September Legislative Interim Committee Agendas
(Utah Association of Counties Areas of Coverage)

Monday September 9

Health and Human Services Interim Committee – 11:00am – 210 Senate Building

2. Medical Cannabis
The committee will consider draft legislation proposed for the 2019 First Special Session of the Utah Legislature addressing medical cannabis.

Tuesday September 10

Business and Labor Interim Committee – 1:30pm – 445 State Capitol

2. Draft Legislation “Election Code Date Changes”
The committee will consider draft legislation “Election Code Date Changes,” which changes the primary election to June 30, for the year 2020 only, and changes related dates accordingly.

Friday September 13

Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee – 6:00pm – Jennifer Leavitt Student Center on USU Campus, 414 North 300 East, Price, Utah

1. 6:00 p.m. Call to Order – Town Hall Meeting on the Opioid Overdose Crisis in Carbon County

3. 7:30 p.m. Medicaid Expansion Updates on Access to Substance Abuse Treatment
   a. Public Input on Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Access to Treatment

Monday September 16

Senate Economic Development & Workforce Services Confirmation Committee – 2:00pm – 20 House Building

2. Review of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Irene S. Hansen to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board

3. Review of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Curtis Koch to the Private Activity Bond Review Board

*Special Legislative Session Called – 6:00pm – House and Senate Floors
1. Amendments to medical cannabis laws to repeal requirements regarding a state central fill pharmacy.
2. Amendments to the Utah Election Code regarding the date of the 2020 primary election.
3. Amendments to certain tax incentives regarding the review required by an independent CPA.

Wednesday September 18

Government Operations Interim Committee – 8:30am – 450 State Capitol

2. Plain Language Ballots
   The committee will consider a proposal to simplify ballot language and increase ballot information available online and through the voter information pamphlet.

   • Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County

4. Voter Registration Records
   The committee will discuss policies that allow a voter to designate their voter registration record as a private record.

5. Congressional Vacancies
   The committee will consider draft legislation “Congressional Vacancies Amendments” and “Joint Rules Resolution on Nomination of Congressional Members” which create processes for filling a congressional vacancy.

6. Required Reports: Boards and Commissions
   The committee will receive an update regarding committee legislation to repeal, combine, or otherwise reduce the scope of boards and commissions in the executive branch to make them more efficient and effective. This item was also discussed in the committee’s August interim meeting.

Health and Human Services Interim Committee – 8:30am – 30 House Building

3. Medical Cannabis: Contraindicated Uses

Political Subdivisions Interim Committee – 8:30am – 20 House Building

2. County Classifications
   The committee will receive an overview of the various county classifications including the requirements for each designation. The committee will also discuss the advantages and disadvantages for a county to change its classification including the process.

   • Lincoln Schurtz, Director of Government Affairs, Utah Association of Counties

3. Changing Forms of County Government
   The committee will receive an overview of county forms of government, the process to change, and counties currently considering or in process of changing governance form.

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4. Appointed vs. Elected Officials
   The committee will hear presentations on the advantages and disadvantages of appointing vs. electing local officials.

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Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee – 8:30am – 25 House Building

3. Electrical Grid Reliability and Public Utilities Rate Design: Integrating New Resources and Programs and Minimizing Impacts
The committee will hear from federally-delegated electrical grid reliability specialists, state economic regulators for public utilities and their consumers, energy sector stakeholders, and rate-regulated electric utilities regarding various rate design mechanisms and potential costs and benefits under certain scenarios, including the integration of increasing levels of renewable energy resources onto the electrical grid, time-varying rate designs and capacity credits, demand reduction programs, and net renewable tariffs.

Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee – 1:15pm – 450 State Capitol

2. Economic Development Incentives.

Judiciary Interim Committee – 1:15pm – 20 House Building

2. Insanity Defense
This agenda item is to consider modifying the circumstances under which a defendant may plead not guilty to a criminal offense by reason of insanity (2019 General Session H.B. 225). This topic was discussed in the May and August committee meetings.

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee – 1:15pm – 25 House Building

3. Vehicle Safety Inspections
The committee will study the effects of the removal of vehicle safety inspection requirements in the state.

4. Asset Forfeiture
As a follow-up to the discussion from the May 15, 2019, meeting, the committee will consider draft legislation related to civil asset forfeiture.

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee – 1:15pm – 30 House Building

2. Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Report
5. Prescribed Burn Policies Report
9. Department of Agriculture and Food Fee Adjustment for the Administration of the Industrial Hemp Program
10. Performance Audit of the Repayment Feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline

Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee – 1:15pm – 445 State Capitol

3. Draft Legislation, “Certified Tax Rate Calculation Amendments”
The committee will discuss draft legislation that modifies the definition of incremental value to include project areas created under Title 11, Chapter 58, Utah Inland Port Authority Act; Title 63H, Chapter 1, Military Installation Development Authority Act; and Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 5, New Convention Facility Development Incentives.
4. Draft Legislation, “Property Assessment Procedure Amendments”

The committee will discuss draft legislation that would repeal certain authority of the State Tax Commission to adjust and equalize the valuation of taxable property.


The committee will discuss draft legislation that modifies the definition of “residential property” for purposes of the Property Tax Act to include certain property that is under construction or unoccupied.

**Transportation Interim Committee – 1:15pm – 210 Senate Building**

2. Update: Local Option Sales Taxes Authorized by 2018 General Session S.B. 136 Transportation Governance Amendments

2018 General Session S.B. 136 Transportation Governance Amendments granted authority to counties, cities, and towns, in certain circumstances, to impose a quarter-cent sales tax for certain transportation purposes. The Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties will discuss which counties, cities, and towns have imposed the tax, how much revenue is being collected or is estimated to be collected, and for what purposes the revenue will be used.

- Representatives of the Utah Association of Counties

4. Federal Transportation Funding Update and State Funding Alternatives

Changes to the federal government’s approach to funding transportation are impacting Utah, including changes in national funding options for transportation and transit actions on fuel tax and transportation funds disbursements. Presenters will address how federal transportation funding is structured, what changes to federal transportation funding have occurred in recent years and the current funding outlook, and state level funding alternatives.

5. Update: Rules Governing Transportation Commission Prioritization Process

Utah Code Section 72-1-304 requires the Transportation Commission to develop administrative rules to implement the prioritization process for certain projects. As further provided by section 304, the commission’s proposed rules are to be submitted to the Transportation Interim Committee for review prior to the commission taking final action on the rules. Presenters will explain the purpose of the draft rules and provide a timeline for when the proposed rules will be ready for committee review.

**Legislative Audit Subcommittee – 4:00pm – 445 State Capitol**

- An In-Depth Budget Review of the Department of Natural Resources
- A Performance Audit of Same Day Voter Registration Controls

Thursday September 19

**Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee – 8:00am – 210 Senate Building**

5. New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement Study: Workgroup Update

The committee will hear an update on the workgroup tasked with the uncodified study enacted by General Session 2019 S.B. 129 third substitute, Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Retirement Enhancements, which has been meeting throughout the 2019 interim.

**Federalism Commission – 1:15pm – 445 State Capitol**

3. Update on Valuation of Federal Lands
• Presentation by Geomancer Inc.
• Commission discussion/action, including possible action on contract payment

4. Discussion on the Proposed Federal Designation Legislation and Related Topics