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Legislative Interim Meetings

Meetings were held May, 17, 2023, or as noted

Administrative Rules Review and General Oversight Committee

May 18, 2023

Alpine School District Operating Procedures

Reviewed existing [statutes](#) regarding school closures with input from representatives and concerned parents from the Alpine School District. Discussed the motivation behind the state law and the need for additional clarification.

Actions: Referred the issue to the Education Interim Committee and opened a committee bill file addressing the issue.

Voted to issue a subpoena to the superintendent and chair of the Alpine School Board to appear before the committee during the next meeting.

Equal Opportunity in High School Athletics

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on federal Title IX regulations. Reviewed existing oversight and education mechanisms for local education agencies to appropriately protect students' rights to equal opportunity in athletic participation.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address state-level equal opportunity protections.

Chairs: Rep. Kera Birkeland / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Staff: Rohnin Randles (Policy Analyst) / Eric N. Weeks (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Business and Labor

2023 Interim Study Items

Reviewed proposed 2023 interim [study items list](#) for the Business and Labor Interim Committee.

Actions: Amended and approved the proposed interim study item list by adding four additional study items related to an alcohol study, artificial intelligence, licensure by endorsement, and workers' compensation.

Granted the chairs authority to open committee bill files for items on the list.

Bank Failure

Discussed bank failures at Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. Received information related to:

- failure causation;
- how the Department of Financial Institutions oversees Utah's banking industry;
- how the health of financial institutions is measured;
- the health status of Utah's financial institutions; and
- unique market or industry protections or weaknesses unique to Utah-based financial institutions.

Heard from the Department of Financial Institutions, Utah Bankers Association, Utah Credit Union Association, and [Utah Association of Financial Services](#).

Involuntary Corporate Dissolution

Examined the involuntary corporate dissolution and reinstatement processes at the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code (division). A domestic entity may be dissolved for failure to file its annual report or maintain a registered agent. The committee discussed circumstances when an entity may be unknowingly dissolved yet in good standing with the State Tax Commission. The committee discussed requiring the division and State Tax Commission to verify and share information to prevent dissolving an entity that is operating in good faith. Heard from the division and State Tax Commission.

Labor Laws

Discussed how state law for working hours of minor employees conflicts with federal regulations. Discussed potential remedies, including legislation to deconflict state law and submitting a waiver to the federal government to exempt the state from federal minor hour regulations.

Received a [presentation](#) from staff.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to deconflict state minor labor laws with federal regulations or seek a federal waiver for a state exemption.

Chairs: Rep. A. Cory Maloy / Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Staff: Adam J. Sweet (Policy Analyst) / Rohnin Randles (Policy Analyst) / Amy Shewan (Attorney) / Ericka A. Evans (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission

April 12, 2023

Commission Update

Discussed issues related to the commission's pending sunset on July 1, 2023.

Utah State University Extension 4-H Program

Received a [presentation](#) about Utah 4-H's efforts on improving digital citizenship for Utah's youth.

Chairs: Rep. Jon Hawkins / Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Staff: Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Amy Shewan (Attorney) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Economic Development and Workforce Services

2023 Interim Study Plan

Actions: Approved the 2023 interim [study item list](#) and authorized the committee chairs to open no more than 10 committee bill files related to the approved study items.

Sunset Review: Rural Motion Picture Incentive

Received presentations from:

- [committee staff](#) regarding the Motion Picture Incentive program statute that is scheduled to sunset;
- the [Utah Film Commission](#) on the Rural Motion Picture Incentive Program;
- Grand County regarding the economic impact of the film industry on the local economy; and
- the Motion Picture Association on the impact of the incentives on the local job market.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to remove the sunset date and require an update on the program every two years.

Sunset Reviews: Overview

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on the sunset review process and the statutes the committee is to review during the interim.

Chairs: Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Staff: Sivan Nizan (Policy Analyst) / Gus Harb (Attorney) / Thaiss Del Rio Sanchez (Administrative Assistant)

Education

2023 Study Items and Reports

Reviewed the list of [reports](#) required to be submitted to the Education Interim Committee and the 2023 interim [study items list](#).

Actions: Approved the interim study item list and authorized the committee chairs to open committee bill files on topics related to the approved interim study item list.

Higher Education: Concurrent Enrollment

Received an overview of [concurrent enrollment](#) from committee staff.

Received an [update](#) on concurrent enrollment programs from the State Board of Education, Utah System of Higher Education, and Juab School District.

Higher Education: Opportunities for Military Service Members

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs on benefits for military children, as well as potential improvements relating to higher education opportunities for military service members and their families.

Action: Opened two committee bill files related to this study item regarding:

- concurrent enrollment for military service families; and
- tuition assistance for military service families.

Sunset Reviews

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on procedures and options for sunset reviews.

Sunset Reviews: SafeUT and School Safety Commission

Received a [presentation](#) from the School Safety Commission on the SafeUT app and the crisis hotline, and discussed extending the sunset date.

Sunset Reviews: Technology Initiative Advisory Board

Received a report from the Technology Initiative Advisory Board and the University of Utah College of Engineering on the activities and duties of the board and discussed extending the sunset date.

Chairs: Rep. Candice B. Pierucci / Sen. John D. Johnson
Staff: Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Robert Wood (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Attorney) / Jeff Van Hulten (Attorney) / Mike Curtis (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council

April 12, 2023

Utah Behavioral Health Assessment and Master Plan

Received a [presentation](#) on an updated draft of the Utah Behavioral Health Assessment and Master Plan from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.

School-Based Health Center

Received a [presentation](#) from a pediatric nurse with the Weber State College of Nursing on school-based health centers in Utah and around the country.

Chairs: Rep. Melissa G. Ballard / Rebecca Dutson
Staff: Sivan Nizan (Policy Analyst) / Rhonda Bailey (Attorney) / Thaïs Del Rio Sanchez (Administrative Assistant)

Government Operations

Annexation and Incorporation Timeline

Discussed a conflict in statute regarding the timeline for certification or rejection of a boundary action, i.e., annexation or incorporation.

Heard from committee staff, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, and the Utah Association of Special Districts.

Committee Study Items

Reviewed the approved list of 2023 [interim study items](#) from the Legislative Management Committee.

Actions: Approved the interim study item list and authorized the committee chairs to open one or more committee bill files, as needed.

Executive Boards and Commissions

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding the review process for executive boards and commissions.

Heard from the Office of the Governor regarding the number of boards and commissions.

Non-Government Funds for Elections

Discussed 2022 General Session S.B. 219, "[Election Funding Amendments](#)."

Plurality

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



Protection of Election Officials

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding the various criminal penalties for threats against a person, including elected officials.

Heard from the [Office of the Lieutenant Governor](#) and the Utah County Clerks Association.

State Employee Recruitment and Retention

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Human Resource Management regarding state employee recruitment and retention.

Heard from the Utah Public Employees' Association regarding the public employee issues they are involved in.

Chairs: Rep. Calvin R. Musselman / Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher / Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Staff: Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Michael Cipriano (Attorney) / Thomas R. Vaughn (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)

Health and Human Services

2023 Interim Study Plan

Actions: Approved the 2023 interim [study item list](#) and authorized the committee chairs to open committee bill files related to the approved study item list.

Contingency Planning for Continuity of Health and Human Services

Discussed health and human service system dependence on federal funding, the risks of dependence, and options for mitigating risks associated with potential funding reductions.

Received presentations from a [former Comptroller General of the United States](#), a [former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff](#), and the [Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst](#).

Sunset Reviews: Overview

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

Chairs: Rep. Ken Ivory / Sen. Michael S. Kennedy
Staff: Mark D. Andrews (Policy Analyst) / Seth Anderson (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Christopher Williams (Attorney) / Gregory N. Gunn (Attorney) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

Judiciary

2023 Interim Study Plan

Actions: Approved the 2023 interim [study items list](#) and authorized the committee chairs to open up to five committee bill files for items on the approved interim study items list.

Calls for Legislative Action

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on recent appellate court decisions that require legislative action.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address the call for legislative action in *State v. Mitchell* dealing with the child-rap statute.

Restitution Reforms

Received presentations from [committee staff](#) and from the [Office of State Debt Collection](#) on recent reforms to restitution practices.

Received comments from a legislator and a criminal justice advocate on concerns with existing restitution practices.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address, in coordination with an existing restitution working group, the concerns raised about restitution practices.

Victim-Offender Mediation

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff and heard comments from defense attorneys on victim-offender mediation programs, which bring together victims and offenders to address harms caused by crime.

Chairs: Rep. Jon Hawkins / Sen. Todd D. Weiler
Staff: Jonathan Adams (Policy Analyst) / Eric N. Weeks (Attorney) / Jacqueline Carlton (Attorney) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

2023 Interim Study Items

Actions: Approved the 2023 interim [study item list](#) and authorized the chairs to open committee bill files for items on the approved study items list.

An In-Depth Follow-Up of Healthcare in State Prisons

Received a presentation from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on Performance Audit 2023-01, [An In-Depth Follow-Up of Healthcare in State Prisons](#). Received responses from the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services on the implementation of the audit's recommendations.

Concealed Firearm Review Board Sunset Review

Received a [presentation](#) from the Bureau of Criminal Identification on the Concealed Firearm Review Board.

Action: Opened a committee bill file to extend the sunset date of the Concealed Firearm Review Board.

Master Offense List

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Sentencing Commission on updates to the [Master Offense List](#).

Overview of Legislative Audits Concerning Adult Probation and Parole and the Board of Pardons and Parole

Received a presentation from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on Audit 2022-13, [A Performance Audit of the Oversight and Effectiveness of Adult Probation and Parole](#), Audit 2022-14, [A Performance Audit of the Board of Pardons and Parole](#), and Audit 2022-15, [A Limited Review of the Coordination Between Public Safety Entities](#).

Received responses from the Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardons and Parole on the implementation of the audits' recommendations.

Privacy and Criminal Justice: Private Investigators

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on statutory provisions related to private investigators and a [presentation](#) from the Bureau of Criminal Identification on the Private Investigator Licensure and Review Board.

School Security Task Force Update

Discussed the School Security Task Force's purpose and received a summary of a [presentation](#) on recent hoax threats to Utah schools.

Special Session Draft Legislation: Restricted Persons Amendments

Discussed 2023 First Special Session H.B. 1002, "[Restricted Persons Amendments](#)," which would amend provisions concerning dangerous weapons restrictions for an alien who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2023 First Special Session H.B. 1002, "Restricted Persons Amendments."

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox / Sen. Keith Grover
Staff: John Feinauer (Managing Policy Analyst) / Sarah Flanigan (Policy Analyst) / Shad Larson (Attorney) / Jackie Rogers (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

Legislative Management Committee

April 12, 2023

Risk Management Settlement

Heard a request from the Division of Risk Management for authorization by the Legislative Management Committee to settle a claim involving the Canyons School District.

Action: Recommended that the Division of Risk Management execute the financial settlement agreement.

SITLA Land Exchange Update

Received an update from the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) to extend the authorization by the Legislative Management Committee to pursue congressional approval for a land exchange of SITLA lands in the Bears Ears National Monument for other lands in the state.

Action: Extended the authorization for the governor and SITLA to proceed with the proposed land exchange as previously discussed and approved in the May 17, 2022, meeting. The extension is until July 1, 2023.

2023 Interim Schedule

Action: Approved the [2023 interim committee schedule](#) for both interim committees and appropriations subcommittees.

Authorized Legislative Meetings

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

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

Sunset Review Assignments

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

Proposed 2023 Study Items

Action: Modified and approved a list of [2023 interim study items](#) for interim committees' study.

Legislative Management Committee Records Policy

Action: Approved the amended [Legislative Management Committee overtime policy](#).

Chairs: Sen. J. Stuart Adams / Rep. Brad R. Wilson
Staff: John Q. Cannon (Director) / Victoria Ashby (General Counsel) / Amy Hawkes (Executive Assistant)

Legislative Water Development Commission

May 16, 2023

Executive Order 2023-05

Received an [update](#) from the Department of Natural Resources on flooding and other issues the state is experiencing due to this year's record snowpack, including the reasons for the governor's [declaration of emergency due to flooding](#) and the need to extend the declaration.

Utah Israel Delegation Trip Report

Received reports from the [Division of Water Rights](#), the [Division of Water Resources](#), and the Department of Agriculture and Food regarding key takeaways and policy recommendations resulting from a recent Utah delegation visit to Israel to discuss water conservation techniques and technologies.

Action: Opened five committee bill files to address the following areas:

- water regulatory structure;
- water research and innovation;
- water infrastructure;
- water capital distribution; and
- water accounting.

Chairs: Rep. Casey Snider / Sen. David P. Hinkins
Staff: Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Anikka Hoidal (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

2023 Interim Study Items and Committee Bills

Actions: Amended and approved the list of 2023 [interim study items](#) and added an item to study veterinary licensing and services.

Authorized the chairs to open committee bill files for any approved study items.

Draft Legislation: Joint Resolution Extending Emergency Powers for Flood Mitigation & Infrastructure Rehabilitation

Discussed 2023 First Special Session draft legislation, H.J.R. 101, "[Joint Resolution Extending Emergency Powers for Flood Mitigation and Infrastructure Rehabilitation](#)," which would extend the state of emergency declared by the governor to address flood risks throughout the state.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2023 First Special Session draft legislation H.J.R. 101, "Joint Resolution Extending Emergency Powers for Flood Mitigation and Infrastructure Rehabilitation."

Landslide Risks

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Geological Survey on landslide hazards in the state, including reconnaissance, monitoring, emergency response, and recommendations.

Sunset Review: Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council

Received instruction from committee staff regarding the background and functions of the Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council.

Received an update from the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office and considered extending the sunset dates for the Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council.

Sunset Review: State Boating Policy Advisory Council

Received instruction from staff regarding the background and functions of a state boating policy advisory council. Received an update from the Division of Outdoor Recreation and considered extending the sunset date for the state boating policy advisory council.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the state boating policy advisory council.

Sunset Review: Safe Drinking Water Act

Received a [presentation](#) from staff regarding sunset review assignments. Received an update from the Division of Drinking Water and considered extending the sunset date for the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Action: Voted to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date for the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Water Status Update

Received a [presentation](#) from the Division of Water Resources regarding water resources in the state, including total water received this year, current reservoir levels, and water elevation in the Great Salt Lake.

Chairs: Rep. Walt Brooks / Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Staff: Charley Hart (Policy Analyst) / Julie Humberstone (Policy Analyst) / Patricia Owen (Attorney) / Anikka Hoidal (Attorney) / Finn Andrew Rose (Administrative Assistant)

Political Subdivisions

Housing and Land Use Legislation

Received a [report](#) from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding 2023 legislation that affects housing and land use issues.

2023 Interim Study Items

Action: Amended and approved the list of 2023 interim [study items](#), including one item regarding disclosure requirements and methods for elected and appointed officials in political subdivisions of the state.

Tax Increment Financing

Received a [report](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding the performance audit on tax increment financing.

Discussed potential draft legislation and issues the sponsor is working to resolve.

Chairs: Rep. James A. Dunnigan / Sen. Michael K. McKell
Staff: Nathan W. Brady (Policy Analyst) / Robert H. Rees (Attorney) / Naomi Garrow (Administrative Assistant)

Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

A Performance Audit of Cybersecurity in Utah

Received a [presentation](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the cybersecurity readiness [audit](#).

Action: Opened a committee bill file to address a recommendation from the audit report.

Committee Business

Reviewed the Open and Public Meetings Act and the interim study item list.

Action: Amended and approved the 2023 interim [study item list](#). The committee added the following items to the interim study item list regarding:

- the two-year follow-up of 911 call answer times for VECC and Salt Lake City 911 [audit](#); and
- the Transwest transmission project update.

Action: Authorized the committee chairs to open one or more committee bill files as needed.

Technology and Communication

Received presentations from:

- the [Electronic Privacy Information Center](#) on the state of artificial intelligence regulation;
- the [Center for AI and Digital Policy](#) on policy frameworks available for artificial intelligence regulation; and
- the [Kahlert School of Computing](#) at the University of Utah on the capabilities of artificial intelligence and the interplay of industry, academia, and government.

Chairs: Rep. Carl R. Albrecht / Sen. David P. Hinkins
Staff: Samantha D. Brucker (Managing Policy Analyst) / Scott Elder (Attorney) /
Thaïs Del Río Sanchez (Administrative Assistant)

Retirement and Independent Entities

May 16, 2023

2023 Interim Study Items

Discussed the 2023 interim [study item list](#) approved by the Legislative Management Committee and sunset reviews assigned to the committee.

Actions: Approved the proposed 2023 interim study item list approved by the Legislative Management Committee and authorized the chairs of the committee to open committee bill files.

Independent Entity Review: Utah Communications Authority

Received presentations from [committee staff](#) and the [Utah Communications Authority](#) on the independent entity's historical background, mission, activities, governance, and legislative actions.

Post-retirement Reemployment

Received presentations on the background of post-retirement reemployment restrictions from [committee staff](#) and a former legislator. Heard a [legislative proposal](#) to amend these restrictions.

Received an [overview](#) of South Dakota's approach to post-retirement reemployment from committee staff.

Special Session Legislation: Firefighter Death Benefit Amendments

Discussed 2023 First Special Session H.B. 1003, "[Firefighter Death Benefit Amendments](#)," which would modify the death benefit for certain firefighters under the Firefighters' Retirement Act.

Action: Approved as a committee bill 2023 First Special Session H.B. 1003, "Firefighter Death Benefits Amendments."

Chairs: Rep. Cheryl K. Acton / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Sarah Flanigan (Policy Analyst) / Alan Houston (Attorney) / Andrea Valenti
Arthur (Attorney) / Royce Gador (Administrative Assistant)

Revenue and Taxation

2023 General Session Recap

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on several bills passed during the 2023 General Session that changed tax policy.

Committee Study Item List

The committee reviewed the 2023 interim [study item list](#) approved by the Legislative Management Committee for the committee to study.

Action: [Amended](#) and approved the 2023 study item list, including the following four additional items to study:

- improvements to Truth in Taxation notices;
- Utah residents purchasing and registering recreational vehicles in other states to avoid Utah taxes;
- the use of lease revenue bonds by school districts; and
- the classification and taxation of certain snow utility vehicles known as "Snow Dogs."



Economic and Revenue Outlook

Received presentations from economists with the [Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute](#) and the [Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst](#) regarding updated state tax collections, revenue projections, and economic and employment indicators in the state.

Mineral Production Tax Withholding

The committee heard from the State Tax Commission on inconsistencies in the Utah code regarding withholding requirements for mineral producers. Recommendations were given to establish consistency with income tax withholding and reporting requirements.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file to modify Utah code to harmonize the mineral production tax withholding rate with the income tax rate.*

Sales Tax Remote Sales Transaction Test

Considered a recommendation from the State Tax Commission to consider removing the transactional threshold of 200 or more transactions for remote sellers to collect and remit sales tax in Utah. Currently, a business located outside of Utah that has 200 or more separate sales transactions in the state, or has gross sales in the state of \$100,000 or more, is required to collect and remit Utah sales tax.

Action: *Opened a committee bill file to modify Utah code by removing the transactional threshold for remote sellers.*

Chairs: Rep. Steve Eliason / Sen. Daniel McCay
Staff: Alex R. Janak (Managing Policy Analyst) / Chris Stitt (Policy Analyst) / Andrea Valenti Arthur (Attorney) / Royce Gador (Administrative Assistant)

School Security Task Force

May 16, 2023

Department of Public Safety Briefing

Received a [presentation](#) from a Department of Public Safety official about a series of hoax emergency calls reporting school shooters at multiple schools around the state.

Task Force Discussion

Discussed the steps needed to accomplish the task force's statutory responsibilities.

Task Force Introduction

Chair Wilcox provided an introduction and overview of the task force.

Chairs: Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Staff: Micah Ann Wixom (Policy Analyst) / Jeff Van Hulten (Attorney) / Taylor Calabrese (Administrative Assistant)

Transportation

2023 Interim Study Items

Actions: *Approved the proposed 2023 interim [study items list](#) and authorized chairs to open committee bill files for items related to the approved interim study list.*

Opened a committee bill file on State Tax Commission statutory clean-up.

Coordinated Mobility Services

Received a [presentation](#) from the Utah Transit Authority on the status of coordinated mobility services statewide, comments from the Bear River Association of Governments on the status in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties, and discussed the need for continued work on this issue.

Public Transit

Received [presentations](#) from the Utah Department of Transportation and from the Utah Transit Authority on current transit projects.

Sunset Review: Utah State Scenic Byways Program

Received a presentation of the [2023 Sunset Review Assignments](#) from committee staff and an explanation of the statutory guidelines for conducting a sunset review. Heard comments from the Utah Office of Tourism regarding the Utah State Scenic Byway Program, which is scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2025, and discussed extending the sunset date.

Transit Stations

Received presentations from:

- [committee staff](#) on transit-oriented development, station area plans and housing and transit reinvestment zones;
- the [Wasatch Front Regional Council and Mountainland Association of Governments](#) on station area plans;
- the [Wasatch Front Regional Council](#) on parking around transit stations; and
- the [Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity](#) on housing and transit reinvestment zones.

Chairs: Rep. Kay J. Christofferson / Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Rachel Brooks (Policy Analyst) / Braden Hess (Attorney) / Kurt P. Gasser (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Shay Berger (Administrative Assistant)

Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

May 16, 2023

2023 Veterans and Military Affairs-related

Legislation

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff on veterans and military affairs-related legislation that passed during the 2023 General Session.

Interim Study Items

Reviewed the [interim study plan](#).

Military Children Compact Update

Received an update from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and the State Board of Education regarding the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

Sunset Review Requirements

Received a [presentation](#) from committee staff regarding the statutory guidelines for conducting a sunset review.

Discussed the upcoming sunset review of the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission.

Support for Military Children in School Districts

Received a [presentation](#) from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and Davis County School District regarding the Military Support Team in the school district.

Veteran Lending Protections

Discussed potential legislation for veteran lending protections.

Chairs: Rep. Jefferson S. Burton / Sen. Todd D. Weiler

Staff: Lisa Sorensen (Policy Analyst) / Kurt P. Gasser (Managing Associate General Counsel) / Tracey Fredman (Administrative Assistant)





2023 First Special Session

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Summary of considered legislation:

On May 17, 2023, the Utah Legislature convened in Special Session to consider four items.

[H.J.R. 101](#), *Joint Resolution Extending Emergency Powers for Flood Mitigation and Infrastructure Rehabilitation* extends the expiration of the state of emergency established by Executive Order 2023-05 from May 18 to August 15, 2023.

[H.B. 1001](#), *Emergency Response Funding* is the complementary bill to H.J.R. 101 that specifies to which state agencies emergency response funding would be reallocated and appropriated.

[H.B. 1002](#), *Restricted Persons Amendments* reverses changes enacted by H.B. 225 that were inconsistent with federal law regarding the possession of firearms by an alien with a nonimmigrant visa.

[H.B. 1003](#), *Firefighter Death Benefits Amendments* corrects an oversight by adjusting the provisions of Tier 1 Firefighters' Retirement System – Division B to align with changes made to other Firefighter and Public Safety Retirement Systems in 2018 through [S.B. 21, Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement Death Benefit Amendments](#).

A detailed analysis of legislation considered in the 2023 First Special Session can be accessed [here](#).