



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

Wednesday, October 16

Business and Labor Interim Committee — 8:30 a.m. — 210 Senate Building

5. Audit Review: Counties' Use of Tourism Promotion Funding

The committee will review and consider action on audit report #2019-03, A Performance Audit of Counties' Use of Tourism Promotion Funding. Legislative staff will summarize the audit's scope, objectives, and recommendations.

- Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
 - Darin Underwood, Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
 - Leah Blevins, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
 - Kaitlin Eskelson, Executive Director, Utah Tourism Industry Association
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and potential action
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Government Operations Interim Committee – 8:30a.m. – 450 State Capitol

2. Congressional Vacancies Draft Legislation

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. This item was also discussed in the committee's May and June interim meetings.

- Thomas Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and possible action

3. Draft Legislation "Election and Campaign Amendments"

The committee will consider draft legislation "Government Operations Revisions", which addresses corrections to the Utah Code identified by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and committee staff.

- Thomas Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and possible action

4. Required Reports: Boards and Commissions

Utah Code Sections [36-12-22](#) and [67-1-2.5](#) require the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and the governor's boards and commissions administrator respectively to report annually to the Government Operations Interim Committee.

- Brian Bean, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
- Duncan Evans, Governor's Office of Management and Budget
- Cherilyn Bradford, Boards and Commissions Administrator, Governor's Office
- Committee discussion and possible action

5. Executive 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 May and August interim meetings.

- Brian Bean, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Committee discussion and possible action

6. Local Government Prescription Drug Disposal

The committee will discuss programs implemented by local governments to dispose of prescription drugs.

- Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
- Trent Staggs, Mayor, Riverton City
- Committee discussion

7. GRAMA Excessive Requesters

The committee will discuss possible solutions to address excessive Government Records Access and Management Act requests and persons who use the Government Records Access and Management Act to advance private commercial purposes.

- Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Jeff Hunt, Utah Media Coalition
- Committee discussion and possible action

8. Petition Administration

The committee will consider a concept proposal related to the collection of petition signatures through a state created application.

- Rep. Brady Brammer
- Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County
- Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Weber County
- Committee discussion and possible action

Health and Human Services Interim Committee – 8:30 a.m. – 30 House Building

2. Behavioral Healthcare: Recommendations from Stakeholders

8. Medical Cannabis: Contraindicated Uses

Political Subdivisions Interim Committee – 8:30 a.m. – 20 House Building

2. SB 34 Implementation (Affordable Housing Modifications – Anderegg)

- Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Rachel Otto, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- LaNiece Davenport, Government Relations Manager, Wasatch Front Regional Council
- Paul Drake, Senior Manager of Real Estate and Transit-oriented Development, Utah Transit Authority
- Terri Newell, Deputy Director for Planning and Investment, Utah Department of Transportation
- Angela Price, Senior Planner, City of Taylorsville, and Representative, American Planning Association Utah Chapter Legislative Committee
- Committee discussion

3. Impact Fees

- Sam Brucker, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Rachel Otto, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Gary Crane, City Attorney, Layton City
- Susie Becker, Vice President, Zions Public Finance
- Taz Biesinger, Executive Vice President, Utah Home Builders Association
- Committee discussion

4. Land Use Task Force

- Rachel Otto, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Committee discussion

5. Local Government Entity Registry

- Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Committee discussion

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee – 8:30 a.m.– 25 House Building

6. Public Program Funding Through Utility Rates

A state regulator representing public utilities consumers will discuss utility rates being used to fund programs that aren't related to the standard provision of utility service with the committee.

- Michele Beck, Director, Office of Consumer Services, Utah Department of Commerce
- Committee discussion/questions
- Public comment

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

4. Asset Forfeiture

Draft legislation “Asset Forfeiture Changes” (2020FL0331) will be presented for the committee’s consideration. This topic was discussed in the [May](#) and [June](#) committee meetings.

- Explanation of draft legislation
- Public comment

- Committee discussion and possible action

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

3. Firearm Safety Program

The committee will receive a presentation from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health on the firearm safety program created in 2019 General Session H.B. 17, "Firearm Violence and Suicide Prevention Amendments," which passed during the 2019 General Session.

- Jeremy Christensen, Assistant Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Committee discussion
- Public comment

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

2. Performance Audit of the Repayment Feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline (Report #2019-05)

- Benn Buys, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- August Lehman, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

3. Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project Report

- Seth Lyman, Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

4. State Monuments Report

- Jeff Rasmussen, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

5. Energy Advisor Report / Review of Energy Policy

- Dr. Laura Nelson, Governor's Energy Advisor
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

6. Report on the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office Statutorily Defined Duties Related to Public Lands

- Kathleen Clarke, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

7. Draft Legislation – “Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management”

- Rep. Mike Winder
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

8. Draft Legislation – “Trail Improvement Amendments”

- Rep. Mike Winder

- Public comment
- Committee discussion

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

2. Utah Transit Authority Governance Status

2018 General Session S.B. 136 established a new governance structure for the Utah Transit authority, vesting nominations for its board of trustees in executives of local governments and appointment responsibilities in the Governor. The Utah Transit Authority, however, was created in and remains subject to local district statutes (Title 17B). The committee will discuss whether these circumstances suggest the Utah Transit Authority is a state entity.

- Representatives of the Office of the State Auditor
- Representatives of the Division of Finance
- Representatives of the Utah Transit Authority
- Representatives of the Governor’s Office
- Committee discussion/action

4. Draft legislation, “Towing Signage Revisions”

The committee will discuss potential legislation establishing signage requirements for towing from private property. This discussion is continued from the August 21 meeting.

- Representative Cory Maloy
- Committee discussion/action

Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee– 1:15 p.m. – 445 State Capitol

2. Sales Tax Trends

The committee will hear a presentation on nationwide trends in sales tax collections, including factors such as base narrowing, exemptions, and remote sales.

- Dr. William F. Fox, Director, Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee
- Committee discussion/action

3. Report on Overall Tax Burden in Utah

The Utah Foundation recently released a research report on the average tax burden of taxpayers in Utah. The committee will receive a presentation from the authors of the report.

- Representatives from the Utah Foundation
- Committee discussion/action

4. Use and Taxation of Water in Utah

Utah Code Sections 17B-2a-602 and 17B-2a-1003 require metropolitan water districts and water conservancy districts to submit a written report to the committee that describes their revenue breakdown between property taxes, water rates, and other sources. The committee will review and discuss these reports.

- Committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/action

5. Draft Legislation, “Fuel Sales Tax Amendments”

Current statute provides for different tax treatment for residential, commercial, and industrial uses of fuel. The committee will discuss draft legislation that modifies the process for determining the primary use of fuel, for taxation purposes, in situations where a property receives fuel through a single meter but has more than one type of fuel use at that location.

- Draft legislation 2020FL0664 “Fuel Sales Tax Amendments” – Committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/Action

6. Draft Legislation, “Tangible Personal Property Revisions”

The committee will discuss draft legislation that would modify the calculation of the inflation adjustment that applies to the personal property tax exemption for tangible personal property with a total aggregate taxable value of \$15,000 or less.

- Draft legislation 2020FL0563 “Tangible Personal Property Revisions” – Rep. Lisonbee
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/Action

7. Draft Legislation, “Circuit Breaker Amendments”

The committee will discuss draft legislation that would modify the qualifications for, and calculation of, circuit breaker tax relief.

- Draft legislation 2020FL0666 “Circuit Breaker Amendments” – Sen. Davis/Committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/Action

8. Required Sunset Reviews

The committee has been assigned the review of three tax provisions that are set to expire in the next year. Income tax credits related to natural gas heavy duty vehicles (59-7-618 & 59-10-1033) are set to be repealed on July 1, 2020. A provision related to distribution of certain revenue generated from a certain local option sales tax (59-12-2219(13)) is set to be repealed on June 30, 2020.

- Committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/Action

9. Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force Update

The committee will receive an update on the progress of the Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force.

- Rep. Gibson
- Committee discussion

10. Transient Room Tax

The committee will discuss issues regarding local transient room taxes, including compliance and enforcement.

- Committee staff
- Utah State Tax Commission
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/Action

11. Required Annual Review of Certain Income Tax Credits

Sections 59-7-159 and 59-10-137 require the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee each year to review certain tax credits and make recommendations concerning whether the tax credits should be continued, modified, or repealed.

The tax credits under review in this meeting are authorized in 59-7-610, 59-10-1007, and 59-10-1018.

- Committee staff
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion/Action
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Thursday, October 17

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

3. Draft Legislation: FL0216, Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Retirement Enhancements

The committee will discuss current draft legislation pertaining to the uncodified study enacted by General Session [2019 S.B. 129, Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Retirement Enhancements](#).

- Sen. Wayne Harper
- Committee discussion/public comment

4. Draft Legislation: FL0524, Utah Retirement Systems Amendments

Annually, URS recommends changes in statute by addressing issues identified in the previous year and making technical and administrative changes to keep the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act updated. The committee will consider the draft legislation for potential recommendation for the 2020 General Session.

- Rep. Craig Hall
- Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems
- Committee discussion/public comment
- Potential committee action

5. URS Update and Retirement Contribution Rates

The committee will receive an update on the current status of URS. The Utah State Retirement Board recently adopted preliminary contribution rates for fiscal year 2020–2021. The board is also currently working with its consulting actuary to determine a reasonable and prudent method for managing the reduction of contribution rates. The committee will receive information relating to funding and contribution rate matters.

- Daniel Andersen, Executive Director, Utah Retirement Systems
 - Committee discussion/public comment
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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