

2021 Second Special Session Legislation

A Summary of Introduced Legislation | November 8, 2021

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (OLRGC) has compiled summaries of legislation introduced during the Second Special Session of the Sixty-fourth Utah Legislature. These summaries are intended to be general in nature. To read the legislation in its entirety, click on the link provided in this document or visit <https://le.utah.gov>.

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[H.B. 2001, Utah Tech University](#)

Sponsors: Rep. Kelly Miles, Sen. Michael McKell

This bill changes the name of Dixie State University to Utah Tech University. This bill also directs the university's board of trustees to report to the Education Interim Committee in 2022 on the establishment of the university's Heritage Committee. The Heritage Committee is tasked with implementing strategies to preserve the heritage, culture, and history of the region on the university's campus, including the regional significance of the term "Dixie."

[H.B. 2002, Unemployment Insurance Rates Amendments](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

This bill modifies the Unemployment Insurance Division's calculation of employer contribution rates to the Unemployment Compensation Fund for calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

[H.B. 2003, Pretrial Amendments](#)

Sponsors: Rep. Stephanie Pitcher, Sen. Todd Weiler

This bill makes several changes to current Utah code regarding the pretrial process. The bill:

- permits bail commissioners to release an individual on monetary bail;
- streamlines the list of crimes ineligible for bail;
- designates a list of pretrial information required to be collected by an employee of a jail facility or pretrial services program, including basic identifying and family data, criminal history, community history, and financial information;
- creates monetary bail limits for certain offenses;
- allows judges to consider ability to pay when determining monetary bail;

- lists certain conditions a judge is allowed to require from an individual granted pretrial release;
- lists situations when bail can be exonerated;
- provides the structure for a uniform list of information required on an affidavit of indigency; and
- creates a pilot program for Cache, Davis, Duchesne, and San Juan counties to verify the indigency of certain individuals.

[H.C.R. 201, Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress and the President to Protect Consumer Privacy in Banking and Financial Transactions](#)

Sponsors: Rep. Joel Ferry, Sen. Curt Bramble

The Biden Administration and some in Congress want to require financial institutions to provide the Internal Revenue Service with reports of incoming and outgoing transactions from every customer's financial account with gross inflows and outflows that range from \$600 to \$10,000 in a tax year. This concurrent resolution urges Congress and the President to protect consumers from harmful, invasive, and burdensome Internal Revenue Service tax information reporting requirements for financial institutions.

[S.B. 2001, Election Schedule Amendments](#)

Sponsors: Sen. Wayne Harper, Rep. Cory Maloy

This bill modifies the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy and conforms signature-gathering deadlines and the candidate certification deadline to that modification. This bill also clarifies provisions relating to the schedule for redistricting local school board districts.

[S.B. 2002, Interlocal Cooperation Act Amendments](#)

Sponsors: Sen. Derrin Owens, Rep. Carl Albrecht

This bill amends provisions related to project entities and taxed interlocal entities. Specifically, this bill establishes a time after which a commercial project entity may no longer exercise eminent domain. The bill also establishes a time after which a taxed interlocal entity may no longer create a segment, which is an entity with separate rights, powers, and privileges and treated as a separate interlocal entity. The bill clarifies that

project entities and taxed interlocal entities are subject to audits by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General. Finally, the bill removes a provision that states that certain governmental laws do not apply to taxed interlocal entities.

S.B. 2003, State Flag Amendments

Sponsors: Sen. Daniel McCay, Rep. Stephen Handy

This bill extends, for one year, the following for the State Flag Task Force:

- the sunset date;
- the term of each member;
- the date on which the State Flag Task Force is required to select proposed state flag designs; and
- the date on which the State Flag Task Force is required to report recommendations for a new state flag to the Legislature.

This bill also designates the current state flag as the governor's flag on October 1, 2022.

S.B. 2004, Workplace COVID-19 Amendments

Sponsor: Sen. Kirk Cullimore

This bill pertains to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in the workplace. It requires an employer to relieve an employee of a COVID-19 vaccination mandate if receiving the vaccine would be injurious to their health and well-being, conflict with religious beliefs, practice, or observance, or conflict with a personal belief. The bill requires an employer to pay for COVID-19 workplace testing and prohibits an adverse action against an employee who claims relief.