, M.

This bill regulates congregate care programs.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a congregate care program to maintain certain information for a child whose parent or guardian:
- does not live in the state; and
- contracts with the congregate care program;
- requires a congregate care program to assist the state in locating and returning a child who leaves the program;
- establishes a penalty for a congregate care program that fails to comply with the provisions of this bill; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0127 Human Services Program Amendments

McKell, M.

This bill modifies provisions related to human services programs.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides incident reporting requirements for persons licensed by the Office of Licensing;
- requires the Office of Licensing to review certain policies and procedures established by a human services program;
- requires a human services program to publicly post the Office of Licensing's contact information;
- requires the Office of Licensing to inspect each congregate care program multiple times a year;
- describes when a congregate care program may use a restraint or seclusion;
- requires a congregate care program to maintain suicide prevention policies;
- prohibits a human services program from engaging in sex and gender based discrimination; and



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- makes technical changes.

Indian Affairs

SB0010

Place Name Amendments

Iwamoto, J.

This bill addresses names of places.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- authorizes the Division of Indian Affairs to help facilitate the application process for changing location names referring to American Indian terms;
- requires reporting; and
- makes technical changes.

Inmates

HB0095

Prison Rape Elimination Act Compliance

Romero, A.

This bill complies with national standards made under the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 by mandating the implementation of policies and data collection relating to the sexual assault of inmates.

This bill:

- requires the creation of policies to prevent, detect, and respond to inmate sexual assault;
- specifies requirements for investigations of inmate sexual assaults; and
- requires the collection and reporting of data regarding inmate sexual assaults.

HB0102

Contraception for Inmates

Dailey-Provost, J.

This bill modifies provisions related to the care of prisoners.

This bill:

- requires a jail to provide a prisoner with the option of continuing certain medically prescribed methods of contraception;
- provides a sunset date; and
- makes technical changes.

HB0219

Inmate Phone Provider Amendments

Acton, C.K.



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This bill creates requirements related to inmate phone services.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the civil counsel for a county to review for approval each contract between a telephone service provider and a correctional facility that seeks to provide telephone access to inmates;
- provides guidance to the civil counsel for a county in determining whether to approve a contract; and
- sets limits on the rate an inmate may be charged for telephone use.

Judicial Operations

HB0064 Factual Innocence Payments Amendments

Wheatley, M.

This bill amends provisions regarding payments for individuals who are found factually innocent by a court.

This bill:

- allows the State Commission of Criminal and Juvenile Justice to pay an individual who is found factually innocent by a court in one lump payment; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0113 Shared Medical Costs

Brammer, B.

This bill amends the Utah Child Support Act in relation to medical costs of pregnancy.

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires a biological father to pay 50% of a mother's:
- insurance premiums while she is pregnant; and
- pregnancy-related medical costs, including the hospital birth of the child, that are not paid by another person.

HB0255 Protective Order Revisions

Snow, V. L.

This bill modifies provisions relating to protective orders.

This bill:

- modifies definitions;



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- requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to include an expiration date on a civil protective order form;
- modifies the time frame within which:
- an objection to certain civil protective orders must be filed; and
- certain hearings on a civil protective order must be held;
- modifies the circumstances under which a violation of a civil protective order is a civil offense;
- modifies the circumstances under which a provision of a cohabitant abuse protective order may be modified or dismissed during a divorce, parentage, custody, or guardianship proceeding;
- modifies the day on which a civil provision of a cohabitant abuse protective order expires;
- adds sexual battery as a qualifying offense for protective orders;
- provides that jail release agreements and other measures can apply when an individual is issued a citation and not arrested;
- modifies the type of contact prohibited under jail release agreements and orders;
- establishes procedures for a victim's waiver of jail release agreement conditions;
- prohibits issuance of a continuous protective order against a minor unless the minor is tried as an adult;
- modifies the expiration dates for criminal protective orders issued against a minor;
- clarifies terminology in the Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act to clarify that the act applies to a minor; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0285

Juvenile Recodification

Snow, V. L.

This bill reorganizes, renumbers, amends, repeals, and enacts statutes related to juveniles.

This bill:

- defines terms and amends definitions;
- reorganizes and renumbers Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act;
- reorganizes and renumbers Title 62A, Chapter 7, Juvenile Justice Services;
- enacts Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code;
- renumbers and amends statutes in Title 62A, Chapter 7, Juvenile Justice Services, and Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act, to Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code;
- reorganizes and clarifies provisions related to removal of a child from the home and placement of a child in protective custody;
- amends the notice requirements for removal of a child from the home or placement of the child in protective custody;
- clarifies the notice requirements for release of a minor who is committed to a local mental health authority or the Utah State Developmental Center;



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- renumbers a statute related to aiding or concealing a juvenile offender, and trespassing in a secure care facility, to Title 76, Utah Criminal Code;
- clarifies that an offense for damaging a jail or other place of confinement is applicable to a child;
- renumbers statutes regarding the Office of the Guardian Ad Litem;
- clarifies the original and concurrent jurisdiction of the juvenile court;
- enacts a statute on the exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile court;
- modifies the continuing jurisdiction of the juvenile court;
- clarifies jurisdiction for proceedings to determine parentage;
- repeals a provision allowing delinquency records for an individual charged with a felony as an adult to be made available upon request;
- clarifies provisions related to venue for juvenile court proceedings;
- repeals provisions related to venue transfer in the juvenile court;
- clarifies requirements for emergency medical or surgical treatment after a petition is filed in the juvenile court;
- clarifies the requirements and punishments for contempt of court in the juvenile court;
- repeals provisions related to hearings after an adjudication in the juvenile court;
- clarifies the requirements for modifying an order or decree in the juvenile court;
- provides that a county or district attorney may file a criminal information for an adult in the juvenile court for certain offenses;
- clarifies the jurisdiction and requirements for adult criminal proceedings in the juvenile court;
- provides that certain agencies and courts assist and cooperate to further the provisions of Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code;
- clarifies provisions related to abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings, including provisions related to:
 - individuals entitled to be present at abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings;
 - consolidating abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings;
 - records of abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings;
 - disclosures made by parties in abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings;
 - physical and mental health examinations for a minor in abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings;
 - consideration of an individual's cannabis use in abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings;
 - amending a petition for abuse, neglect, or dependency;
 - referrals for mediation in an abuse, neglect, and dependency proceeding;
 - temporary custody and protective services of a child who is the subject of a petition for abuse, neglect, or dependency;
 - shelter hearings;
 - dispositions that may be ordered after an adjudication on a petition for abuse, neglect, or dependency;
 - permanency hearings; and
 - removal of a minor from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and custody of the Division of Child and Family Services;



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- clarifies provisions related to proceedings for the termination and restoration of parental rights, including provisions related to:
 - the rules of procedure that apply to termination proceedings;
 - individuals entitled to be present at termination proceedings;
 - records of termination proceedings;
 - physical or mental health examinations for termination proceedings;
 - temporary custody of a child after a petition for termination of parental rights is filed;
 - consideration of an individual's use of cannabis in termination proceedings;
 - amending a petition for termination of parental rights; and
 - referrals for mediation in termination proceedings;
- repeals provisions regarding the contents of a petition for termination of parental rights;
- clarifies the responsibilities of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services;
- grants rulemaking authority to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services regarding the operation of certain programs and facilities;
- requires the Division of Juvenile Justice to provide prenatal and postnatal care to a pregnant minor who is in secure detention or secure care;
- allows the Division of Juvenile Justice Services to refer a minor, who has a child while the minor is in secure detention or secure care, and the minor's child to the Division of Child and Family Services to receive services;
- requires a report for a runaway be given to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services;
- requires the Division of Juvenile Justice Services to refer a runaway to the Division of Child and Family Services to determine whether the runaway is abused, neglected, or dependent;
- reorganizes and clarifies statutes regarding the Youth Parole Authority;
- modifies school notification requirements for minors who are taken into custody, admitted to detention, or adjudicated by the juvenile court for certain offenses;
- amends the grounds for which a minor may be taken into custody by a peace officer or a juvenile probation officer;
- provides the warrant requirements for taking a minor into custody after a delinquency petition is filed;
- clarifies the requirements for holding a minor in custody and releasing a minor from custody;
- clarifies the requirements for admitting a minor to detention;
- provides the rights that a minor has in a detention facility;
- provides the requirements for interviewing a minor who is taken into custody or admitted to a detention facility;
- clarifies when bail is allowed for a minor who is in a detention facility;
- provides the types of pleas that a minor may enter in the juvenile court and the requirements for a minor to withdraw a plea in the juvenile court;



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- clarifies that, in preparing a dispositional report or recommendation, a juvenile probation officer or the juvenile court shall consider the dispositional guidelines;
- provides that competency proceedings apply to a petition or an information filed in the juvenile court for a minor;
- clarifies competency proceedings for minors in juvenile court, including commitment proceedings for a minor who is 18 years old or older;
- clarifies provisions regarding delinquency proceedings, including:
- when the juvenile court or the Division of Juvenile Justice Services is required to take photographs or fingerprints of a minor;
- the types of dispositions that a juvenile court may order after a minor is adjudicated for an offense;
- the requirements for placing a minor in detention after an adjudication; and
- the time periods for probation and supervision by the juvenile court and the Youth Parole Authority;
- enacts provisions on the rights that minors have for delinquency proceedings;
- provides the burden of proof for an adjudication of an offense;
- amends the time period for suspending a disposition after an adjudication of an offense;
- clarifies provisions regarding the commitment and parole of a minor, including:
- commitment of a minor to a local mental health authority or the Utah State Developmental Center; and
- the presumptive terms of commitment to secure care, parole supervision, and aftercare services;
- provides the rights that a juvenile offender has in secure care;
- clarifies provisions regarding youth courts;
- provides that a criminal defense attorney be appointed to the Youth Court Board;
- clarifies provisions regarding juvenile records and expungement;
- clarifies provisions regarding emancipation of a minor;
- repeals statutes relating to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, Youth Parole Authority, and juvenile court proceedings; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Juvenile Justice

HB0158 Juvenile Interrogation Amendments

Judkins, M.

This bill addresses the interrogation of minors who are in custody for an offense.

This bill:

- defines "friendly adult";



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- addresses the right of a child to have a parent, a legal guardian, or a friendly adult present when the child is in custody and subject to interrogation;
- provides the requirements and exceptions to interrogating a child who is in custody and subject to interrogation;
- addresses the interrogation of a minor in a detention facility, a secure facility, or a correctional facility;
- clarifies a minor's waiver to the right to counsel for court proceedings; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0279 Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth

Snow, V. L.

This bill directs the establishment of the Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- directs the establishment of the Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program to provide certain higher education opportunities to students in certain custody; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0050 Juvenile Offender Penalty Amendments

Thatcher, D.

This bill addresses penalties imposed on an individual for certain sexual offenses committed as a juvenile.
This bill:

- defines a term;
- subject to an exception for certain repeat offenders, provides that, if an individual is sentenced in district court for certain sexual offenses committed while the individual was a juvenile:
- the individual is not required to register on the sex and kidnap offender registry;
- the individual will be sentenced consistent with the disposition that would have been made in juvenile court; and
- incarceration is limited to certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations;
- subject to an exception, provides for expungement of the conviction of an individual described in the preceding paragraph; and
- makes technical changes.

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

HB0058

Riot Amendments

Wilcox, R.



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This bill adds specific sanctions for individuals arrested and convicted of rioting.

This bill:

- provides that a person arrested for rioting must appear before a magistrate before being released;
- requires the court to order restitution upon a conviction for rioting; and
- makes technical corrections.

HB0060 Conceal Carry Firearms Amendments

Brooks, W.

This bill modifies provisions related to carrying a concealed firearm and suicide prevention.

This bill:

- provides that an individual who is 21 years old or older, and may lawfully possess a firearm, may carry a concealed firearm in a public area without a permit;
- provides for the transfer of unused funds in the Concealed Weapons Account to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for suicide prevention efforts; and
- creates the Suicide Prevention and Education Fund within the division for suicide prevention efforts.

HB0193 Intimate Image Distribution Prohibition

Kwan, K.

This bill creates the offense of the unlawful distribution of a counterfeit intimate image.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the offense of unlawful distribution of a counterfeit intimate image;
- creates the offense of aggravated unlawful distribution of a counterfeit intimate image; and
- imposes penalties.

HB0220 Pretrial Detention Amendments

Schultz, M.

This bill addresses requirements for pretrial release and detention.

This bill:

- removes the presumption of release for a person arrested for certain criminal offenses while the person awaits trial;



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- removes the requirement that a person who is eligible for pretrial release be released under the least restrictive, reasonably available conditions to ensure the appearance of the person and the safety of the public;
- removes the specific list of additional pretrial release conditions that may be ordered by the court;
- alters procedures for pretrial detention hearings;
- changes the time allowance for bail forfeiture;
- provides procedures for forfeited bail;
- modifies reporting requirements related to persons released from law enforcement custody on various conditions; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0260

Criminal Justice Modifications

Lisonbee, K.

This bill amends provisions related to sentencing, probation, parole, and court-ordered restitution, fines, fees, and other costs. This bill:

- defines and modifies terms;
- modifies the duties of the Office of State Debt Collection in relation to processing and collecting payments in criminal cases;
- prohibits the Office of State Debt Collection from assessing interest on certain accounts receivables;
- amends provisions on interest, fees, and other amounts charged by the Office of State Debt Collection;
- authorizes the Office of State Debt Collection to make certain rules regarding a payment for a civil judgment of restitution;
- amends provisions regarding the State Debt Collection Fund;
- provides that an administrative garnishment order for a civil accounts receivable or a civil judgment of restitution is a continuation of a criminal action;
- amends provisions regarding a restitution request from the Office for Victims of Crime;
- addresses the collection of an accounts receivable by the Department of Corrections;
- amends provisions regarding accounts for offenders who are in the custody of the Department of Corrections;
- allows the Department of Corrections to establish a fine for a violation of department rules and to require the offender to pay the fine;
- amends the exceptions to a spendthrift provision of a trust to allow the Office of State Debt Collection to obtain a court order for a distribution;
- amends the orders that a court imposes at sentencing;
- requires the court to order restitution, and to collect, receive, process, and distribute payments for restitution, for a diversion agreement and a plea in abeyance agreement;
- requires a court to order restitution if a defendant does not successfully complete a plea in abeyance agreement;



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- reorganizes and renumbers Title 77, Chapter 18, The Judgment;
- amends provisions on presentence investigation reports;
- amends provisions on the suspension of a sentence and the terms and conditions of probation;
- amends provisions regarding home confinement for a probationer;
- amends provisions regarding the termination, revocation, modification, or extension of probation;
- amends provisions regarding standards for supervision and presentence investigation reports;
- requires a court to enter a civil accounts receivable and a civil judgment of restitution upon the termination of a defendant's sentence if there is an unpaid balance of the defendant's criminal accounts receivable;
- requires the court to enter a civil accounts receivable and a civil judgment of restitution if a defendant does not owe restitution and the defendant's criminal accounts receivable is 90 days past due;
- enacts provisions regarding civil accounts receivables and civil judgments of restitution;
- allows the sentencing court to retain jurisdiction over a defendant's case for certain reasons;
- repeals the authority of the Board of Pardons and Parole to enter an order for restitution;
- allows the Board of Pardons and Parole to remit a criminal accounts receivable and modify a payment schedule for a criminal accounts receivable;
- amends provisions on the conditions for parole;
- provides that a defendant may be required to pay a criminal accounts receivable during incarceration or parole supervision;
- requires the Board of Pardons and Parole to refer an offender's case to the sentencing court if an order for restitution or a criminal accounts receivable has not been entered by the court within certain time periods;
- requires the Board of Pardons and Parole to refer an offender's case to the sentencing court for any challenges to the defendant's criminal accounts receivable;
- provides certain notice requirements for a modification of a criminal accounts receivable;
- allows the Board of Pardons and Parole to enter an order to recover certain damages;
- amends provisions related to extradition costs for a defendant;
- reorganizes and renumbers Title 77, Chapter 32a, Criminal Accounts Receivable and Defense Costs;
- enacts provisions relating to criminal accounts receivables;
- modifies provisions regarding costs that a defendant may be ordered to pay;
- allows for the remittance or modification of a criminal accounts receivable in certain circumstances;
- provides the requirements for remittance or modification of a criminal accounts receivable, or modification of a payment schedule for a criminal accounts receivable;
- provides that certain victim information maintained by the Utah State Courts is classified as protected;
- provides that victim contact information and impact statement is available to the Utah State Courts;
- requires a victim to provide contact information to the court for restitution and hearing purposes;



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- reorganizes and renumbers Title 77, Chapter 38a, Crime Victims Restitution Act;
- enacts provisions relating to restitution information collected by a law enforcement agency;
- enacts provisions relating to a prosecuting attorney's responsibilities for gathering restitution information and depositing restitution money;
- enacts provisions on the Department of Correction's responsibilities in preparing the presentence investigation report with restitution information;
- requires a victim to submit certain information in a restitution claim;
- addresses protecting a victim's identity, and a victim's family's identity, in information submitted to the court for restitution purposes;
- allows a defendant to view protected, safeguarded, or confidential information about a victim or a victim's family in certain circumstances;
- amends provisions related to a financial declaration by a defendant;
- enacts provisions relating to an order for restitution;
- enacts provisions related to the enforceability, nature, effect, and satisfaction of a civil judgment of restitution and a civil accounts receivable;
- addresses interest on a civil judgment of restitution and civil accounts receivable;
- addresses the default or delinquency of a civil accounts receivable and a civil judgment of restitution;
- provides that a civil judgment of restitution and a civil accounts receivable may not be discharged in bankruptcy;
- addresses a civil action for restitution by a victim;
- addresses the priority of payments for a restitution, a criminal accounts receivable, a civil judgment of restitution, and a civil accounts receivable;
- amends provisions regarding the enforcement and collection of restitution;
- addresses contempt of court for delinquency or default of a civil accounts receivable or a civil judgment of restitution;
- repeals statutes relating to restitution, probation, and criminal accounts receivables; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0291 Residential Picketing Prohibition

Wilcox, R.

This bill creates the offense of targeted residential picketing.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the offense of targeted residential picketing; and
- imposes a penalty.



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SB0013 Law Enforcement Internal Investigation Requirements

Iwamoto, J.

This bill adjusts requirements for law enforcement agencies to conduct internal investigations regarding law enforcement officers.
This bill:

- requires an employing law enforcement agency or training academy to provide information to a prospective employer upon request;
- requires law enforcement agencies to report certain investigations to POST; and
- makes conforming and technical corrections.

SB0051 Group Gang Enhancement Amendments

Thatcher, D.

This bill modifies the sentencing enhancements and applicable offenses for certain crimes committed in concert with multiple people or on behalf of criminal street gangs.
This bill:

- increases the number of additional people necessary for an offense to be enhanced under certain circumstances;
- modifies the offenses subject to enhancement under this section;
- modifies potential enhancements for certain offenses under this section; and
- makes technical changes.

SB0106 Use of Force Amendments

Thatcher, D.

This bill addresses statewide use of force standards for peace officers.
This bill:

- requires the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to establish statewide minimum use of force standards and consider changes to the standards based on an annual review; and
- requires peace officers and law enforcement agencies to comply with and enforce the statewide minimum use of force standards.

SB0139 Utah State Correctional Facility Operational Amendments

Owens, D.R.

This bill addresses Department of Corrections operations, including treatment and program opportunities for offenders.
This bill:



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- defines terms;
- requires the Department of Corrections to offer offenders program opportunities that are evidence-based and evidence-informed;
- requires the Department of Corrections to implement direct supervision where appropriate to reduce violence and enhance offenders' voluntary participation in program opportunities;
- requires the Department of Corrections to develop an individual case action plan for each offender that includes program priorities based on assessments of the offender's risk, needs, and responsivity;
- requires the Department of Corrections to share an individual's case action plan, including changes to or progress made in the plan, with the sentencing and release authority;
- requires the sentencing and release authority to consider an individual's case action plan when making decisions;
- requires the Department of Corrections to provide training in direct supervision and trauma-informed care; and
- exempts the Department of Corrections shooting ranges from public access.

SB0165

Sex Offender Registry Revisions

Weiler, T.

This bill makes changes to the process and requirements for individuals who petition for removal from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry.

This bill:

- requires that the Department of Corrections automatically remove individuals from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry who qualify;
- provides that the department shall notify an individual who is removed that the individual has been removed;
- allows for an individual who has not been automatically removed from the registry by the Department of Corrections but believes their offense is no longer registrable to request removal;
- removes the authority of the Department of Corrections to charge a fee to process a request for removal;
- removes the requirement that registrants must comply with all registration requirements in order to be eligible for removal through petition; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0215

Sex Offender Registry Amendments

Anderegg, J.

This bill concerns the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry.

This bill:



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- requires the Board of Pardons and Parole, after granting a pardon for a conviction that requires an individual to be registered on the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry, to send an order directing the Department of Corrections to remove the individual from the registry;
- allows certain offenders on the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry to petition the court for removal from the registry under specified conditions;
- establishes the burden of proof and factors that a court may consider in determining whether to grant certain petitions for removal from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry;
- requires the Department of Corrections to remove an individual from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry when the individual's conviction that requires registration has been pardoned;
- requires the Department of Corrections to automatically remove qualifying individuals from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry;
- allows for an individual who has not been automatically removed from the registry by the Department of Corrections but believes that the individual's offense is no longer registrable to request removal; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Legislative Operations

HR0005 House Rules Resolution -- Standing Committee Modifications

Brooks, W.

This rules resolution modifies house legislative rules related to standing committees.

This resolution:

- repeals the House Retirement and Independent Entities Standing Committee.

SJR002 Retirement and Independent Entities Committee Amendments

Harper, W.

This joint rules resolution modifies legislative rules governing appropriation subcommittees.

This resolution:

- removes references to the Retirement and Independent Entities Joint Appropriations Subcommittee, having the effect of repealing the subcommittee; and
- makes technical changes.

SR0002 Senate Rules Resolution - Standing Committee Modifications

Harper, W.

This rules resolution modifies Senate legislative rules related to standing committees.



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This resolution:

- repeals the Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Standing Committee.

Livestock

HB0166

Livestock Amendments

Snider, C.

This bill addresses the treatment and theft of livestock, including livestock guardian dogs, and livestock infrastructure.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides that the Wildlife Board may not issue a reward license, permit, tag, or certificate of registration to a person who assists with prosecution for wanton destruction of livestock or a livestock guardian dog;
- allows a hearing officer to suspend a person's license or permit privileges for licenses and permits issued by the Division of Wildlife Resources if the person engages in certain criminal behavior;
- clarifies the definition of "property" for purposes of criminal offenses committed against animal enterprises;
- criminalizes the wanton destruction of a livestock guardian dog;
- addresses penalty provisions for the offense of wanton destruction of livestock or a livestock guardian dog;
- creates a presumption for ownership of a livestock guardian dog; and
- makes technical changes.

Mental Health

HB0248

Mental Health Support Program for First Responders

Kwan, K.

This bill relates to mental health resources for first responders.

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to administer a grant program to provide mental health resources for first responders.

HB0337

Child Mental Health Amendments

Eliason, S.

This bill relates to mental health services provided to a child.

This bill:



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- defines terms;
- requires the Office of Child Care to:
- collaborate with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to deliver early childhood programs and child care throughout the state; and
- coordinate services for training and education regarding child behavioral health;
- requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to administer a grant program for the purpose of providing education regarding best practices for early childhood mental health support and interventions;
- changes the name of the "Psychiatric Consultation Program Account" to the "Psychiatric and Psychotherapeutic Consultation Program Account";
- amends the purposes for which the Psychiatric and Psychotherapeutic Consultation Program Account may be used to include early childhood mental health support and interventions; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0041 Mental Health Access Amendments

Escamilla, L.

This bill modifies an insurer's responsibilities for mental health coverage.

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires a health benefit plan to reimburse for telehealth services for a mental health condition if certain conditions are met.

SB0053 Behavioral Emergency Services Amendments

Thatcher, D.

This bill enacts requirements and provisions relating to behavioral emergency services technicians.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a new license for behavioral emergency services technicians and advanced behavioral emergency services technicians;
- requires the Utah Department of Health to administer the license, including setting initial and ongoing licensure and training requirements;
- enacts provisions relating to the new license for behavioral emergency services technicians, including certain testimonial exceptions; and
- makes technical and corresponding changes.



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SB0155 988 Mental Health Crisis Assistance

Thatcher, D.

This bill creates the Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Response Account and amends provisions related to the membership and duties of the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission.

This bill:

- creates the Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Response Account;
- describes the purposes for which the Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Response Account may be used;
- amends the membership of the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission; and
- amends the duties of the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission.

Municipalities

HB0139 Government Employee Amendments

Thurston, N.

This bill amends provisions related to certain municipal employees and to hiring principles for certain state government employees.

This bill:

- clarifies which municipal employees are subject to certain conditions of employment;
- precludes the Department of Human Resource Management from requiring a minimum educational requirement for employment, except where educational qualifications are legally required to perform the duties of the position;
- requires the Department of Human Resource Management to:
- consider comparable experience or ability as equal to education when determining a candidate's satisfaction of minimum qualifications, with specific exceptions;
- ensure that job descriptions and job postings are based on the skills and competencies required to perform each job; and
- create supporting materials that may be used by a political subdivision that chooses to implement competency-based hiring principles; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Natural Resources

HB0297 Colorado River Amendments

Wilson, B.

This bill addresses Utah's management of Utah's Colorado River system interests.

This bill:

- enacts the Colorado River Authority of Utah Act, including:



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- defining terms;
- describing the scope of the chapter;
- creating the authority;
- providing for the organization and operation of the authority;
- establishing the authority's powers and mission;
- addressing creation of a management plan;
- providing for rulemaking, reporting, and recordkeeping;
- addressing authority meetings, including closure of meetings;
- providing for authorized advisory councils;
- authorizing consultations;
- addressing application of certain state codes;
- addressing the river commissioner and chair;
- providing for employees, consultants, and other professionals, including an executive director; and
- addressing financial operations including creating a restricted account;
- adapts implementation of the Colorado River Authority of Utah Act to existing law; and
- makes technical changes.

HB0346 Natural Resources Entities Amendments

Snider, C.

This bill addresses the state entities that involve natural resources.
This bill:

- creates a coordination council;
- moves the Office of Energy Development to within the Department of Natural Resources;
- divides the Division of Parks and Recreation into two divisions and transfers certain grants administered by the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation to the new division;
- addresses the Outdoor Adventure Commission;
- addresses the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation and its powers and duties;
- removes certain outdated provisions;
- includes a transition and study provision and repeal of the provision; and
- makes technical changes.

Peace Officers

HB0162 Peace Officer Training Amendments

Romero, A.



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This bill requires a portion of a peace officer's annual training to include certain subjects.

This bill:

- requires a peace officer's annual training to include training on:
- mental health and other crisis intervention responses;
- arrest control; and
- de-escalation training;
- provides that each law enforcement agency or department shall set standards for training to be approved by the director or designee; and
- requires annual reporting of the hours to the division.

SB0102 Peace Officer Training Qualifications Amendments

Mayne, K.

This bill permits some lawful permanent residents to apply to become peace officers or dispatchers.

This bill:

- permits lawful permanent residents who meet certain requirements to apply to become peace officers or dispatchers.

SB0191 Law Enforcement Modifications

Bramble, C.

This bill amends provisions relating to law enforcement.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- addresses disciplinary charges against a peace officer;
- addresses the regulation and authority of a law enforcement agency established by a private institution of higher education;
- establishes a process and requirements for certification of a law enforcement agency established by a private institution of higher education (a private law enforcement agency);
- describes the authority of a private law enforcement agency;
- describes policy and procedure requirements for a private law enforcement agency;
- provides for access to records of, and periodic audits of, a private law enforcement agency;
- provides for enforcement of the provisions of this bill, including informal and formal action;
- establishes due process procedures for taking formal action against a private law enforcement agency, including placing the private law enforcement agency on probation or revoking a private law enforcement agency's certification; and



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- makes technical and conforming changes.

Political Subdivisions (Local Issues)

HB0082 Single-family Housing Modifications

Ward, R.

This bill modifies provisions related to single-family housing.

This bill:

- modifies and defines terms applicable to municipal and county land use development and management;
- allows a municipality or county to punish an individual who lists or offers a certain licensed or permitted accessory dwelling unit as a short-term rental;
- allows municipalities and counties to require specified physical changes to certain accessory dwelling units;
- in any single-family residential land use zone:
- requires municipalities and counties to classify certain accessory dwelling units as a permitted land use; and
- prohibits municipalities and counties from establishing restrictions or requirements for certain accessory dwelling units with limited exceptions;
- allows a municipality or county to hold a lien against real property containing certain accessory dwelling units in certain circumstances;
- provides for statewide amendments to the International Residential Code related to accessory dwelling units;
- requires the executive director of the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund to establish a two-year pilot program to provide loan guarantees for certain loans related to accessory dwelling units;
- prevents a homeowners association from prohibiting the construction or rental of certain accessory dwelling units; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0098 Local Government Building Regulation Amendments

Ray, P.

This bill amends provisions related to local government building regulation.

This bill:

- allows a building permit applicant to engage an independent third-party building inspector to conduct inspections in certain circumstances;
- allows an independent third-party building inspector to issue a certificate of occupancy to a building permit applicant in certain circumstances;
- modifies requirements for a building permit application;



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- exempts a construction project involving repairs to certain residential structures damaged by a natural disaster from specified State Construction Code and building permit requirements;
- prohibits a municipality or county from regulating certain building design elements; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0115 Municipal Boundary Modifications

Waldrip, S.

This bill amends provisions related to municipal boundaries.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits a municipality from annexing an area proposed for incorporation after a certain period of time;
- establishes a procedure for filing an annexation petition proposing a cross-county annexation;
- extends certain notice requirements and signatory rights applicable to annexation to all other counties;
- allows an owner of private real property located in a mining protection area to file a protest to an annexation petition;
- requires a municipal legislative body to exclude private real property located in a mining protection area from an annexation petition unless the property owner consents;
- prohibits an incorporation from excluding part of a parcel of real property unless the property owner consents;
- modifies certain landowner notification requirements for incorporation;
- allows an owner of real property located in a mining protection area to exclude the owner's property from a proposed incorporation;
- extends the time period for certain property owners to exclude property from a proposed incorporation after receiving notice of the proposed incorporation;
- establishes a second opportunity for certain property owners to exclude property from a proposed incorporation under certain circumstances;
- allows for a feasibility study to be modified if property is subsequently annexed or excluded from the proposed incorporation;
- modifies provisions relating to the public hearings required for incorporation;
- requires a county clerk to prepare a voter information pamphlet before an incorporation election is held; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0058 Metro Township Amendments

Mayne, K.

This bill amends provisions relating to metro townships.
This bill:



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- allows a metro township to impose a municipal energy sales and use tax or a municipal telecommunication's license tax after holding a public hearing;
- repeals provisions limiting the taxing authority of certain metro townships;
- requires the State Tax Commission to provide certain tax collection data to a metro township; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0164 Utah Housing Affordability Amendments

Anderegg, J.

This bill modifies provisions related to affordable housing and the provision of services related to affordable housing.
This bill:

- provides that a political subdivision may grant real property that will be used for affordable housing units;
- describes additional activities that may receive funding from the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund, including a mediation program and predevelopment grants;
- modifies the responsibilities of the Automated Geographic Reference Center; and
- makes technical changes.

Public Retirement and Insurance

HB0099 Public Employees Health Program Amendments

Harrison, S.

This bill amends provisions regarding the Public Employees' Health Program.
This bill:

- authorizes the Public Employees' Health Program to establish an out-of-state provider network through requests for proposal;
- authorizes the Public Employees' Health Program to partner with public entities in other states under certain circumstances; and
- makes technical changes.

SB0016 Utah Retirement Systems Amendments

Harper, W.

This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act.
This bill:



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- clarifies that an employee does not receive service credit until required contributions are paid to the Utah State Retirement Office;
- provides that additional acts relating to unlawfully obtaining or appropriating benefit payments are criminal violations;
- amends the procedures for making an appeal related to a benefit, right, obligation, or employment right;
- clarifies that a person is still convicted of an employment related offense if the person pleads guilty, even if a charge is reduced or dismissed under a plea agreement;
- allows certain independent entities to make an election to withdraw from participation in a Utah retirement system or plan for current and future employees;
- requires the independent entities that make the withdrawal to pay certain costs that arise out of the election to withdraw;
- imposes minimum age requirements on certain retirees who will receive in-service retirement distributions;
- amends certain provisions that govern a participating employer's purchase of service credit on behalf of an employee for years of service provided before the participating employer's admission to the Utah Retirement System;
- amends the process for establishing the service status of justice court judges with multiple employers; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0019 Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments

Escamilla, L.

This bill amends the expanded infertility treatment coverage pilot program.

This bill:

- defines "qualified assisted reproductive technology cycle";
- modifies the expanded infertility treatment coverage pilot program by:
- providing an additional three years of coverage; and
- providing coverage for each qualified assisted reproductive technology cycle;
- introduces a reporting requirement to evaluate the expanded infertility treatment coverage pilot program;
- extends the repeal date of the expanded infertility treatment coverage pilot program; and
- makes technical changes.

SB0115 Retirement System Transparency Requirements

Fillmore, L.

This bill amends provisions related to the public disclosure of information by employers participating in the Utah Retirement System.

This bill:

- defines terms; and



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- requires certain employers that participate in the Utah Retirement System to disclose employee compensation information through the Utah Public Finance Website or the employer's own website, if the employer is not currently required to disclose the information.

Public Utilities

HB0017 Utility Permitting Amendments

Handy, S.

This bill prohibits municipalities and counties from making certain restrictions on energy utility services.
This bill:

- prohibits municipalities and counties from restricting the connection of certain energy utility services.

Redistricting

HB0413 Redistricting Revisions

Ray, P.

This bill modifies deadlines relating to the Independent Redistricting Commission necessitated by the late provision of census data.
This bill:

- modifies deadlines relating to the Independent Redistricting Commission necessitated by the late provision of census data.

Revenue and Taxation

HB0086 Social Security Tax Amendments

Brooks, W.

This bill provides for an individual income tax credit for certain social security benefits.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- enacts a tax credit for social security benefits that are included in the claimant's federal adjusted gross income;
- provides that an individual who claims the tax credit for social security benefits may not also claim the retirement tax credit;
- grants rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0011 Military Retirement Income Tax Amendments

Harper, W.

This bill creates a nonrefundable income tax credit for military retirement pay.



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This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a nonrefundable income tax credit for military retirement pay;
- provides that an individual who claims the tax credit for military retirement pay may not also claim the retirement tax credit; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0026 Property Tax Relief Amendments

Davis, G.

This bill modifies provisions relating to the tax relief commonly known as "circuit breaker."

This bill:

- modifies the qualifications for circuit breaker tax relief;
- changes the consumer price index used to adjust annual income qualifications; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0065 Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments

Harper, W.

This bill amends Title 17C, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Community Reinvestment Agency Act.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides an option for an agency and certain taxing entities to enter into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of dissolving the agency's project area and transferring project area incremental revenue;
- for an agency that chooses to enter into an interlocal agreement:
- authorizes the agency to levy a property tax on property within the agency's boundaries;
- prohibits the agency from extending the scope of certain project area plans or project area budgets;
- allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development;
- requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development;
- requires the agency to allocate a certain amount of property tax revenue for affordable housing;
- prohibits the agency from creating a new community reinvestment project area unless the purpose is for a cooperative development project or an economic development project;
- describes the method by which an agency's certified tax rate is calculated;
- prohibits the agency from using eminent domain for agency-wide project development; and



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- describes how the agency accounts for property tax revenue; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

SB0153 Utah Personal Exemption Amendments

Fillmore, L.

This bill modifies provisions relating to the taxpayer tax credit.

This bill:

- increases the value of the Utah personal exemption for purposes of the taxpayer tax credit; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Search and Seizure

SB0098 Asset Forfeiture Amendments

Weiler, T.

This bill amends provisions related to asset forfeiture.

This bill:

- clarifies provisions related to the seizure and forfeiture of property and contraband;
- addresses jurisdiction of a district court over seized property;
- provides, with certain exceptions, that seized property may not be transferred or shared with a federal agency or an agency of another state;
- requires that a disclaimer of seized property by an individual be knowing and voluntary;
- provides that law enforcement agencies have 30 days to process seized cash or negotiable instruments;
- requires the cash or negotiable instrument be deposited into an interest-bearing account;
- amends provisions related to the retention of property for court proceedings;
- reduces the length of time for an agency to present a written request for forfeiture to a prosecutor;
- allows an agency or prosecuting attorney to release property to an innocent owner;
- prohibits the forfeiture of property seized upon the sole offense of possession of a controlled substance;
- permits grants to any agency involved in forfeiture activities regardless of whether the agency contributed to the State Asset Forfeiture Fund;
- requires certification of asset forfeiture specialists by Peace Officers Standards and Training or Utah Prosecution Council; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.



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Sentencing Commission

SB0126 Sentencing Commission Requirements

Thatcher, D.

This bill provides requirements for the Utah Sentencing Commission regarding the collateral consequences for a conviction or an adjudication of an offense.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the Utah Sentencing Commission to identify any provision of state law that imposes a collateral consequence for a conviction or an adjudication of an offense;
- requires the Utah Sentencing Commission to prepare and update a guide with collateral consequences that are identified by the Utah Sentence Commission;
- requires the guide to contain specific statements regarding the guide's application; and
- provides a reporting requirement for the Utah Sentencing Commission regarding the guide.

State Parks and Recreation

HB0257 Utah State Park Amendments

Eliason, S.

This bill addresses the creation of Utahraptor State Park and Lost Creek State Park.

This bill:

- authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to use portions of the Dalton Wells area as a state park;
- provides that Utahraptor State Park shall be considered part of the state parks system;
- authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to use Lost Creek Reservoir as a state park; and
- provides that Lost Creek State Park shall be considered part of the state parks system when the division enters into an agreement with the bureau.

HB0341 Bears Ears Visitor Center Advisory Committee

Owens, D.

This bill provides for an advisory committee to study a Bears Ears visitor center.

This bill:

- creates the advisory committee;
- specifies powers and duties of the advisory committee, including contracting with a consultant;



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- provides for the repeal of the advisory committee; and
- makes technical changes.

Suicide

HB0093 Youth Suicide Prevention Programs Amendments

King, Brian S.

This bill amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs.
This bill:

- amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs;
- divides elements of the youth suicide prevention programs between elementary grades and secondary grades;
- requires communication between the school district or charter school and certain parents or guardians;
- requires school districts and charter schools to ensure coordination between youth suicide prevention programs and certain other prevention programs;
- repeals a separate program to consolidate funding and effort into one comprehensive suicide prevention program; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0336 Suicide Prevention Amendments

Eliason, S.

This bill amends and creates programs to address suicide.
This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a reporting requirement regarding youth suicides;
- allows the Utah medical examiner to obtain certain information;
- changes a program that helps Utah residents purchase a firearm safe from a coupon program to a rebate program;
- requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to administer a program to provide training to health care organizations related to reducing suicides;
- eliminates a grant application requirement for an individual to receive funds for clean-up and bereavement services; and
- makes technical changes.

Tobacco and Other Nicotine Products

SB0189 Tobacco Retailer Amendments

Vickers, E.

This bill amends provisions relating to tobacco retailers.



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This bill:

- amends provisions relating to a retail tobacco specialty business that is within a certain distance from a school;
- modifies the requirements for a tobacco retail permit;
- clarifies provisions relating to who may be in a retail tobacco specialty business; and
- modifies penalties for selling a tobacco product, electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product to an individual who is younger than 21 years old.

Transportation

HB0142

Cyclist Traffic Amendments

Moss, C.

This bill amends traffic code provisions relating to operating a bicycle on the roadway.

This bill:

- allows an individual operating a bicycle to yield at stop signs under certain circumstances; and
- makes technical changes.

HB0433

Amendments Related to Infrastructure Funding

Schultz, M.

This bill enacts and modifies provisions relating to funding for infrastructure projects.

This bill:

- authorizes the issuance of \$264,000,000 in bonds for specified transportation and transit projects;
- provides for uses of the bond proceeds;
- limits the issuance of bonds;
- enacts other provisions relating to the issuance of the bonds;
- provides for certain sales tax revenue to be deposited into a specified transportation investment fund; and
- allocates and appropriates money for infrastructure projects.

SB0217

Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Act

Harper, W.

This bill enacts the Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Act.

This bill:

- enacts the Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Act;



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- defines terms;
- establishes objectives and requirements for a municipality or public transit county to create a housing and transit reinvestment zone to capture tax increment revenue within a defined area around certain public transit facilities;
- requires a municipality or public transit county to submit a housing and transit reinvestment zone proposal to the Governor's Office of Economic Development;
- requires the Governor's Office of Economic Development to initiate an analysis of the feasibility, efficiency, and other aspects of the proposed housing and transit reinvestment zone;
- creates and defines membership of a committee to review the proposed housing and transit reinvestment zone;
- requires the committee to evaluate the proposed housing and transit reinvestment zone and approve if certain criteria are met;
- requires participation from local taxing entities if the housing and transit reinvestment zone proposal meets the statutory requirements and is approved by the committee;
- defines permitted uses and administration of tax increment revenue generated pursuant to the housing and transit reinvestment zone;
- provides procedures for a housing and transit reinvestment zone that overlaps with a community reinvestment project;
- provides for certain protections of tax increment revenues;
- requires a certain portion of sales and use tax increment generated within a sales and use tax boundary that corresponds to the housing and transit reinvestment zone boundary to be deposited into the Transit Transportation Investment Fund;
- amends provisions related to prioritization of certain funds related to transportation for a project that is part of an housing and transit reinvestment zone; and
- makes technical changes.

Vehicle Registration

HB0170 Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice Requirements

Chew, S.

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Division to provide a vehicle owner the option to receive notification through mail or email to inform the owner of the expiration of a vehicle's registration.

This bill:

- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to send notification through the mail of the expiration of a vehicle's registration unless the individual elects to receive notification by email;
- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to begin mailing registration expiration notifications as soon as practicable; and
- makes technical changes.



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HB0195 Vehicle, Boat, and Trailer Registration Amendments

Robertson, A.

This bill amends provisions related to vehicle registration renewal and decals.
This bill:

- requires certain agencies to establish procedures for an individual to request automatic renewal of registration on a vehicle or boat;
- allows an individual to request automatic registration renewal;
- allows special, permanent registration decals for certain rental or fleet vehicles; and
- makes technical changes.

Veterans and Military Affairs

HB0057 Armed Forces Amendments

Burton, J.

This bill adds Space Force to the definition of armed forces.
This bill:

- adds Space Force to the definition of armed forces; and
- makes conforming and technical corrections.

SB0045 Higher Education Classes for Veterans

Weiler, T.

This bill amends provisions related to higher education.
This bill:

- allows veterans to audit classes at institutions of higher education if the veterans:
- are Utah residents; and
- meet certain qualifications.

Voting and Voter Registration

HB0070 Ballot Tracking Amendments

Johnson, D.N.

This bill makes changes to the Election Code regarding the tracking of certain ballots.
This bill:

- defines terms;



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- requires the lieutenant governor to create a system that:
- tracks all ballots that are mailed or deposited in ballot drop boxes; and
- allows a voter to choose to receive text message or email notifications regarding the status of the voter's trackable ballot;
- requires the lieutenant governor to maintain a website by which a voter may confirm the status of the voter's trackable ballot; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0173 **Vote Reporting Requirements**

Hall, C.

This bill addresses the information to be reported by election officials when tabulating election results.
This bill:

- in certain circumstances, requires an election officer to report an estimate of the total number of ballots in the election official's custody that remain to be counted; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

HB0197 **Voter Affiliation Amendments**

Teuscher, J.

This bill amends the Election Code relating to a voter's change of political party affiliation.
This bill:

- specifies when a voter's designation or change of political party affiliation takes effect.

Water

SB0199 **Water Amendments**

McKell, M.

This bill addresses issues related to water.
This bill:

- addresses secondary water metering;
- directs the Legislative Water Development Commission to support the development of a unified, statewide water strategy to promote water conservation and efficiency; and
- makes technical changes.

Wildlife



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HB0295

Wildlife Modifications

Snider, C.

This bill enacts provisions related to the hunting of waterfowl and other wildlife.

This bill:

- defines terms;
- authorizes and instructs the Wildlife Board to make rules governing the use of trail cameras;
- prohibits big game baiting;
- prohibits the construction of permanent blinds or other structures used for hunting within a waterfowl management area;
- prohibits commercial hunting guides from transporting individuals across a waterfowl management area; and
- authorizes and instructs the Wildlife Board to make rules regarding the creation and management of waterfowl management areas.