

Salt Lake County Council
Legislative Update
January 24, 2023

New Bills

HB 21 Open and Public Meetings Act (Rep. Joel Briscoe)

This bill requires a public body holding an open meeting to allow a reasonable opportunity for the public to provide verbal comment at the meeting, with certain exceptions; and requires a public body to adopt a resolution, rule, or ordinance allowing public comment in a public meeting.

Status: House Rules

Council Position:

SB 43 Public Notice Requirements (Sen. Stephanie Pitcher/Rep. Norm Thurston)

This bill defines terms; creates classifications for types of public notices where each classification requires notice to be provided in specific ways; amends public notice provisions to implement the new classification system. Government Operations Interim Committee bill. Passed the Senate 26-0-3

Status: House Rules

Council Position:

HB 66 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission Amendments (Rep. Steve Eliason/Sen. Chris Wilson)

This bill requires the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission (Commission) to make recommendations regarding grant programs for the development of mobile crisis outreach teams; a behavioral health receiving center in a county of the third class; and a virtual crisis outreach team that will primarily serve counties of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class; amends membership of the Commission to include the executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services; repeals outdated language and makes corresponding modifications; directs the Commission to coordinate services by local mental health crisis lines and mobile crisis outreach teams; extends the sunset of the Commission to December 31, 2026, and modifies corresponding and related sunset provisions; provides sunset dates for the mobile crisis outreach team and virtual crisis outreach team grant programs.

Status: House 3rd Reading Calendar-circled

Council Position:

SB 115 Notice of Tax Sale Requirements (Sen. Keith Grover)

This bill removes the requirement that the county auditor provide notice of a tax sale by publication in a newspaper; requires that the county auditor provide notice of a tax sale by publication on the Utah Public Notice Website.

Status: Senate Rev & Tax

Council Position:

HB 71 Local Health Department Revisions (Rep. Karen Peterson)

This bill requires the Utah Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish funding formulas for local health departments in administrative rule. It also requires DHHS and DEQ, when promulgating administrative rules, to ensure state funding is adequate to carry out the requirements of the rule. The bill also requires local health departments to report, on an annual basis, to the Legislature regarding funding received to carry out minimum performance standards. Passed House HHS 10-0-4

Status: House 3rd Reading Calendar

Council Position:

HB 206 Airport Land Use Amendments (Rep. Melissa Ballard/Sen. Todd Weiler)

This bill amends definitions related to airport influence areas and airport overlay zones; encourages a political subdivision to adopt land use regulations that protect airports, including: • adopting airport overlay zones; • notifying of airport impacts; and • granting of aviation easements; amends provisions related to governing law in the event of a conflict between land use regulations related to airport overlay zones; amends provisions related to the acquisition of an aviation easement or similar rights; repeals sections of code related to zoning and land use related to airports; and makes technical changes.

Status: House Transportation Committee

Council Position:

SB 108 Animal Shelter Revisions (Sen. Michael McKell)

This bill modifies definitions; addresses the methods by which an animal shelter or animal control officer may euthanize an animal; requires an animal shelter that euthanizes animals to adopt a euthanasia policy and training program.

Status: Senate Natural Resources, Jan 24th 2:00

Council Position:

HB 210 Justice Court Changes (Rep. Jon Hawkins)

This bill amends provisions related to justice courts. Creates the Justice Court Reform Task Force. Clarifies that a justice court is part of the state judiciary and addresses the independence of a justice court from other branches of government for a municipality or county. A municipality or county must pay a full-time justice court judge a salary that is 90% of a district court judge's salary. Clarifies that the Utah Supreme Court and Utah Judicial Council provide direction and oversight of justice court personnel in the exercise of judicial functions and responsibilities. UAC and ULCT oppose in current form and are working with the sponsor to amend.

Status: House Judiciary

Council Position:

SB 87 Criminal Prosecution Amendments (Sen. Todd Weiler)

This bill addresses criminal prosecutions.

This bill clarifies the rights of a defendant in a criminal prosecution; provides a defendant with a right to depose a witness in a criminal prosecution if the defendant is charged by information with a class A misdemeanor or a felony; provides exceptions to a defendant's right to depose a witness in a criminal prosecution; addresses a deposition by a self-represented defendant in a criminal prosecution; grants a defendant with a right to subpoena a witness to testify at a hearing in certain circumstances; addresses the conduct for a criminal deposition and the examination of a witness at a hearing when a defendant has been unable to depose a witness or the witness terminates the deposition; addresses reliable hearsay in preliminary hearings.

Passed Senate House Judiciary, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee 2-1-3

Status: Senate 2nd Reading Calendar

Council Position:

SJR 6 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Procedure and Evidence Regarding Criminal Prosecutions (Sen. Todd Weiler)

This joint resolution amends court rules of procedure and evidence regarding criminal prosecutions.

Passed Senate House Judiciary, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee 2-1-3

Status: Senate 2nd Reading Calendar

Council Position: